

June 7 – SATURDAY – 11:00 p.m. (Yes! - p.m.)

FIELD TRIP

Flag Ponds, Calvert County

“FULL MOON HORSESHOE CRAB ADVENTURE AT FLAG PONDS”

Leaders: Andy Brown and Melissa Boyle
(melissaboyle3@gmail.com, or 443-340-3035)

The horseshoe crab is one of nature’s miracles, and their eggs fuel the amazing migration of shorebirds! Want to see horseshoe crabs spawning on the beach by moonlight? Join us for this unique chance at water’s edge. Bring flashlights, wear comfortable walking shoes that can get wet. Meet at the gate to Flag Ponds. RSVP to Melissa (see above) by June 4th.

June 22 – SUNDAY – 2:00 p.m. **PLAY BALL!!!!**

“FUN”-Raiser

**Regency Furniture Stadium, Waldorf, MD
11765 St. Linus Drive, Waldorf, MD 20602**

*Southern Maryland Blue Crabs Baseball
“FUN” - Raising for SMAS*

Please help us raise funds to send a Southern Maryland teacher to Audubon Camp at Hog Island, Maine. Audubon helps to provide environmental and avian education to our teachers so they can educate our children. Your \$13.00 ticket will provide \$6.50 to SMAS, and you can have a fun afternoon! Tickets MUST be ordered online!!

- Go to www.somdblucrabs.com
- Click on the SMAS Fundraising icon
- Enter our fundraising code: SMAS
- Click “Buy”
- Select your seats and complete your order

June 27 – FRIDAY – 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

FIELD TRIP

**Patuxent River Park – Jug Bay, Prince George’s County
“OSPREY BANDING TRIP”**

Leaders: Melissa Boyle (melissaboyle3@gmail.com, or 443-340-3035) and Greg Kearns

Join us for our annual Southern Maryland Audubon Society Osprey Banding Trip at Jug Bay. Do not hesitate to sign up for this event if you have never been lucky to experience this truly beautiful park and see Osprey chicks up close and personal. Park Naturalist Greg Kearns is one of the best in his field and provides a very entertaining, fact-filled and fun outing. **This opportunity is limited to 15 participants!** Youths welcome (younger than 12 with adult). Cost is \$12/person, payable the day of the trip. RSVP to Melissa (see above) by June 23rd.

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- Chapter-Only (SMAS) Membership**
Make check payable to: Southern Maryland Audubon Society.
Individual/Family: 1 yr \$20 2 yr \$38 3 yr \$56 Lifetime \$500
Senior/Student: 1 yr \$15 2 yr \$28 3 yr \$42 Lifetime Sr. \$250
- National Audubon Society Membership**
Make check payable to: National Audubon Society.
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Introductory Offer: 1 yr \$20
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SOUTHERN MARYLAND AUDUBON SOCIETY Field Trips, Programs, Meetings & Events

April 2 – WEDNESDAY – 7:30 p.m.
MONTHLY MEETING PROGRAM
Charlotte Hall Library, St. Mary's County

37600 New Market Road (Rt. 6 at Rt. 5)
Charlotte Hall, MD 20622

**“BUTTERFLY BIOLOGY:
THE BASICS OF BUTTERFLY GARDENING”**

Kerry Wixted, *Biologist II*,
MD DNR Wildlife and Heritage Service

What's a host plant, and why is Butterfly Bush bad? Learn the answers to these questions as well as the basics of butterfly biology and gardening. Kerry is a native plant enthusiast and runs the Wild Acres Backyard Wildlife Habitat Program for Maryland DNR.

April 13 – SUNDAY – 7:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
FIELD TRIP

Indian Head area, Charles County
“INDIAN HEAD RAIL TRAIL & SMALLWOOD STATE PARK”

This is a joint trip with the Audubon Naturalist Society.

Leader(s): Carol Ghebelian
(301-753-6754, ghebelian@comcast.net) and
Lynne Wheeler (comstockel@aol.com)

The Indian Head Rail Trail is one of the best locations for Red-headed Woodpeckers in the state. We will also bird Smallwood State Park, Marbury, MD for early migrants. Come and see the Red-heads and help us find migrants who are heading north!! Meet at 7:30 a.m. at the Burger King, 3165 Marshall Hall Road, Bryans Road, MD 20616. RSVP not required, just come and have fun!

April 19 – SATURDAY – 8:00 a.m. – 11 a.m.
FIELD TRIP

Sotterley Plantation, St. Mary's County
“EAGLES, EARTH DAY, AND SOTTERLEY”

Leaders: Michael Patterson and David Moulton (240-278-4473)
Usher in your Earth Day week with a bird-filled exploration of this scenic and historic Patuxent River property. Nesting

Bald Eagles, meadowlarks, woodpeckers and waterfowl can be found via Sotterley's extensive new trail system. Beginner Birders welcome!! GPS Directions: 44300 Sotterley Lane, Hollywood, MD 20636. From MD Rt. 235, go north onto MD-245, Sotterley Road. Turn right onto Sotterley Lane to the gravel parking lot on the Sotterley historic property. RSVP to moulton.davidh@gmail.com by April 18th.

May 4 – SUNDAY – High Tide
KAYAK AND BIRD WATER TRIP

Allen's Fresh, Charles County
“KAYAKS, EAGLES AND OSPREYS...OH MY!”

a guided paddle trip on Allen's Fresh

Leader: Melissa Boyle (melissaboyle3@gmail.com
or 443-340-3035) and Blue Heron Expeditions

Join SMAS and Blue Heron Expeditions for this unique trip on Allen's Fresh. We have designed a trip that combines the best of the best: one of the best places to bird in Southern Maryland, and one of the best paddle spots too! Certified kayak guides and experienced birders will lead you through the wetlands during this leisurely half-day paddle. A great trip for beginning birders or beginner paddlers alike! All kayaking equipment is provided; \$40/person. Arrangements are being made if you have your own kayak and paddle equipment; talk to Melissa. The time for this trip is to be determined by the high tide. You will be told of the exact meeting time upon registration.

RSVP by April 28th to Melissa. A Minimum of 10 people is necessary for this trip.

May 7 – WEDNESDAY – 7:30 p.m.
MONTHLY MEETING PROGRAM

Leonardtown Library, St. Mary's County
23250 Hollywood Road (Rt. 245), Leonardtown, MD 20650
“SALTMARSH PROJECT”

Krysta Hougen, *Teacher Naturalist and Camp Director*,
Pickering Creek Audubon Center and David Curson, *Director of Bird Conservation, Audubon MD-DC*

Join Audubon Maryland-DC to learn more about our state's salt marshes. Audubon will share how their ongoing work in Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge better our understanding of this globally Important Bird Area and how, along with partners, is working to prepare the vital habitat for changes due to climate change. Following the presentation, participants will learn of the “Audubon at Blackwater Day” – a day created for regional Audubon chapters to meet each other, tour Blackwater, and participate in a restoration project.

May 10 – SATURDAY – All Day
COUNTY MAY COUNTS

Calvert, Charles, Prince George's, St. Mary's Counties

Help is always appreciated from all: backyard birders, beginners, new members. This is a great way to learn! Data and information help save our birds! The county coordinators for you to contact are as follows:

Calvert: Sue Hamilton (410-586-1494,
seal10n2002@yahoo.com)

Charles: George Jett (301-843-3524,
gmjett@comcast.net)

Prince George's: Fred Fallon (301-249-1518,
fwfallon@earthlink.net)

St. Mary's: Patty Craig (301-872-5670,
walelu67@yahoo.com)

Barn Owls & Breakfast, Charles County,
Youth especially welcome!

Mid-May to early June, exact date to be determined, it all depends on the owls!! Watch our Osprey newsletter or website for date and details.

Leader: Mike Callahan (240-765-5192,
raptorsrulemc@gmail.com)

A new version of B&B! Come and enjoy breakfast before helping our Raptor Conservation Committee Chairman, Mike, check a Barn Owl nest box, and hopefully band the nestling owls. This trip takes place on private property in Charles County and the location will not be advertised. The date is dependent on the age of the nestling owls. RSVP required. Directions will be given upon reservation. There is a small fee involved to cover the cost of food. Please bring your own reusable plate, mug and utensils to help make this a “greener” trip. Limited space available.

June 1 – SUNDAY – 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
ANNUAL MEETING

Clearwater Nature Center, Prince George's County
11000 Thrift Road, Clinton, MD 20735

Potluck Lunch 1:00 – 2:15
Host's Welcome 2:15 – 2:30
Meeting 2:30 – 3:00
Bird Walk 3:00 – 4:00

Come join SMAS for our Annual Picnic Meeting at this wonderful nature center located within Cosca Regional Park, a part of Prince George's County Parks and Recreation. Clearwater Nature Center features a small indoor pond, live animal exhibits, a lapidary workshop, and seasonal gardens. Directions from Waldorf: take Rt. 301 north, at the Rt. 301/Rt. 5 split, bear left onto Rt. 5 (Branch Ave.). At second light, turn left onto Brandywine Rd. At next light, turn left onto Thrift Rd. Remain on Thrift Rd. 1.5 miles until you see the sign on your right for Clearwater Nature Center.