

2024 Missouri Bluebird Conference

July 12th – 14th 2024

Hannibal, MO

Hannibal – LaGrange University campus 2800 Palmyra Rd, Hannibal, MO 63401



Hosted by the Missouri Bluebird Society, this years conference will feature presentations on: **Missouri's insects** (including info about Missouri's **Bumble Bee Atlas**), **"Bluebird Basics"**, **Recruiting (and Retaining!)** **volunteers for a Bluebird Trail**, **the Sodalis Nature Preserve Bats**, **Identifying "Nest Starts"** in your Nest Box and more!



On the Campus of the beautiful Hannibal-LaGrange University **Hannibal, Missouri**

The event will feature Workshops and Educational Programs, Field Trips to surrounding Nature Trails, a Silent Auction/Raffle, Saturday evening Social, and the Annual Friday evening "Bluebird Banquet".

Rumor has it that Hannibal's own Tom Sawyer and Becky Thatcher will be making a special appearance during the conference!

There is no specific host hotel, however wonderful lodging options abound

Please check www.missouribbluebird.org for updates

You will also want to visit the Hannibal website: www.visithannibal.com

Featuring abundant
Vendor and Educational
Booths.

Shop and Learn!



*Join us on the
Conference
Field Trips
and Bird Walks*



Conference Hotel Options (Hannibal MO)

Best Western on the River

401 North 3rd St 888-223-5332
573-248-1150

Holiday Inn Express

120 Shinn Lane 888-223-6566
573-248-3000

Sleep Inn

105 Lakeside Dr 833-621-1443
573-629-1132

Quality Inn

120 Lindsey Dr 833-617-1943

For conference information Contact

Joe 573-754-0243 or Linda 573-754-0249

or

Steve & Regina 573-638-2473 steve@birds-i-view.biz

For directions please call 573-221-3675

or go to www.hlg.edu

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Registration for the 2024 Missouri Bluebird Society Conference

Please make Checks payable to: The Missouri Bluebird Society

And mail to: Missouri Bluebird Society/ P.O. BOX 105830 /Jefferson City, MO 65110

Deadline to register 7/6/24....call 573-638-2473 if mailing after 7/2/24

Name(s) _____

Street Address : _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____ Email : _____

Registration for Saturday Presentations includes lunch and a “Bluebird Information Packet”, as well as a Saturday morning bird walk and Sunday morning field trip. There is an optional Friday evening “Bluebird Banquet”. There is also an optional Saturday evening Social which includes a light meal with ice cream sundaes and a presentation and walk to the Sodalis “bat cave”!

Friday evening Bluebird Banquet (Program with dinner included) **7/12/24**

(member) _____ X \$30.00/person \$ _____

(non-member) _____ X \$35.00/person \$ _____

Saturday, 7/13 Conf. Presentations -Lunch included. (member) _____ X \$20.00/person \$ _____

(non-member) _____ X \$25.00/person \$ _____

Saturday evening social 7/13/24—light meal included

(members/ non-members) _____ \$15.00/person \$ _____

7/13/24 Children under 12 years of age with a paid adult (total children) _____ X \$14.00/ child = \$ _____

TOTAL amount enclosed for all Conference fees \$ _____

Special Meal requests:

Vegetarian meals (y/n) How Many? _____

Food allergies (specify) _____

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Please Note that the conference registration fee does NOT include membership dues

Not yet a Missouri Bluebird Society Member???

Join now and save on your Bluebird Conference

Registration Fee! (Please enclose check for dues with this membership application)

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email: _____

Total \$ amount enclosed for Membership Dues: \$ _____

Membership Levels:

(Mail check to: PO Box 105830/Jefferson City, MO 65110)

_____ Individual one year membership \$9.00

_____ Individual two year membership \$16.00

_____ Family one year membership \$15.00

_____ Family two year membership \$28.00

_____ DONOR (Annual) \$50.00

_____ SUPPORTER (Annual) \$100.00

_____ **Life Membership (family) \$175.00**

_____ **Senior (65+) Life Membership (family) \$100.00**

County _____

A few Presentation Highlights
The upcoming 2024
Missouri Bluebird Conference.
July 13th, 2024 Hannibal, MO

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“Things we know little about” by Steve Buback

Steve Buback is a Natural History Biologist with the Missouri Department of Conservation and has been with the Department for 13 years. Much of this time was in Northwest Missouri, but he recently transferred down to Columbia, MO to work in the Central region. He served as the Heritage Entomologist for the Department for 10 years. **His main interests include finding and conserving rare plants, insects, and the natural communities they both rely upon.** He is currently on the Board of Directors for the Greenbelt Land Trust and the Missouri Native Plant Society. He currently resides in Columbia with his wife, Ariel, and two kids.

Leslie Limberg *with a little help from her friends...* presents
“Recruiting (and retaining!) Nest Box Trail Monitors” and “Bluebird Basics”.

Before Leslie received her BS in Nutrition & Dietetics, she was an outdoorsman as a child, feeding kennel dogs, cats, rabbits, fish, gerbils and Screech Owls in her family farmhouse in Clayton, Missouri. As a nutrition workshop leader, she realized human clients were way too addicted to sugar & junk food, Leslie soon returned to her native calling, focused on caring for mammals, insects, amphibians & birds on her 5 acre property in New Melle. She is now a Missouri Master Naturalist Emeritus, a Master Gardener Emeritus, and a native garden lead with the St Charles County Parks and the University Extension in St Peters. Leslie will be joined by **fellow Trail Monitor Kelly Smith** for this presentation.



Plus.... Presentations on: Identifying “Nest Starts” in your Nest Box, as well as **“How to report your nesting data!”**



Did you know that about 1/3 of the World’s population of rare Indiana Bats are located in Hannibal, Missouri? Come learn about these interesting bats and the Sodalís Nature Preserve.

AND.... We will be treated to a special Educational presentation by president of the Mississippi Hills Missouri Master Naturalists chapter. This is a newly formed chapter in the Hannibal area.



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Tentative Schedule—subject to change

HLGU Campus Carroll Science Center, Hannibal, MO (Look for MOBS banners!)

Friday, July 12th, 2024 Bluebird Banquet! Carroll Science Center

5:30 pm...arrive for Social Time (may also pick up conference packets/Name Tags, and drop off Auction/Raffle items and desserts /snacks)

6:00 pm....“Bluebird Banquet” Dinner with “Bluebirds and Friends” slide show.

7:00 –7:45 pm...Presentation by Reese Worthington, MDC Biologist *“Nature’s Gift, the Cicada, and why we Celebrate its Visit!”*

Saturday, July 13th, 2024 Conference Presentations and Programs

Carroll Science Center

7:00 amOptional Early Morning Bird Walk at Steyermark Woods CA with local Master Naturalist Guide. Details in Conference Packet.

8:00– 8:30Registration (Pick up Packets, Name Badges, drop off Auction items and desserts/snacks)

8:30– Noon ... Conference Welcome, Presentations, Vendor Booths, Auction/Raffle

Noon.....Announcing Hannibal’s Tom and Becky! They will share info about the Historic Hannibal area, Mark Twain, and Answer our questions.

12:30-Lunch is Served! Visit Vendor/ Educational Booths & MOBS Silent Auction/Raffle

2:00-4:30 pm ...more presentations and Programs. Bid at Auction/Raffle

4:30-4:45 ...closing remarks & door prizes

4:45– 5:15....pick up Auction/Raffle items **(On your own until 6:00 PM)**

6:00– 7:15 pm.....Saturday evening Social (Light meal and ice cream sundaes)

7:15 pm...Gather to carpool/caravan to the **Sodalis Nature Preserve and Bat Cave!** (10- 15 min drive)

7:30 pm ...Guided walking tour and bird walk on paved trails to Sodalis Nature Preserve and Bat Cave

Sunday, July 14th, 2024 9:00 am-11:00 am Field Trip to M.W. Boudreaux Visitors Center at Mark Twain Lake and Clarence Cannon Dam. Meet to Carpool /Caravan at 9:00 am at entrance to Carroll Science Center - directions in Conference Packet. It is approximately a 20 minute drive.

MOBS Members: How can you help make a Successful & Fun conference?

Contact our Raffle/Silent Auction Chair Greg Samuel, about bringing items for the Raffle/ Auction. This is our organization’s largest source of income for the year, so contributions are appreciated! This helps to fund the next Bluebird Conference. **Contact Greg at 417-839-5627 or finleycreekfarm@gmail.com.** If you need to send Raffle/Auction items ahead of time for the conference please make arrangements with Greg. Please take time to fill out this form for any items you plan to BRING to the conference to contribute to the Silent Auction/Raffle and send it Greg or email him this information.

Greg Samuel / 4749 State HWY Z/ Fordland, MO 65652

NAME _____ **Phone:** _____

Complete address : _____

Raffle/Auction item descriptions AND approx. value of each item: _____
