

The 2nd Annual Ohio Young Birders Conference

October 4 & 5, 2008

Saturday, 7:30 AM - 6:00 PM

Sunday 8:30 AM - Noon

CHESTNUT RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYMNASIUM
5088 Township Road 401, WALNUT CREEK, OHIO



Ohio Young Birders Club
BLACK SWAMP BIRD OBSERVATORY



Conference Agenda

7:00 AM - Registration

**7:30 to Noon - Field Trip to Funk Bottoms Wildlife Area
Observation Deck on SR-95**

Field Trip leaders: All presenters will be leading field trips along with other OYBC student members. Adult field trip leaders include: Jeff Bouton, Jen Brumfield, Robert Hershberger, Kenn & Kim Kaufman, Jim McCormac, Greg Miller, John Sawvel, and Su Snyder.

Transportation from Chestnut Ridge Elementary School provided

Noon to 1:00 PM - Amish cooked lunch in the school gymnasium

1:00 to 6:00 PM Presentations

Opening Remarks - Kim Kaufman

Ben Thornton our Master of Ceremony

Chasing Beeps: Radio telemetry in rail research, presented by Auriel Van Der Laar

Winter Birds on the North Coast, presented by Bret McCarty

Birds for Bucks: Ecotourism and the Traveling Birder presented by Jared Merriman

Afternoon Break

Birding Killbuck Marsh: A birder and his bicycle by Jacob Bowman

How Ecotourism is Protecting the Tropics, presented by Brad Wilkinson & Ethan Kistler

KEYNOTE: Hope Batcheller, age 15, from Petersburg New York

Presenting: *Fledglings: Researching the Unknown*

Every passerine has been a fledgling. Why is it, then, that virtually nothing is known about this crucial stage of birds' lives? Visual and audio identification are both unknown areas, let alone behavior and development.

For the past two summers, Hope Batcheller has recorded fledglings in northern New England. In this talk, she will share audio recordings of fledglings, stories and photos from the field, the research process, and implications of all this for Breeding Bird Atlas projects.

Kenn Kaufman's Bird Quiz - start studying now!

Closing Remarks - Kim Kaufman

Sunday, October 5, 2008 at 8:30 AM

Digiscoping Field Trip to Funk Bottoms Wildlife Area Observation Deck on SR-95

With Leica Optics Digiscoping Expert, Jeff Bouton
Transportation on your own



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For conference questions contact us at 419 898-4070

Don't miss this chance to learn from
birding experts!

Meet other fellow Ohio young birders!

Hear awesome presentations
given by young birders!

Learn more about digiscoping!

And, Have a lot of fun!

Driving Directions

To Chestnut Ridge Elementary School, 5088 Township Road 401, Walnut Creek, Ohio:

From Cleveland: Take I-77 south the SR-39. Go west for 16 miles. The school is at the intersection of SR-39 and TR-401.

From Columbus: From I-270 exit at 30B onto SR-161. Turn left on US-62. Turn right on SR-39 and left on TR-401.

To Funk Bottoms Wildlife Area Observation Deck from Walnut Creek:

Located near the Village of Funk. Take SR-39 west to Millersburg. Turn right on SR-83 going north to Wooster. Turn left on SR-95 going west, the entrance is on the south side of the street. Turn left onto a dirt road just before the Village of Funk to reach the wildlife observation platform (look for the sign).

Lodging suggestions: Millersburg Hotel, 35 W Jackson St., Millersburg, OH 44654

800-822-1457 and also check with the **Holmes County Chamber of Commerce** at www.holmescountychamber.com.

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