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APPALACHIAN AUDUBON SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

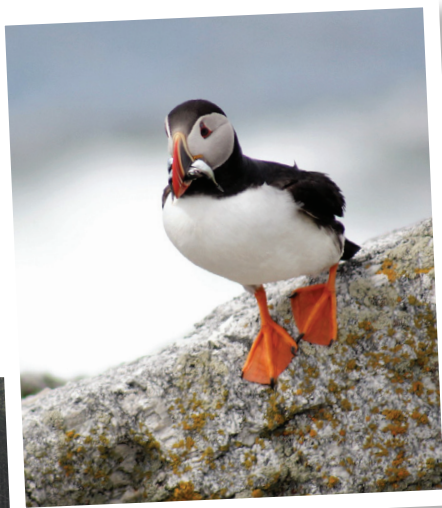
AAS Program | October 18, 2018 at 6:30 pm

Happy Campers: Scholarship Roundup

Special Time: Please note we will start a half hour earlier than usual to accommodate families with children.

Education is an important part of the Appalachian Audubon mission. This past summer, seven youth received AAS scholarships to attend two different camps with ornithological, natural history, and environmental themes. This evening, a few of the campers will share their favorite experiences and some of what they learned. In addition, there will be representatives from camps to which we offer scholarships who will explain the exciting options they have.

During the evening, there will be opportunities to make donations in support of scholarships. See the article on page 4 for more information. Join us for this inspiring program and consider bringing young relatives and friends to learn about the scholarships the chapter has available. Join us at 6:30 pm for refreshments and to visit with camp representatives. The meeting starts at 7:00 pm, followed by the program.



Photos courtesy Alura Neumyer



AAS Program | November 15, 2018 at 7:00 pm

Antarctica by Maggie Dewane

As winter approaches, take a journey to the end of the world, where temperatures can drop to -70°F and the sun only shines for two hours a day. In Antarctica, only the toughest survive. Penguins, renowned and cherished for their charisma and curiosity, as well as their dapper demeanor, thrive here. Environmentalist Maggie Dewane, who visited Antarctica, will focus on penguins and touch on the valuable ecological lessons she learned and how we can all be a part of protecting this magical place.

Maggie is a former Appalachian Audubon member, having served as the Youth Coordinator in the early 2000s. With an AAS scholarship, she attended Hog Island Camp in Maine, which fueled a lifelong dedication to environmental stewardship. Today she is a guest lecturer at the Audubon camp in Maine, a freelance journalist, and the US Communications Manager to the Marine Stewardship Council. Join us at 7:00 pm for refreshments and socializing. The meeting starts at 7:30 pm, followed by the program.



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The arrival of fall opens the curtain on the next act in the natural world. Like many of you, I anticipate looking for migrating birds. Seeing a warbler that is a seasonal visitor, even if it flits around too fast for me to focus on the whole thing at once, is an experience I enjoy. Add together a few glimpses, like a face pattern and a wing bar and the whole bird starts to come into focus, even if you can't see it all at once.

Fall also brings a transition for the leadership of Appalachian Audubon. I'm writing this after the first board meeting of the chapter's new year, which has convinced me that we have another wonderfully talented group of people capable of doing amazing things together. We got a lot of work done and had a good time in the process. One person's idea fed another's as we resolved issues and set goals. Some of those goals are only as complete as a couple glimpses at a flitting warbler, but what we have so far is enough to give us confidence that good things will be taking shape this year.

One of the priorities for the current board is continuing the restoration at Trout Run Preserve. We have a plan for the next phase of revitalization of the wetland at Trout Run. Some of the pieces have yet to be visualized, but we are committed to working at it with the understanding that the project will continue for many years. A small sanctuary is a thing of beauty and a chore forever, but it is worth the effort.

Another priority is supporting the many scholarships that give youth experiences that facilitate the development of an environmental ethic. This goal comes with the need to look carefully at fundraising options and come up with creative new ways to support and expand opportunities we offer.

Won't you join us as we work to bring our goals into closer focus? Committees can always use your help and events welcome volunteers.

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Field Trips

Appalachian Audubon Society welcomes people at all levels of experience. Birding with a group is a good way to improve your skills and confidence in birding.

OCTOBER FIELD TRIPS

Sunday October 28, 2018 • Owl Banding at Small Valley

Once again, we will have the opportunity to observe a Northern Saw-whet Owl being banded, assuming an owl is caught. Last year this trip had to be cancelled due to high winds. In the past we have seen owls banded on the majority of trips, but there are no guarantees. Participation is limited to 10 and carpooling is required and limited to no more than three vehicles. No children under six please. The group will meet near Harrisburg at 6:30 pm. Contact Rick Price at 717-657-1950 or rprice210@comcast.net. The demonstration should be over before midnight. Dress warm as the small cabin is not heated.

NOVEMBER FIELD TRIPS

Sunday November 18, 2018 • Birding Harford County, MD

New!

Appalachian Audubon has an exciting new field trip for fall. Mid-fall birding at Eastern Neck National Wildlife Refuge on the Eastern Shore of Maryland can produce an extensive species list. Recent years have recorded an interesting variety, including two species of scoters, two species of pelicans, Lincoln's Sparrows, Brown-headed Nuthatches, Purple Finches, raptors, and an array of common waterfowl species. This will be a full day trip, carpooling from the Harrisburg area at 8:00 am. Bring a drink and a bagged lunch; we will plan to stop at a restaurant for dinner. National Wildlife Refuges may charge an entry fee unless the driver of the vehicle has a current "Duck Stamp" or National Park Senior or Annual Pass. Contact Rick Price at rprice210@comcast.net or 717-657-1950 to register.

2018 AAS Birdseed Sale and Fundraiser

Appalachian Audubon will partner with Agway stores in November and December to provide birdseed, feeders, and accessories. Customers get special pricing on seed. With a minimum purchase of \$25 of seed or a 40-pound bag of black oil sunflower seed, you will save 25% on feeders and accessories.

We will mail order forms in October and email a link to the form, which will be available on the AAS website. During the months of November and December, take your completed order form to either of our partners' Agway stores

East Shore: Hanoverdale Country Store, Inc. in West Hanover Township at 486 S. Hershey Rd., Route 39 Harrisburg, PA 17112. *Hours:* Monday through Saturday 8:00 am–6:00 pm; Sunday 10:00 am–4:00 pm.

West Shore: Davis Country Living at 45 W. Allen St, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055. *Hours:* Monday through Friday 8:00 am–5:30 pm; Saturday 8:00 am–4:00 pm; closed Sunday.

You will be able to pay for your order using cash, check, or credit card. While picking up your bird seed, choose from a wide variety of feeders and other bird-related gear available at the store. Please consider shopping for other items at our partners' stores, as well. Your birdseed will be loaded into your car for you.

To get the special price every time you visit Agway during November and December, print additional copies of the form from the AAS website.

Remember, you don't need to mail an order form or a check to Audubon. Turning in the completed order form at one of the partners' stores will ensure that AAS benefits from your purchase.

We would like to have volunteers at both Agway stores from 10am until 2pm on the first three Saturdays in November. If you would like to volunteer, please contact John Latsha at 717-982-1141 or jlat1965@gmail.com.

Purchases help us raise the funds we need for local education and conservation programs, including:

- Conservation camp scholarships for young people and teachers
- Outstanding monthly programs that are free and open to the public
- Birding and other nature field trips that are available for all ages and levels of experience
- Community education and outreach programs
- Important bird habitat conservation work

Appalachian Audubon Scholarship Opportunities for 2019

If you are considering applying for an Appalachian Audubon Society (AAS) scholarship for 2019, come to our October program to meet and talk with some former scholarship recipients and camp representatives and to enjoy camper tales and slide shows!

For 2019, AAS scholarship opportunities again include a variety of natural history and environmental education camps for youth, teens, educators and families at Hog Island Audubon Camps in Maine and also closer to home. Hog Island registration will open October 15, 2018 and the other organizations will post information in early 2019. Please monitor AAS newsletters/website or specific program websites for new information. Important: To obtain scholarship consideration from AAS, you must reside in an appropriate zip code. For a listing of acceptable zip codes, see the AAS Education webpage at www.appalachianaudubon.org/education.

Hog Island Audubon camps in Maine are opportunities to learn about birds and natural systems from talented educators on an amazing island. In 2019, AAS will offer up to three full scholarships to Coastal Maine Bird Studies for Teens ages 14–17. Beginning October 15, you can download the AAS scholarship application from the Education page of our website, <http://appalachianaudubon.org/education.htm>. AAS will accept Hog Island scholarship applications from October 15, 2018 until January 25, 2019. If you plan to go to Hog Island camp whether or not you receive a scholarship, you may register on the Hog Island website on October 15, pay your own deposit, and then apply for an AAS scholarship, with the understanding that there is no guarantee you will be selected. Recipients must reside within designated chapter area zip codes as indicated

above. For further information on the camp program go to <http://hogisland.audubon.org>.

In addition to the Hog Island scholarships, there are opportunities to attend camps in Pennsylvania. Register with the organization and let them know you are interested in an AAS scholarship.

Goddard Legacy Leadership Institute (GLLI) is for youth ages 13–15 with an interest in environmental connections and civic engagement. Hands-on learning opportunities take place on South Mountain at Pine Grove Furnace State Park and on the Chesapeake Bay at the Smith Island Environmental Education Center in Maryland. GLLI applications usually appear in late spring. Go to www.goddardleadership.org.

Wildlife Leadership Academy offers the opportunity to work with professionals while learning about wildlife/ fisheries biology and conservation, leadership skills, and community outreach. This rigorous camp is for high school youth ages 14–17. Go to www.wildlifeleadershipacademy.org and check out the Drummers, Brookies and Bucktails camp pages.

Wildwood Park has week-long day camps for ages 6–14. Active learning is focused on birding and other natural history topics while hiking and canoeing. Go to www.wildwoodlake.org.

Ned Smith Center for Nature and Art has day camps that concentrate on specific topics like birds or native pollinators. Some camps are for children participating with their grandparents/other adults. Go to www.nedsmithcenter.org.

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Except for the December program and the May banquet, AAS monthly programs take place on the third Thursday of each month at the **Christ Presbyterian Church** located at 421 Deerfield Road, in the Allendale neighborhood of Camp Hill.

Join us! 7:00 pm — Socializing & Refreshments
7:30 pm — Program

DIRECTIONS

I-83 southbound — take exit 40B towards New Cumberland. Stay straight, cross Carlisle Road to Cedar Cliff Drive. Turn left onto Allendale Way and turn left onto Deerfield Road. The Church is on the left. Park in the second lot.

I-83 northbound — take exit 40B, turn left onto Carlisle Road/Simpson Ferry Road and go under I-83. Turn left again at the light onto Cedar Cliff Drive. Turn left onto Allendale Way and turn left onto Deerfield Road. The Church is on the left. Park in the second lot.



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Help Support Scholarships

Throughout the year, Appalachian Audubon holds fundraisers to help raise money for scholarships. Here are some ways you could contribute.

During the October program meeting, we will hold a Birders' Bazaar. Bring bird or nature-themed books, equipment, jewelry, or trinkets that you think someone might like to buy, with those proceeds benefiting AAS scholarships. Please limit your donated items to three per person, mark them with a suggested price, and have them there at 6:15 for set up. During the evening, visit the bazaar tables to buy things flea-market style. If you bring items that aren't purchased by the end of the evening, please take them home. Anything left will be taken to a charity drop-off. Please bring cash or a check to pay for your purchases.

There will also be an opportunity to make donations by cash or check at the meeting. If you are not able to be at the meeting, you may mail a donation to Appalachian Audubon Society, P.O. Box 234, Camp Hill, PA, 17001. Please write "scholarships" on the memo line.

The chapter is again participating in the Boscov's Friends Helping Friends fundraiser. We are selling shopping passes for \$5, which directly benefits our chapter. Passes can be used at any Boscov's all day on Tuesday, October 16, 2018. A pass entitles the purchaser to 25% off most items, with 15% or 10% off specified items. AAS representatives will be at Boscov's in Camp Hill from 8:00 am–noon on that day selling passes to support the chapter's scholarship fund. If you can help sell passes please contact Kathy Kuchwara at 717-319-0828.

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AAS MEMBERS ON THE MOVE

at the Chestnut Grove Natural Area field trip ...



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