



THE OAK & ACORN

FALL IS A PERFECT TIME

TO GET INVOLVED WITH THE BOB JONES NATURE CENTER.

October and November are proving to be especially busy for Bob Jones Nature Center (BJNC) volunteers. A lot of behind the scene work has been happening especially for several of the events coming up.

Our most important administrative task coming up is our first **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING** per our by-laws. Right now everyone on the newsletter list is considered a "grounding member" of the BJNC and we invite you to **"FIND OUT S'MORE"** about BJNC and the site of the future Nature Center headquarters by attending the meeting on **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2005, 12:30PM TO 1:00PM** at the Tucker House/Property. We will be presenting the annual report and voting on three items: our official membership "dues", a change in by-laws to increase the number of board members, and the election of two more board members (see the newsletter insert).

If you can spare more time that day, join us at the same place for an initial **CLEAN UP DAY** at the Tucker House. We will be working from 8:30am to 3:30pm on October 15 to begin the process of getting the house ready to use as the headquarters. With the guidance and assistance of City staff and depending on the number of volunteers, we will be cleaning out left-behind artifacts in the house, garage and storage building; removing decorative bars from the windows; dismantling an old gazebo; cleaning out flower beds, etc.

And, whether you come to just the annual meeting or to just the cleanup, please stay for a **COMPLIMENTARY LUNCH** which, of course, will include **S'MORES!** To get to the Tucker House/Property, go north on White Chapel Road toward Bob Jones Park and Lake Grapevine; turn right on E. Bob Jones Road and follow the signs to the Tucker House Driveway at E. Bob Jones Road and Walnut Drive.

Right before the Annual Membership Meeting, in fact, as soon as you receive this newsletter, we will be kicking off the first annual **'FEED THE BIRDS' BIRDSEED SALE** developed by the Fundraising Committee to benefit BJNC. Check out the seeds you can order to feed your birds and help the nature center. An order form is included for your convenience. The sale will continue through October 30.

Just a week after the Annual Membership Meeting will be our **"WINGS OF THE NIGHT" HIKE** in conjunction with the City of Southlake's **HARVESTFEST**. The Program and Volunteer Committees have been working for a number of months to prepare for this special fall family-friendly event. Special attractions on the hike will include bats, owls, storytellers, crafts and even a optional Scary Trail. Be sure to make your family's reservation early. Information on making the reservations is included on page 2 in the newsletter.

While you are out at Bob Jones Park during any of those events, take your camera to take that award-winning photograph for the **BOB JONES NATURE CENTER PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST!** If you have already taken that photo on your own or on one of the monthly hikes, don't forget the **DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 31, 2005**. Winners will be announced by November 15th.

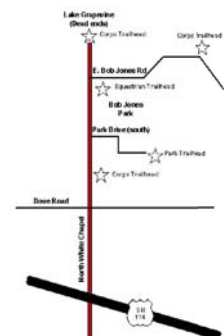
We are an all-volunteer organization and are absolutely dependent on volunteers and donations to be able to accomplish the administrative tasks, monthly hikes, special events, fundraisers, newsletter, website, etc. **THANKS TO ALL OF YOU!**

If you have any questions and/or want to get involved in any of the above events, please contact Emily Galpin, 817.421.5648.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

“Wings Of The Night” Hike

Bat World will be our featured guest along with their live bats.

Other “Wings of the Night” activities will include moths and owls. Learn more about these nocturnal creatures, have some fun and enjoy a wonderful night out of doors with your family. The trail is designed to be family friendly for all ages, but there is an optional Scary Trail for those brave enough to enter!

“Guided tours” leave every 20 minutes. Tours are limited to 40 people (no more!) per time slot. Trail closes at 10 P.M. Tickets are \$3, and under age 2 is free. So that everyone can attend, the trail will follow a paved walkway except the optional Scary Trail.

ON OCTOBER 22, 2005, 5 TO 9 P.M. “HANG OUT” AT THE BOB JONES NATURE CENTER’S HARVEST TRAIL!! THIS YEAR, THE THEME WILL BE “WINGS OF THE NIGHT”

Payment is needed at the time of registration. Complete the form below,

attach your check and bring or mail them to:

Community Services Department
400 North White Chapel
Southlake, Texas 76092

For more information, contact the Southlake Community Services Department at 817- 748-8203 or 817- 748-8019.

T-shirts are also available for purchase(see article on page 3). Adult sizes are \$12 and children’s are \$10.

Due to the popularity of this hike, reservations are strongly recommended.

Reservations and t-shirt orders may be made in person or by mail at the Community Center at Bicentennial Park.

Event Schedule:

Dress for the Texas weather, wear comfortable shoes and a hat. Sunscreen and bug repellent are suggested. Bring water, your camera, and binoculars.

“Wings of the Night” Hike at HarvestFest

October 22, 5 - 9 p.m. Tours begin near the Softball Concession Stand
Tickets are \$3, under age 2 is free.
Due to the popularity of this hike, reservations are recommended - contact Southlake Community Service at 817-748-8019

Tucker House/Yard Cleanup

October 15, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the Tucker House at E. Bob Jones Rd. and Walnut Dr.
Includes complimentary lunch (12 - 12:30 p.m.) and s’mores (see below)

Learn “S’more” About BJNC - Annual Members’ Meeting

October 15, 12:30 - 1 p.m.
(see above)

Photography Contest Reception

Date, time and place to be announced.

“Wings of the Night” Hike		Saturday October 22
Name _____		
Address _____		
Phone number _____		
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Our special "Wings of the Night" T-shirts Available For Sale!

Designed especially for our 2005 October hike, this limited edition t-shirt features a mysterious owl silhouette against a full moon. These shirts will be available at HarvestFest on October 22, but prepaid orders are available when you register for the "Wings of the Night" Hike at the Community Center at Bicentennial Park. Children sizes are \$10 each and adult sizes are \$12. For order information, see page 2 of this newsletter or contact Southlake Community Services Department at 817-748-8203 or 817-748-8019.

A BIG THANK YOU

We would like to thank our friends who lead our monthly hikes. Their knowledge and enthusiasm is appreciated so much.

Susi Steele - March: *Animal Tracks Hike*

Keith Martin - April: *Trees of the Cross Timbers Hike*

Suzanne Tuttle - May: *Wildflower Hike*

Dr. Ray Chancellor - June: *Birds of Bob Jones Park Hike*

Still to come:

Paul Scudder - July: *Through the Lens, Walk with a Photographer*

Susi Steele (again!) - August: *Owl Prowl*

Nick Martin & Benny - September: *"Best Friend" Dog Hike*

SCARECROW DESIGN CONTEST

OCTOBER 22, 2005
BOB JONES PARK
Drop off from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Judging at 4:30 p.m.

Girl Scout Troop 4027 will be hosting a Scarecrow Design contest at the Bob Jones Nature Center "Wings of Night" Hike.

You can enter your scarecrow for a chance to win in one of the following categories:

TRADITIONAL	MOST UNIQUE
CRAZY CRITTERS	HALLOWEEN THEME
CUTE & COMICAL	CREATIVE CAREERS

You can enter as an individual, business or group. Be creative and have fun!

Wooden scarecrow forms will be available on September 22 for a \$5.00 donation. Call Michelle at (817) 421-7706 to reserve yours.

Look us up:
www.bjnc.org



"Wings of the Night" Volunteers Needed

October 22, 2005 is the date.
5 to 9 p.m. is showtime.

We are in need of many volunteers before, during and after the hike in the following areas and times:

Set Up: Noon to 4pm

Clean Up: 9:30pm - 11pm

Costumed Characters: 4pm (for training) to 10pm (non-scary, but friendly ghosts and goblins welcome)

Security: 4pm - 10pm

This is an excellent opportunity for teens needing community service hours for their organization. Volunteers must be 12 years or older. Everyone's help is needed - invite a friend!

To volunteer and for more information, contact::

Emily Galpin at 817-421-5648 or

galpineh@charter.net

Patty Plantes at 817-329-8985 or

pmpoftx@charter.net

GET IN ON THE ACTION!

Welcome to our newest members:

Pamela Muller
Jason and Ana Eicher
Barbara and Richard Walker
David Lee
Don, Tracy, Kelly and Matt Boyles

As Halloween approaches, one's mind conjures up goblins and other apparitions of the night. Bob Jones Park may not have goblins and apparitions, but it does have some special birds that stalk the night. Through the ages, these birds have taken on a mystic quality. Perhaps this quality was attributed because the birds were often heard but seldom seen. They can be very difficult to find in the darkness of night. Too often we simply overlook them and never gain an understanding of either their unique adaptations or the contributions they make to the environment and its delicate balance. Five of the most common night stalking birds of Bob Jones Park are the Common Nighthawk, Chuck-Wills-Widow, Screech Owl, Great Horned Owl, and Barred Owl.

The Common Night Hawk and the Chuck-Wills-Widow are similar in appearance but are of the Goatsucker and Nightjar families respectively. They both are often overlooked by park visitors. The Nighthawk can be seen flying over the park in late evenings and early mornings although it hunts all night even on moonless nights. It spends the day perched motionless sitting parallel to a bare limb or on the ground. Its color is a perfect camouflage and it is very difficult to see even when you know where it is. In the air, it is a different story. The Common Nighthawk is a marvel at aerial acrobatics as it searches for any flying insect it can locate. It carries the name "bullbat" because it looks like a large bat as it constantly maneuvers in search of flying insects. One stomach analysis reported the following insects as part of its diet: mosquitoes, click beetles, leaf hoppers, green plant bugs, and winged ants – all detrimental to our environment!

The Chuck-Wills-Widow will seldom be seen. It looks much like the Night Hawk but is larger. It is strictly nocturnal. For those who know its call which mimics its name, the nights in the park are filled with its plaintive call which can be repeated for hours. Many think they are hearing a Whip-poor-will but that species is rare for this area. The Chuck-



STALKERS OF THE NIGHT

Wills-Widow almost always nests on the ground on a wooded ridge that has a base of oak leaves. Its coloration makes it virtually invisible in the leaves. In the park, the nesting and roosting locations are along the steep slopes that lead into the creek drainage. The Chuck-Wills-Widow, unlike the Nighthawk, is seldom seen in flight. It normally stays close to the ground and catches insects by flying off a low branch similar to a Scissortail Flycatcher. It then returns to the branch and waits for another meal to pass by.

Better known to most are the owls. The smallest owl in the park is the Screech Owl. The Screech Owl is a year-round abundant resident and can be found by sound a good part of the year particularly before sunrise. The sound is not a screech as one might think but, instead, is either a long, tremulous whinny which rises and then descends or a single, long, unbroken trill on the same pitch. Most in the park are of the grey variety (vs. the red color morph). They nest in tree cavities. Hunting almost exclusively at night, the Screech Owl adroitly avoids tree limbs as it hunts rats, mice, birds, lizards, beetles, locusts, crickets, and other insects.

The most common large resident owl in the park is the Great Horned Owl which has the familiar hoo, hoohoo, hoo, hoo call that earned it the name of "hoot owl". Though it prefers to hunt at night, it will hunt during the day when feeding young. The Great Horned Owl is a powerful hunter and will feed on skunks, mice, squirrels, rabbits, and snakes. It will use an old crow or hawk

nest or construct its own. It is interesting to note that the Great Horned Owl actually is laying eggs before the trees even begin to bud out. This early nesting time allows the Great Horned Owl to fill a special niche and have a maximum food supply when the young hatch.

After the trees in the park begin to lose their leaves, the Great Horned Owl can sometimes be seen silhouetted against the sky in late evening– the easiest time to actually see it! Otherwise

one has to look for its "feeding roost"- trees where the owl will bring its

food. The undergrowth beneath the feeding roost will have white markings of droppings. Because it does not have the acid in its stomach like the hawks, the indigestible parts (feathers, fur and bones) are regurgitated as "owl pellets". By dissecting owl pellets, it is possible to study what the owl has been eating in the park. The actual nesting area will be elsewhere away from the feeding area.

Bob Jones Park also has the Barred Owl. However, we are on the western limits of its range. They do appear in the winters in the park. To some extent their appearance is tied to the squirrel population although they eat a variety of prey. If we have large squirrel populations the chance of having Barred Owls is greater.

Each of these night stalkers has a unique adaptation that allows it to hunt throughout Bob Jones Park just as if it were in the light of day. Whether it be their large eyes adapted to darkness, specialized feathers that allow silent flight, keen hearing that allows locating prey in the dark, or mouths that can open to the size of a golf ball for scooping up flying insects, these night stalkers have unique features that make them a joy to hear and watch.

Many park visitors remain oblivious to the wonderful world of the night stalkers. As we shiver at the thought of ghouls and goblins of the fall Halloween season, take some time to visit Bob Jones Park and enjoy the real night stalkers! Experience the habitat that has allowed these creatures of the night to flourish as they have for centuries.

susi's backyard

SOUTHLAKE'S SECRET BATS

Last Christmas, I stuck my arm into the mouth of a stray pit bull. (Yes, it was on purpose—it's a long story.) My doctor went into her office and wouldn't come out; she said giving rabies injections made her sick. Shortly, I found out why: the first round of the post-exposure rabies vaccine had to be injected directly into and at four or five places around each of the nine puncture wounds on my forearm. The PA who got drafted to work on my arm kept apologizing for hurting me. She was afraid I was going to pass out. Little did she know, I was thinking, "Cool! Now I can work with bats."

The Mexican Freetail (*Tadarida brasiliensis*), is probably the best-known bat in Texas. These are the



Portrait of a Red Bat.
Photo from the
National Park Service.

microbats (all bats in North America are these "little bats") that live in huge colonies in Bracken Cave near San Antonio and under the Congress Avenue Bridge in Austin. The Bat World Wild Sanctuary just west of Fort Worth in Mineral Wells houses a population of 20,000 wild Freetails. They are amazing to watch as they leave their roosts at dusk—thousands and thousands of tiny bats flutter out into the dark in waves. To read about my small part in a recent massive rescue of Freetails in downtown Fort Worth, go to www.batworld.org/main/rescue1.html. Our rehab group calls this the "Nightmare on Houston Street."

In Southlake, we don't have Freetails yet, although there are bat houses up and we're hoping. What we do have is a wonderful species, the Red Bat (*Lasiurus borealis*) pictured at left. I was called to help about 30 of these gentle animals in trouble over the course of this summer.

Rescue Central

Call **Susi Steele** at any time day or night for wild animal rescues or advice. Start with the first number - if she doesn't respond in 10 or 15 minutes, go to the next.

1. Office 817-748-8106 (Monday-Friday from 8 am to 5 pm.)

2. Pager 817-407-3213

3. Cell 817-235-7462

4. Alternate cell 817-308-2325

5. Home 817-551-6505

Still no response? Start over!

If Susi's out of town or otherwise unavailable, you'll hear voice messages giving you the number to a local rescue group's hotline. They'll call you back within 10 minutes.

Really!

Red Bats don't live in colonies or in crevices; they are solitary foliage-dwellers. (You can tell where any bat belongs by its color: dark brown, dark gray, or black bats live in rocks, caves or buildings; red, golden, yellow,



Red Bat roosting in a tree.
Photo from eNature.com

or brown bats live in foliage. Mother Nature is very smart.) The Red Bat roosts in trees, frequently oaks, during the day. It hangs 4 to 10 feet above the ground among leaves that provide shade from above and at the sides. Moms with babies roost higher, at about 20 feet. Sometimes a resting bat even twirls in the breeze, just like a dead leaf. The roost must have open space below it, allowing a downward fall into flight. The aspect ratio of Red Bats is too high for them to be able to take off from the ground—they have to "drop" into flight. This is one reason we sometimes find them on the ground; once they're grounded, they can't get up again without help. In a hot, dry summer like this one, bats get dehydrated and disoriented, and sometimes get grounded in their weakened state.

Dog-Day Cicada

by Buddy Cole

Dog-day cicadas, *Tibicen canicularis*, which some call locusts, belong to the Cicadidae family and order Homoptera. The family includes leafhoppers, aphids, whiteflies and mealybugs. On summer days the green, 2 inch long, winged cicadas are heard making a constant rising and falling buzzing in trees. Only males buzz to attract silent females for mating. Females deposit eggs in twigs and limbs, which hatch and fall to the ground. The nymphs burrow down to tree roots and feed on their sap.

They go through several stages, or instars, in the next year, emerging on summer evenings after sundown in the final nymph stage. They crawl up tree trunks, plants, home exteriors or porch grill work as this one did at my house. I kept vigil after sundown one evening at about 30 minute intervals

and found this one about 11 p.m. as it began to split the old skin and emerge as an adult cicada.

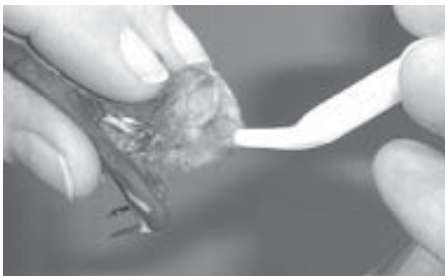
Emergence takes 30 to 45 minutes and about another hour for the soft body and wings to dry. I quit about 1 a.m. and early the next morning the adult cicada was gone and only the exoskeleton remained. Adults live about 3-45 days and feed on tree sap. There is one generation per year. They are harmless and are preyed upon by birds and cicada killer wasps.

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Until I held one in my hand, I had no idea that Red Bats were so beautiful. They're small and warm, with soft, thick fur in varying shades of brown, red, and gold. Females tend to be dull red or rusty brown in color; males are bright red or orange red. The fur on their heads is longer and lighter in color; to me, they look like little lions with turned-up noses. Their faces remind me of mastiff puppies. They have black button eyes; over the summer I got to see those eyes go from being glazed and dull to bright and aware again, once they'd been re-hydrated and fed. Bats are extremely intelligent, and form complex social bonds much like dolphins. They can live to be 25 years old.

Red Bats are one of only a few species that give birth to more than one baby. They have anywhere from one to five young. The babies are born in early June without fur, but with a full set of "milk teeth." Each baby bat weighs about half a gram (about the size of the average Cheetoh) at birth. When they're healthy, they're fat and pink and very cute. The young seem to be completely unafraid of humans. A grounded mother Red Bat with babies will protect them by



Red Bat being fed. Photo by permission from Bat World.

covering their bodies with her own, throwing her head back, and showing her teeth; no matter what the threat, she will not abandon them. The only time I saw aggression in this species was from a downed mother guarding her pups. Mom and babies called to each other constantly in a language I do not know; I imagined I could hear asking and answering, questions and reassurances. I wonder what they said about me.

Look for Red Bats in your neighborhood early in the evening as they drop out of the trees. They hunt in the borderlands between forested and open

"... The bat is the climax of creation in many things, highly developed in brain, marvelously keen in senses, clad in exquisite fur and equipped, above all, with the crowning glory of flight.

"He is the prototype and the realization of the Fairy of the Wood we loved so much as children, and so hated to be robbed of by grown-ups, who should have known better."

- Ernest Thompson Seton
from the 1913 book *Wild Animals at Home*:

areas, especially around water. They often use the same route each night as they hunt for many kinds of insects, especially moths, beetles, mosquitoes, leafhoppers, ants, and flies. They may hunt around street lamps or other lights, and sometimes land to capture an insect.



Eastern Red Bat.
Photo by David Chapman, San Antonio.

To help Red Bats and all wildlife, protect their habitat by using organic solutions for home gardening problems. Don't spray trees with chemicals, and don't use chemical pesticides. If the bugs eat the poison and the bats eat the bugs, nobody wins. And remember, look but don't touch—Never touch a downed bat. Instead, call for help and protect the bat until help arrives.



Birdseed Sale 2005

Feeding the birds in our backyards is instant gratification for enjoying nature up close and personal. Whether the birds are local or they are passing through, the enjoyment and the offering of sustenance to our feathered friends increases our interaction with the wild side.

Bob Jones Nature Center is offering you an opportunity to extend your love of the wild side to your backyard while helping out the fledgling nature center with our First Annual "Feed the Birds" Sale. Orders will be taken from October 8 through October 30, 2005 for special blends which have been chosen especially for Southlake. The Birdie Wreath is perfect for holiday gift giving for your nature loving friends, teachers, employees, and to keep for your own bird visitors.

Look for the order form inserted in this newsletter. Please make checks out to Bob Jones Nature Center. Order pick up is planned for November 12th at the Lodge, Bicentennial Park, 400 N. White's Chapel. We will send you a confirmation of your order by e-mail (if you do not have e-mail, make sure we have your telephone number or address).

How to make a Leaf Print

Choose a leaf, place it vein side up, and brush paint over it. Carefully turn it over onto a piece of paper or note card and rub the back of the leaf until the imprint is made. This method can also be used with fabric paint onto a cloth to make placemats, table cloths, napkins, bandanas and T-shirts. Use your imagination!

Girl Scouts Sharing Nature:

AN EXHIBIT OF GIRL SCOUT SILVER AWARD PROJECTS

Currently on display at the Southlake Library are four Girl Scout Silver Award Projects given to the Bob Jones Nature Center for educational programs by five Southlake Carroll High School Girl Scout Cadettes – Nicole Gaither, Lauren Gilbert, Anwesha Majumder, Kayla Peebles, and Amanda Presmyk.

The Silver Award, Girl Scout's highest award for ages 11 to 14, represents a girl's accomplishment in Girl Scouting through her commitment to the community. The first four requirements of the Silver Award help the girls build skills, explore careers, gain leadership skills, and make a commitment to self-improvement.

Once those requirements are accomplished the actual project is undertaken. As Anwesha described in her project write-up – "It [the project] was also interesting because this was the first project we have done that isn't just Follow the Instructions. We actually picked the project and planned it ourselves. There was definitely a lot of room for mistakes and a lot of mistakes were made, but we learned from them." The project can be done as an individual or with a group.

Nicole, Lauren, and Kayla each worked on an individual project. Nicole developed a Texas Geology Display which includes specimens from 30 areas of Texas. The specimens are displayed in a glass covered box she constructed. Her support binder includes information on fossils, minerals, local trails, geology landmarks in Texas, as well as how to use the display. Nicole is a life-long avid rock collector and a long-time member of the Fort Worth Gem and Mineral Club.

Lauren Gilbert has initiated the self-guided backpack program for the Nature Center. She has developed two "Backpack Check It Out" Series: one on Texas Trees and one on Wilderness Survival. When groups begin coming to the Center, they can check out the backpacks which include identification guides, activities and group leader support materials.

For about a year and a half Nature Center volunteers have been leading monthly hikes. Using her experience as



Presenting Girl Scout Silver Award projects to the Bob Jones Nature Center are (from left) Anwesha Majumder, Kayla Peebles, Emily Galpin, President, Bob Jones Nature Center, Jesse Ephram, Southlake Public Library, Amanda Presymk, Nicole Gaither and Lauren Gilbert.

a long-time volunteer with the Friends of the Southlake Library, Kayla has developed Hike Activity Kits to support the Center's monthly hike series to especially engage the younger hikers. "In the end [of her research]," stated Kayla, "I chose books and activities that would interest preschool and early elementary children and placed those and the activity supplies in a bag marked for each themed hike.

I created a Hike Activity Bag for the following hikes: Dog Hike, Bird Hike, Wildflower Hike, Tree Hike, Animal Tracks Hike, and Photography Hike."

Anwesha and Amanda worked as a team to develop the beginnings of a library for the nature center. The 15 cube book shelves they built and painted and the 250 books that were donated will be great for children (and adults) to take some time to read up on a variety of nature topics. The girls catalogued the books, put in check out cards and pockets, and developed an inventory CD.

Thanks, girls, for sharing your Girl Scout Silver Award projects with the Center. You are helping us prepare for the future visitors to the center. Thanks also to the Southlake Library for giving us the opportunity to show off these young people and their contributions to the community.

Final Call for Entries

To celebrate the natural wonders of the Bob Jones Park, The Bob Jones Nature Center is sponsoring its Second Annual Photography Contest. The contest is open to children, teens and

novice photographers. It will run through October 31st, 2005 with winners being notified by November 15, 2005. Brochures with details and entry forms are available at the City of Southlake Community Center at Bicentennial Park, Public Safety West

Facility and East Facility, Alpha Graphics, BA Framers, the Southlake Library, and on our website bjnc.org.

Thank you to our sponsors: Amati Gallery, My Green Thumb, Clariden Ranch, Carolyn Morris and David and Debra Edmondson.

Bob Jones Nature Center

Please Print or type!

Photo Contest Entry Form

Name _____ Day Phone _____

Address _____ City, State _____ Zip _____

Signature _____

Check your Category:

Child - age _____

Teen (13 - 19)

Adult - Novice

Place one entry form on the back top left side of each print submitted. Mail or deliver entries with the \$15 entry fee to: Bob Jones Nature Center, 403 Valverde Ct., Southlake, TX 76092 by October 31, 2005.



BOB JONES NATURE CENTER

- Please put me/us down as "Grounding Members" of BJNC at no cost!
- I am interested in becoming more involved. Please call me about vounteer opportunities.
- I wish to make a tax deductible monetary contribution. Enclosed is a check payable to BJNC for the amount of \$_____.

NAME _____

FAMILY MEMBERS _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____



Bob Jones Nature Center
P.O. Box 92044
Southlake, TX 76092

October 15:

Annual Membership Meeting

12:30 - 1 pm

Tucker House Cleanup

8:30 - 3:30 pm

Complimentary Lunch

12 - 12:30 pm

Look us up:

www.bjnc.org

Your Invitation for Saturday, October 15

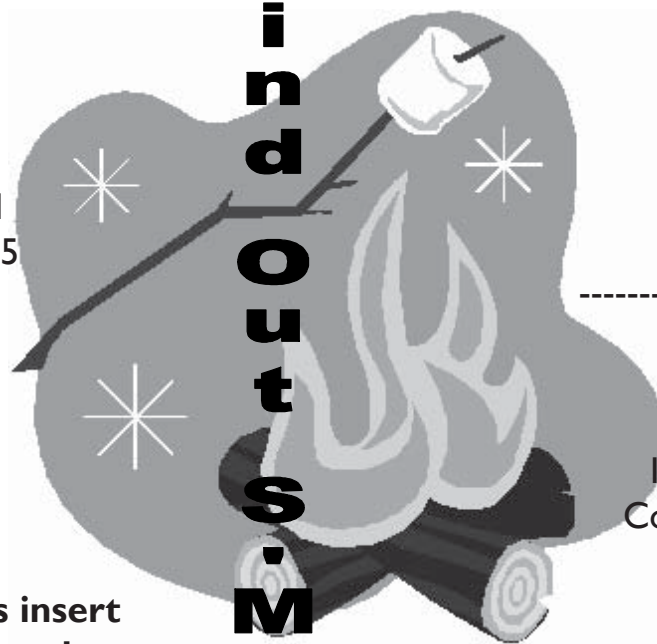
Annual Membership Meeting

Tucker Property
-----E. Bob Jones Road
Saturday, October 15, 2005

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12:00pm to 12:30pm
Complimentary Lunch

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12:30pm to 1:00pm
Membership Meeting

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**See reverse side of this insert
for more information on the
agenda and membership vot-
ing items**



Tucker House Cleanup

Tucker Property
-----E. Bob Jones Road

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8:30am to 3:30pm

*
12:00pm to 12:30pm
Complimentary Lunch

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Stay an hour!

*
Stay all day!

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Bob Jones Nature Center and the Tucker House

(the future headquarters of the Center)

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BOB JONES NATURE CENTER ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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In conjunction with the Tucker House Cleanup · 8:30am – 3:30pm

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2005

Complimentary Lunch: 12:00pm – 12:30 pm · Membership Meeting: 12:30 · 1:00pm

Agenda

1. Welcome/Introductions
2. Presentation of Annual Report
3. Tucker House Update
4. Membership Voting Items

If you are on the mailing list, you are considered a "member" of BJNC until we have our formal membership dues structure in place. Below are the items for consideration by the membership as stated in the organization's by-laws. Copies of the BJNC by-laws will be available at the annual meeting.

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① Membership Dues Proposal: October 2005 – October 2006

		<u>Personal/Business</u>
Benefactor	· "Cross Timbers"	\$ 1000
Sustainer	· "Post Oak"	\$ 500
Patron	· "Red Bud"	\$ 250
Friend	· "Rough Leaf Dogwood"	\$ 100
Contributor	· "Bluestem"	\$ 50
Family		\$ 25
Individual		\$ 15
Senior		\$ 10
Student		\$ 5

① VOTE : ___ YES ___ NO

② By-Law Change

Current By-Law:

The Board shall be composed of seven (7) directors, nominated and elected by the members for terms of two years each, four to be elected to terms beginning in even-numbered years and three to be elected in terms beginning in odd-numbered years.

Proposed By-Law:

The Board shall be composed of a minimum of seven (7) and not more than fifteen (15) directors, nominated and elected by the members for terms of two years each, a simple majority of which are elected in even-numbered years and the remaining elected in odd-numbered years.

② VOTE : ___ YES ___ NO

③ Election of Two Directors

If the above by-law changes passes, the Board of Directors proposes to expand from seven (7) to nine (9) members. Please vote for 2 nominees only. Write in nominations are acceptable. Nominations will be taken from the floor at the Annual Membership Meeting. Nominees listed below are Grounding Members of the Bob Jones Nature Center and have not served on the board.

③ VOTE FOR TWO BOARD MEMBERS ONLY:

___ Jay Hartman ___ Caroline Havens ___ Elizabeth McCracken _____ Write in

Can't make the meeting but still want to vote?

Mail your vote by October 12, 2005 to Carol Lee Hamilton, 1210 Cross Timbers, Southlake, TX 76092

Email your vote by October 14, 2005 to Carol Lee Hamilton: healthytrails@yahoo.com