

The 2010 Spring Gathering will be held at the Nauvoo Family Inn & Suites, Nauvoo, Illinois. Rooms for lodging has been reserved under "Illinois Audubon Society" at the Inn for this event at the rate of \$65/night. Contact the Inn at 800.416.4470.

**Friday, April 30**

4:00 pm - 9:00 pm Registration; Silent Auction & Raffle Open  
 5:30 pm Optional Dinner at Hotel Nauvoo Restaurant (please RSVP below on the registration form)  
 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Program: "A Century of Change: Bird Communities of Illinois, 1906-1909, 1956-1958 and 2006-2008" presented by Jeff Walk, Director of Science, The Nature Conservancy. Member Slide Show.

**Saturday, May 1**

6:00 am - 7:00 am Breakfast on your own. Buffet available at Nauvoo Family Inn  
 6:45 am - 7:30 am Morning and all-day field trips depart from Nauvoo Family Inn  
 1:00 pm - 1:30pm Afternoon Field Trips depart  
 5:00 pm Social Hour; Silent Auction and Raffle Open (All evening events at Nauvoo Family Inn & Suites)  
 6:00 pm Banquet  
 7:00 pm Program: "The Significance of Mississippi River Corridor in Western Illinois to Migratory Birds," presented by Kelly McKay, Director of the Biological Research & Monitoring Center in Hampton, Illinois.  
 8:00 pm Announce Silent Auction & Raffle Winners

**Sunday, May 2**

7:00 am - 7:30 am Field Trips depart from Nauvoo Family Inn  
 11:30 am - 12:30pm Lunch at Nauvoo State Park Shelter; Wrap-up, Compilations & Reflections

**EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE APRIL 1**

**REGISTRATION FORM (please print clearly)**

NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_ IAS Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

	Price	Qty	Total
Early Registration Fee up to April 1	\$12.00		
<b>Late Registration Fee after April 1</b>	\$16.00		
Optional dinner at Hotel Nauvoo Restaurant (pay at restaurant)      RSVP <input type="checkbox"/>			
Saturday Lunch      Vegetarian <input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 6.50		
Saturday Buffet Dinner      Vegetarian <input type="checkbox"/>	\$17.00		
Sunday Lunch      Vegetarian <input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 6.50		
* Saturday Boat Trip (suggested donation)	\$10.00		
<b>TOTAL ENCLOSED</b>			
Make check payable to <i>Western Prairie Audubon Society</i> and mail to David Benson, 25 Indian Trail, Macomb, IL, 61455			

Field Trip ID

## 2010 Spring Gathering Field Trips

- [A] **Vishnue/Argyle/White Prairie (Sat 6:45 am All Day Trip)** Tour of historic Vishnu Springs Resort, a reservoir lake at Arygle; seven-year old prairie restoration and grassland fields at Gerald White property. Moderate hiking on mowed trails.
- [B] **Cedar Glen Eagle Roost (Sat 7:00 am, Sat 12:30 pm, Sun 7:00 am)** Moderate/strenuous hiking on mowed trail over rugged terrain through prairie restorations, successional grasslands, oak woodlands and into a forest canyons or “glen” with dramatic limestone cliffs and outcroppings. Good for migratory warblers and vireos. Morning hike will be more strenuous and will last 4 hours; afternoon will be moderate and last 3 hours
- [C] **Stony Hills Nature Preserve (Sat 7:15 am, Sun 7:15 am)** Savanna/prairie restoration, upland forest, rocky outcroppings, geological features. A representative from Prairie Land Conservancy will serve as trip host and will provide details on the restoration goals for the site. Moderate hiking on mowed trail.
- [D] **Mississippi River Birding Auto Tour (Sat 7:20 am, All Day Tour, Sun 7:20 am—NOTE: this is a half day trip)** Driving tour of Iowa and Illinois sides of Mississippi River Pool 19. Large river, floodplain forest, scrub-swamp, ponds, sand prairie; easy afternoon hike on sand fire lane through floristic tour of sand prairie and savanna.
- [E] **Lock & Dam 18/Patterson Savanna (Sat 7:30 am, All Day Trip)** Bottomland forest and backwater slough with riverside drive; auto tour through Big River State Forest; easy afternoon hike highlighting floristics of sand prairie and savanna communities at Patterson Savanna Land & Water Reserve.
- [F] **Mississippi River Boat Trip (Sat 8:00 am)** Boat trip within Pool 20 to view the river shoreline and bottomland forested islands with heron rookery. Limited walking. WIU Field Station Manager will highlight research projects.
- [G] **Baxter Vineyard (Sat 1:00 pm)** Tour of vineyards and winery. Light and easy walking through vineyards and apple orchards.
- [H] **Nauvoo Church of the Latter Day Saints Sites Tour (Sat 1:00 pm)** Tour of historic building restorations and other notable features within the Nauvoo bottomland. Drive to various locations, some light and easy walking along streets possible.
- [I] **Nauvoo Historical Society Tours (Sat 1:00 pm)** Tour of Rhineberger Museum and Weld House Museum.
- [J] **Geissler Savanna (Sun 7:30 am)** Limited to moderate bushwhacking (optional) within high quality savanna remnant characterized by rolling prairie with small copses of post, white and burr oaks. Good for savanna birds and prairie/savanna flora unique to western Illinois.

### EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE APRIL 1

Please indicate field trip choices (using Field Trip ID — A, B, C, etc) for each day below.. We ask that you indicate a second choice in the event that field trips become overbooked or cancelled. Some trips have limited space.

Attendee(s) name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

	Saturday AM	Saturday PM	Sunday AM
First Choice (list Field Trip ID)			
Second Choice (list Field Trip ID)			

Attendee(s) name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

	Saturday AM	Saturday PM	Sunday AM
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Second Choice (list Field Trip ID)			

**For registration questions,** contact Dan Moorehouse at 217.256.4732 or [dmoorehouse@frontiernet.net](mailto:dmoorehouse@frontiernet.net)  
 A confirmation packet will be sent by email (or mail necessary) to the address listed on the registration form.  
*More information about field trips at [www.illinoisaudubon.org](http://www.illinoisaudubon.org)*