

nature trails

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PROGRAMS

Peoples Church Unitarian Universalist
600 Third Avenue SE, Cedar Rapids
Social 7:00 PM, Program 7:30 PM
unless otherwise indicated

Remember to come equipped with your own drink mug. We'll have some for guests and those who forget.

PROGRAMS

May 4, 2009—Linda & Robert Scarth will present 'Walking With Penguins' - a photographic tour of the Falkland Islands. The Scarths visited seven islands to photograph five species of penguins, more birds and the landscape. Only 15 of the 700 plus islands are inhabited and their location in the South Atlantic makes for prime seabird habitat.



June , 1 2009 —Annual June Picnic—

Picnic will be at 6:00 p.m. at Wickiup Hill Outdoor Learning Center. Please bring a dish to share and tableware. Drinks will be provided.



FIELD TRIPS

The following field trips have been planned. More will be added later. Please contact Bobbie Shaffer (393-8772) or Nora J. Becker (378-8826) if you have questions. **Bring a sack lunch if you choose.**

April 25, Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to: Bill/Marlys Brown property near Maquoketa. Meet by Hardees in Marion at 8 a.m.

May 3rd, Sunday, 1:00 p.m. to: Rochester Cemetery & Palisades (if time allows). Meet at gas station corner of Mt. Vernon Road and Highway 13 at 1:00 p.m.

May 16th, Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to: Beams property near Stone City. Meet at the Conservation Board at junction of County Home Road and Highway 13.

May 30th, Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to: Ham Marsh near Tripoli. Meet at Bobbie Shaffer's house at 8:00 a.m.

EVENTS OF INTEREST

May 1-3, 2009

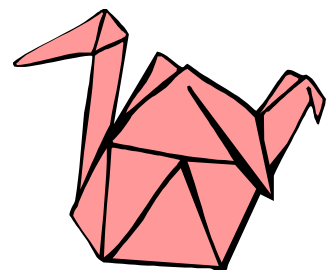
Iowa Ornithological Union Spring Meeting in Carroll, IA. Information is available on the IOU web site.

NEWS FROM AUDUBON ADVISOR

Origami Swans for Teshekpuk Lake

Teshekpuk Lake—a globally-important wetlands complex that is critically important to water birds and other wildlife like caribou—has been in jeopardy since January 2006, when the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) opened all areas but the lakebed itself to oil and gas leasing.

In July 2008, after receiving more than 150,000 public comments from Audubon supporters and our partners, the BLM announced it would defer oil and gas leasing in the Teshekpuk wetlands for at least ten years.



We now need Congress to permanently protect this special place.

To educate the public and Congress about Teshekpuk Lake, Audubon is working with the Alaska Wilderness League on an origami paper swan campaign. Through the beginning of May, we will be collecting origami Tundra Swans to deliver to Members of Congress asking that they cosponsor legislation to protect the swans' habitat.

Download instructions:

http://audubonaction.org/ct/H13n_871iX3I/origamipdf

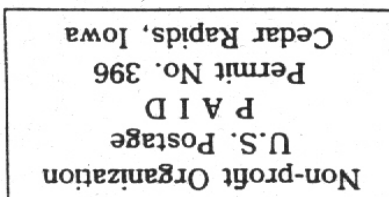
to make your own paper swan. Be sure to start with a square piece of paper. Then, pop your swan in a regular envelope and mail it to us at Audubon, 1150 Connecticut Ave NW #600, Washington DC 20036 (we will unflatten them before delivery).

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Members are encouraged to attend the monthly board meetings. They are at 6PM before the regular membership meeting.



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