



# THE OAK & ACORN

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## Registration for Winter-Spring Classes at [www.southlakeparksandrec.com](http://www.southlakeparksandrec.com)

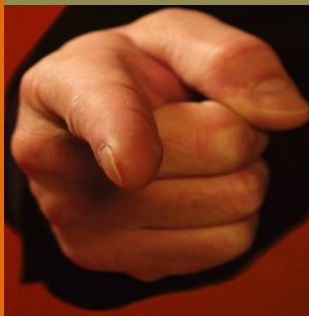
Toddler Classes • Pre-school Classes—Young Explorers and Tuesday Trekkers  
Elementary Age Classes including Home School Workshops • Grand and Me! • Adventure Club •  
Scout Programs • Birthday Parties  
Adult and Family Classes including Photography Classes • Composting Classes • Art Classes

## NATURE CORPS NEEDS YOU!

**2012 TRAINING**  
**Sunday, January 15**  
**2:00 to 4:30pm**  
**&**  
**Sunday, January 22**  
**2:00 to 4:30pm**

Volunteers must attend the 2 sessions. An application and background check are also required. Download an application form at [www.bjnc.org](http://www.bjnc.org) or e-mail [director@bjnc.org](mailto:director@bjnc.org).

For more information, call 817.939.1110 or 817.491.6333. Age requirement: 15 years and older



## Learn and Share... Become a Volunteer at the Bob Jones Nature Center & Preserve

### WHAT IS NATURE CORPS?

Nature Corps is the Bob Jones Nature Center Volunteer Program. Volunteers are asked to attend both session training and commit to provide support to an area of interest.

### WHAT DO NATURE CORPS VOLUNTEERS DO?

Trained volunteers can help in a variety of ways, including, but not limited to:

- Introducing visitors with the Center, its history, displays, trails, and unique features
- assisting with programs and events
- leading tours
- assisting in the gift shop
- assisting in writing grants
- working with exhibits
- focusing on a personal interest such as birding, botany or fossils.
- serving on a committee

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[bobjonesnaturecenter@hotmail.com](mailto:bobjonesnaturecenter@hotmail.com)

### BJNC MISSION:

The **preservation** of local natural resources and history; accomplished by providing places of compatible **recreation**, and fostering **education** about our natural environment.



# Great Backyard Bird Count 2012



## THE 15<sup>TH</sup> GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT (GBBC) IS COMING!

Dr. Ray Chancellor

What is the Great Backyard Bird Count? It is a nationwide count of winter bird species that are to be found in thousands of locations across the country. Participants can birds right in their own backyard from a minimum of 15 minutes a day to as much time as you can commit over the four day period. The results are used to develop a picture of bird populations, sudden population changes, movements for wintering birds, and possible disease effects. It simply gives a snapshot of the bird health in America.



The 2012 GBBC will take place Friday, February 17, through Monday, February 20. Please join us for the 15th annual count! You can be either a beginner or an experienced bird watcher. The GBBC is a wonderful opportunity to involve the whole family in a valuable science study. The GBBC is important to help the Bob Jones Nature Center get a snapshot of the 2012 wintering bird population. Those results are used in many of our educational programs and in the study of the local ecosystem. Help us by getting involved! The more eyes we have the better the picture will be of the changing populations in the area. In years past, it has not been uncommon to get over 100 species locally. With local habitat loss, it is important that we monitor the population changes that are occurring.

Go to <http://www.birdsource.org/gbbc/> to get a complete description of the GBBC and how you can be directly involved. The best part—there is no cost. Benefits from participation include a listing of local birds, joining eBird-- a nationwide database of birds at each location, a photo page of observed birds, and your own personal printout.

The Bob Jones Nature Center will have staff present during operating hours to answer birding questions. The Southlake Ornithological Society will support the Bob Jones Nature Center with several special walks to count birds in the area. On February 17, the walk will be along the North Walnut Grove Trail beginning at 8:00 a.m. in the parking lot at the very north end of White Chapel Road. On February 18, the walk will be along the Bob Jones Park Trail beginning at 8:00 a.m. in the parking lot across from the dog park in Bob Jones Park. On February 20, the walk will be in the Bob Jones Nature Center (BJNC) beginning at 8:00 a.m. in the BJNC parking lot.

There are some things you can do now that will make the count even better. Start a bird feeding program that includes sunflower feeders, suet feeders, thistle feeders, and ground feeding. These feeders will bring in many wintering birds that typically are seen only along the trails.

Get involved and help the Bob Jones Nature Center with this important science project.

## NEW CLASSES OFFERED

More information at [www.bjnc.org](http://www.bjnc.org)

### •NEW!

## Tuesday Trekkers!

Tuesdays, 9:00am to 10:00am

Instructor: Lauren Green

Tuesday Trekkers is a 1-hour interactive program for 4 and 5 year olds with an adult partner.

FEE; To register, go to

[www.southlakeparksandrec.com](http://www.southlakeparksandrec.com).

### •NEW!

## Grand & Me!

Ages 3—8 with Grandparents!

Enjoy stories, crafts and walking adventures for the Grand & Me!

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[www.southlakeparksandrec.com](http://www.southlakeparksandrec.com)

### •NEW

## Nature & Art on Canvas

Create a mixed-media canvas in each 2-hour session! Be amazed at your creativity using a variety of mediums. Themed classes offered twice each month.

FEE; To register, go to

[www.southlakeparksandrec.com](http://www.southlakeparksandrec.com)

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MEMBERS GET 10% OFF ITEMS AT THE BJNC GIFT SHOP AND 10% OFF GARDENING AND WILD BIRD SEED AT MARSHALL GRAIN!

CHECK OUT THE FREE WORKSHOPS AT

[MARSHALLGRAIN.COM!](http://MARSHALLGRAIN.COM!)

January 14—Basic Orchid Care Workshop

10:00am - Fort Worth location

12:00pm - Grapevine location

January 21—Grow Onions & Potatoes Like A Pro

11:00am—Simultaneously at both locations

January 28-Getting Your Beds Ready for Planting

10:00am - Fort Worth location

12:00pm - Grapevine location



# THANK YOU TO ALL WHO MADE

## The Art of the Raptor: Brunch with the Birds

A Members and Friends Event  
of Natural History and Art  
**POSSIBLE!**



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**YOU ARE MUCH APPRECIATED!**



Thank you  
Milind Kotthare  
&  
Ken McMillan  
for photos!



Thank you,  
Tamara  
McMillan,  
for the  
great  
brunch!



**GOT LEAVES?  
VEGGIE LEFTOVERS?  
MAKE COMPOST!**

**FREE  
COMPOST WORKSHOP  
WEDNESDAY,  
JANUARY 11**

**9:00AM**

with

Master Composter  
Charlie Shiner.

You've never seen  
compost this great!

*"Charlie's Compost"*

Now for Sale! \$4 / bag!

## **BJNC CAMERA CLUB AND PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST!**

*Whether you are a novice or a pro,  
check out the Bob Jones Nature  
Center Camera Club. The Club meets  
regularly the 3rd Saturday of the  
month, 3:30pm. The Critique Session  
meets regularly the 1st Monday of the  
month, 7:00pm. For more information  
on the schedule, go to*

[BJNC CAMERA CLUB](#)

*The Photography Contest is in its 8th  
year! For contest information, go to*  
[2012 PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST](#)

### **BJNC BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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# THANK YOU, DECEMBER VOLUNTEERS!

If we left your name off, let us know!

Charlie Shiner • Betsy Montoya • Lisa Spraggins • Sandi Rosenstiel  
Sharen Chatterton • Cindy Gaither • Michelle Sager • Kelsey Sager • Lauren Green • Terri McAndrew  
Tamara McMillan • Hilton Dickerson • Shannon Griffin • Michelle Swan • Hylie Voss • Martha Davis  
Michelle Swan • Jenny McLane • Jennifer LeBlanc • Dawson Middle School for Helping Hands Day!  
And, of course, the BJNC Board of Directors!!!!!!!

## TEEN VOLUNTEER HOURS!

Teens interested in volunteering on an "as needed" basis, send your e-mail address to [director@bjnc.org](mailto:director@bjnc.org).  
Have a teen who needs summer hours, enjoys working with children, and open to learning more about science and nature with the kids? Recruitment for teen counselors will kick off in April with orientations the first

## THANKS TO NEW/RENEWING MEMBERS

### INDIVIDUAL

Sally Fzelky

### COUPLE

Tamara and Ken McMillan  
Annette Burns

### CAMERA CLUB

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Margaret Rodgers

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## MEMBERSHIP & DONATION FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

FAMILY MEMBERS \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to become a member of Bob Jones Nature Center at the following level:

- oLifetime Member \$2500
- oSustaining \$1000
- oPatron \$ 100
- oFamily \$ 50
- oCouple \$ 25
- oIndividual \$ 25
- oSenior \$ 10
- oStudent \$ 10

Additional contributions/donations \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

This is a gift membership for:

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

This is a Memorial/Tribute to:

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Bob Jones Nature Center is a 501c3 non-profit organization.

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or go to [MEMBERSHIP](#) on line.

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!



Students from Clariden School will be volunteering at the Nature Center & Preserve during the Spring semester.