

# WATERFOWL SYMPOSIUM SCHOLARSHIP

The Ohio Ornithological Society, partnering with Columbus Audubon, will present a *Waterfowl Symposium*, the weekend of **February 26-28, 2010** at the Grange Insurance Audubon Center (GIAC) along the Whittier Peninsula in downtown Columbus. Through lectures and speakers, we'll travel to the marshes of Iraq, visit the breeding grounds of the Arctic, fly above the stopover habitat of Lake Erie, and look inside nests to learn about the secret life of waterfowl.



Weekend highlights include:

- Friday night fundraiser for Nature Iraq with tour of GIAC and live music by the *Swinging Orangutans*
- Saturday speakers include Dr. Azzam Alwash, CEO of Nature Iraq; Cornell Lab of Ornithology speakers will share "The Secret Life of Ducks"; Chris Wood, leader of project e-Bird and WINGS tours, discusses the role that birdwatchers can play in tracking and conserving duck species; legendary birders Paul Baicich will share the history of Duck Stamps and how habitat has been saved by this program. Other notable speakers include Keith Lott, Ohio Division of Wildlife, and Dr. Gwen Myers from the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium.
- Sunday morning field trips to Ohio's reservoirs, rivers and ponds.

Four scholarships have been offered to young birders who wish to attend this educational symposium. The scholarship includes registration fees, Saturday speakers, Sunday field trips and meals. To submit your request for a scholarship, send a 300-500 word essay describing why you want to attend this event, and how you feel this experience will make you a better birder. Applications must be signed by a parent or guardian and be received by February 1, 2010.

For questions, contact; Kathy McDonald at 513 941-6497.

# Waterfowl Symposium Scholarship Application Form

Application must be submitted by February 1, 2010.

## Your Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_\_ Male \_\_\_ Female      Date of Birth: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_      Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent or  
Legal Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents/Guardian's  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Send application and essay to:

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