



FRIENDS OF THE COPPELL NATURE PARK **GUEST LECTURE SERIES**

FALL 2016 - SPRING 2017

ADMISSION IS FREE
BIODIVERSITY EDUCATION CENTER, 367 FREEPORT PARKWAY, COPPELL

TREE ID

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 10A.M. TO 12P.M.

Courtney Blevins, Regional Forester for Texas A&M Forest Service, will discuss urban forests and North Texas tree identification. Blevins works to protect urban trees while educating the public about tree care. This is a very interesting presentation with “hands-on” opportunities to identify trees within our own nature park. Blevins is one of Texas A&M’s highly acclaimed instructors on this subject. If you have questions about trees of our area don’t miss this interesting lecture.

MOSQUITOS AND NORTH TEXAS AWARENESS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 10A.M. TO 12P.M.

Dallas County Health and Human Services has advised travelers to be aware of West Nile, Chikungunya, Dengue and Zika viruses. These viruses are transmitted by mosquitos. Dr. Christopher Perkins--Medical Director, Spencer Lockwood--microbiologist, and Dr. Zachary Thompson-- DCHHS Director will discuss these viruses. “Dallas County residents may be traveling to countries where these viruses are endemic and need to be aware of precautions to take while traveling,” said Zachary Thompson, DCHHS director. “Additionally, if they become infected, they should be aware of what to do to help prevent spreading a virus here locally.” Plan to be at the BEC on Oct. 15th for this important presentation.

NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY AS A SCIENCE CITIZEN

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 10A.M. TO 12P.M.

“Science Citizen” is described as scientific research conducted, in whole or in part, by amateur or nonprofessional scientists. Rick Murphy, a North Texas Master Naturalist, will show his nature photos as a Citizen Scientist photographer with the intent of getting others to enjoy nature, take photos, and share their images through volunteer projects or sites like iNaturalist.org. Many of Murphy’s photos have been taken at Coppell Nature Park. If you enjoy photography and would like your images to contribute to our area’s understanding of our natural environment, then this lecture is for you.

SNAKES AND REPTILES OF NORTH TEXAS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 10A.M. TO 12P.M.

Roger Sanderson, Director of Horticulture for Texas Discovery Gardens, will return to discuss snakes and reptiles of North Texas. This is a very interesting presentation with “hands-on” opportunities with these critters. Sanderson has one of the best collection of live snakes in the State of Texas and is a highly acclaimed instructor on this subject. His presentations illuminate and inspire increased knowledge about these oft-maligned critters. Don’t miss this interesting lecture.

URBAN WILDLIFE WITHIN D/FW

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 10A.M. TO 12P.M.

Author Chris Jackson will discuss the growing urban presence of coyotes, bobcats, and other animals. “Something remarkable is happening in our cities and towns,” Jackson says. “Due to a confluence of changes in laws, attitudes, and population distribution over the last several decades, native wildlife has been able to establish itself in some unexpected places. Counterintuitively, many of our more adaptable wild animals actually prefer the urban environment and are living there because of the bountiful amounts of food, water, and shelter that it contains.”

GEOLOGY AND FOSSILS OF CNP

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 10A.M. TO 12P.M.

Dr. David Goodner, geology instructor at North Lake College, is returning to our BEC podium to present his thoughtful presentation and hands-on tour of the Nature Park to describe the geology of our area and the fossils that comprise our specific archeological history. Dr. Goodner’s presentations have been a big success within numerous CISD classrooms as well. This is a must-see presentation and is very popular with students and adults.

ROSE ROSETTE DISEASE IN OUR ROSES

SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 10A.M. TO 12P.M.

A representative of the Dallas County Master Gardeners Association will discuss the Rose Rosette Disease. This spreading disease is taking out knockout roses all over North Texas. Emphasis will be focused on how to eradicate this disease and what plants are desirable in our landscapes.

RAPTORS OF NORTH TEXAS

SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 10A.M. TO 12P.M.

Erich Neupert, Executive Director of the Black Land Prairie Raptor Center, will return to the Biodiversity Education Center to discuss and demonstrate these great birds. He will have live birds to illustrate the characteristics and exceptional hunting abilities of these birds. Don’t miss this one-of-a-kind presentation.

BIRDING IN NORTH TEXAS

SATURDAY, MAY 20, 8A.M. TO 12P.M.

North Lake College’s Chuck Siegel will conduct an early morning bird tour of Coppel Nature Park from 8 to 9:45 and will present “Birding in North Texas” from 10 to 12. This will be a special opportunity for attendees to enjoy the more than 220 species of birds that migrate through CNP each year.