



# BRAZOS BEND BUNCH BUGLE

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## Happy New Year!

### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

**A New Year's Resolution to Think About:** As you make your New Year's Resolutions, please include attending our volunteer meetings. Yes, Saturday evenings are for going out with friends... Yes, it is dark when going home until spring and Daylight Savings Time...but, maybe you could spare two or more Saturdays a year to attend.

We vote on how to spend the money you have helped make. We hear the status of the park from Steve. We discuss improvements we would like to have done at the park.

We only had 12 volunteers at our last meeting.

Our meetings are the second Saturday of each month. We have supper about 5:00 and start the meeting at 5:30, before dessert is finished. We are usually finished at least by 7. How about reserving two or more of those Saturdays now on your 2009 calendar?

Looking forward to working with each and every one of you in this new year!

*Carrie Sample*

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# DECEMBER MEETING NOTES

by Eddy Grizzaffi

President **Carrie Sample** called the meeting to order on December 13, 2008. There were eleven volunteers, two junior volunteers and four staff members present. The minutes were approved as submitted. Thanks to **Judy Strauss** for shopping for the fixings for dinner.

Staff reports were brought by **Steve Killian**, **Richard Taylor**, **David Heinicke** and **Sharon Hanzik**. They are published elsewhere in the newsletter.

Budget Report: **Diane Carpenter** brought the budget report. The following requests for funds were made and approved:

- **Diane Carpenter** requested a Portable Bill Counter.
- **David Heinicke** requested eight 16 X 24 pictures of snakes and spiders mounted on foam board and laminated to be used for educational and interpretive programs. Funds have been authorized from Ramsayer Exxon Restricted Fund.
- **David Heinicke** requested a wooden cabinet to store interpretive and educational materials. Funds have been authorized from Ramsayer Exxon Restricted Fund.
- **Pam Tatge** requested scat replicas and a small gray squirrel puppet to be used as props for "Nature's Recyclers" Interpretive Program.
- A full-size and a hand-held vacuum were purchased at slightly more than approved. Additional funds were requested to cover the total cost.
- Diane Carpenter requested a laptop computer with case, virus protection and other software needed for comptroller's use.
- **Bruce Williamson** reported that estimated repair cost for the 4.3 year old Kubota is \$5,880; replacement is \$12,000. A new John Deere would be \$6,500. Bruce recommended that the organization donate the Kubota to Brazos Bend State Park at the end of year. The park would then try to repair it later in the year if they have money in their budget. It was moved, seconded, and passed to transfer the Kubota to the park.

Gift Shop: **Anna Dell Williamson** reported that January 6, 2009 will be inventory for the Gift Shop and more bar coding will take place. New T-shirts are to be ordered for January.

New Volunteer Training: **Anna Dell Williamson** reported volunteer training will have 10-15 people. The class will be the first three Saturdays in February.

Meeting Night Dinners: **Judy Strauss** reported that we need help with dinners for the second Saturday of each month.

New Business: An outreach program at the Watson children's school had a total of sixty 6th grade students attending.

The meeting was adjourned.

# STAFF REPORTS

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

### STEVE KILLIAN

**Richard Taylor** was hired as Lead Ranger. We're in the process of hiring two Park Specialists (two college students), a future Police Officer and a part-time clerk.

In spite of being closed for one full month due to Hurricane Ike, we had the best November yet. Keep up the good work.

In the recent deer hunts, 55 deer were killed and 16 hogs, leaving 1 deer per 8.5 acres, which is a very good average.

We will try to relocate the black vultures around Creekfield Lake by approved methods to other locations in the park. The rainbow trout fishing event will be January 26. There will be a press release.

We have two brand new vehicles in the park. Dennis and Steve went to Village Creek and obtained a new airboat from Sea Rim State Park. It should arrive at Brazos Bend next week. This was a big deal for us. Volunteers may be interested in riding it. We will begin spraying in March.

There will be a small expansion for Headquarters in January, moving everything outward.

The Texas Outdoor Family Camping Event will be at BBSP next week. We have completed fifteen primitive sites behind the Dining Hall to be used in fall of 2009.

BBSP is number one on the list for a Conference Event Center, with legal approval. It will be 9,000-9,500 square feet and contain a Nature Center with exhibits, classroom wing, multi-media room for renting, volunteer gift shop, one or two offices, lobby, etc.

Brazos Bend was opened 25 years ago in 1984; our 25th Anniversary celebration will be April 3, 2009. This is really a big deal.

There was a question about planting select trees around 40 Acre. Removing tallow trees is in the works.

**Bruce Williamson** said that the volunteer organization will pay for installation of the Internet. Steve said the park will pay for the monthly bill.

### DAVID HEINICKE

Doris Mager, the Bird Lady, will be here in early February. We need volunteers to help her move birds and prepare for the programs.

The **Brian Leach** Memorial: There is a proposal for an observation platform at Elm Lake. **Jean Leach** has agreed to the platform, which will include a wheelchair ramp and will be 4-6 feet tall. We will begin the approval process soon.

February will be the ideal time for replacing trees at 40 Acre Lake with Black Willow. A playground at the Windmill will be considered with playscape.

## SHARON HANZIK

Sharon Hanzik stated that 120 people visited Thanksgiving week and 400-500 people came Friday after Thanksgiving. 1,500 volunteer hours have made this the best November ever. Tom's snake program and Carrie's story time last Saturday have helped contribute to the high numbers. For Simple Christmas there was an estimated 1,200 people outside and 900 in the Nature Center. We made 100 s'mores, 10 hayrides, and 60 bird feeders during story time for children. Santa talked with children 3 to 5 hours with no break, and we did many face paintings. We will have sign-up for hayrides next year.

During the upcoming holidays when the Nature Center is open 9-5, we need to cover the 11-3 shifts first.

## RICHARD TAYLOR, LEAD RANGER

There is an old saying that "those who say it can't be done should get out of the way for those who are doing it." This is exactly what is happening at Brazos Bend State Park. Things are happening all over the place and the Rangers are into everything right now.

It is down-time from our Resource Management period, namely mowing and spraying. We have been taking advantage of this time by cleaning up the Maintenance Area and Shop. Plus we have been concentrating on some Headquarters grounds enhancement.

Since the second week of November the Rangers have filled two 40-yard debris containers with miscellaneous trash, boards and debris. They have also filled up one 40-yard metal salvage container with miscellaneous metal that was laying around the Maintenance Area. This container company will pay TPWD minus the charge for the container. With this effort we have been able to reclaim much needed storage space under the Equipment Shed, aiding in the organization process. We also had a few pieces of equipment that we traded off to other Parks in our region. The Rangers have reorganized the sign storage shed and opened up areas for more equipment storage.

With the debris gone from the Maintenance Area parking lot, we have opened up more space to park personal vehicles. This is extremely important for safety reasons. Vehicles were being parked on the side of the maintenance road, creating a hazard as park vehicles and equipment entered and exited the yard. Now that we have more available space, I urge everyone who has to park outside the Maintenance Area to park in the parking lot and not on the road.

A new edger was purchased to trim up sidewalks and parking lot edges. Rangers **Jim Gilliam** and **Kyle Petkus** have done an excellent job of sprucing up the Headquarters area sidewalks and grounds. One of our goals is to enhance the grounds, making HQ more appealing to all. Some of the work that has been done is trimming up the trees around the office, repairing lighting, taking out the old arbor and vines, weed-eating around everything, and more. We also have a tentative plan to put in a special garden feature that will enhance the area. One idea is to install a windmill and have it recirculate the water out of a small pool surrounded by native plants from the park, with signage denoting each species. We could even get it certified. However, much more work is needed around the grounds before tackling this project.



We finished up the deer hunt. In total, 55 deer and 16 hogs were harvested. All the Rangers assisted and spent a lot of hours in preparation for the hunt and made quick haste in cleanup after the hunt. We should see a good buck population over the next few years.

Ranger **JT Kalina** has been readying our spraying operation for spring. And with that we just picked up another air boat. **Steve Killian** and myself went to Village Creek SP on December 18 to pick it up. This one actually runs! The air boat was at Sea Rim and recently underwent about \$9,000 of renovation and repairs. We are excited to have it. A big thanks to Assistant Park Superintendent **Dennis Jones** for negotiating the deal. JT has also been stuck to the backhoe lately, cleaning up the debris and putting it in the dumpsters.

UPO/Ranger **Blake Flessner** has been busy with our compliance permits. TCEQ requires that we resubmit for permits every couple of years, and Blake has to fill out a bunch of data to make sure we stay on the up and up. Ranger **Jeff Orsak** has been busy fixing trucks, hydraulic hose leaks, flats, starters on equipment, and much more. Park Host **Jim Cassidy** has started assisting in the shop to give Jeff a hand on repairing mowers. We are also excited about our new Outdoor Family Campground. Ranger **Gary Bialas** and Park Host **Paul Reagan** have been installing tables and fire pits in the new area adjacent to the Dining Hall. We will have a total of 15 new sites.

Most of the park's road signs have been repainted by Park Host **Ben Degarmo**, but recent cold weather has been hampering his efforts. Part of our cleanup unveiled extra signs in stock that we were able to use to replace some of the rotten ones. However, Ben has had to make some from scratch. A couple of signs Ben made for the Park have been placed at the entrance on both sides of the front gate. They state "Vehicles Stay Off The Grass". With the grass dying out and the ground soft in places, please urge visitors to park on the pavement if spotted off the road. This effort will also prevent damage to utility lines.

Ranger **Devin Elster** has just completed another semester of school and will be starting up again after the holidays. But with restroom cleanup duty I don't think his "paperwork" is quite done. Any problems found in the park restrooms, please let Devin or one of the other Rangers know.

Captain **Gene Schantes**, Park Host, has been using our new tractor-mounted blower around the Park to keep the roads clean. With winter upon us, leaves have been falling everywhere. Capt. Gene has also been touching up a few trails and other areas with the shredder and mower.

We have purchased a new 12 x 18 metal-sided portable storage building to store dry goods such as paper towels, tissue, cleaning supplies, etc. Our old storage building has just about seen its last day. Plans are to renovate the old building and make it into equipment storage, paint shop, and carpenter shop when we can get some power run over to it.

As you can see, the Rangers have been busy. We are just about caught up on the projects around the Maintenance Area and will move out into the park to start restroom repairs, building repairs and cleanup, and some Resource Management projects. And for me, I really appreciate the hard work all these individuals have given to make Brazos Bend the best. Give them all a thank you when you see them.

One of my job duties is Appointed Duty Safety Officer (ADSO) for Brazos Bend. This includes inspection and compliance with TPWD Risk Management. I met recently with Volunteer **Bruce Williamson** to discuss the safety program in the park. He gave me an overview of the Volunteer Organization's safety program and I was very impressed. We plan to meet more to ensure that communication stays open between the Staff and Volunteers. In addition, I have held a Quarterly Park Safety Meeting and will be holding one every quarter so all who work at BBSP can attend and contribute to our safety goals. Ranger Safety Meeting this month was over Housekeeping.

Feel free to contact me anytime.

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# DECEMBER MAINTENANCE REPORT

Submitted by Ron Morrison

## Wood Yard:

Unloaded purchased wood  
 Delivered unsplit logs to the wood yard  
 Split about 4 cords of wood  
 Replaced the light and light cover at the 100 loop wood rack

## Trail Trimming and Trail Maintenance:

Staked and tied the Sycamore tree on Creekwood Forest trail



**A**n old farmer's advice to Maintenance Crew members

**A** bumblebee is considerably faster than a John Deere Gator.

# NATURE CENTER REPORT

Submitted by Anna Dell Williamson

Here are the totals for the various activities and attendance recorded for the Nature Center, hikes, and programs for December 1-31, 2008. The park was closed four weekdays for the hunt. Weekday attendance between Christmas and New Year's Day was high. There were several bad weather days with low or no attendance.

PROGRAMS	TOTALS
<b>NATURE CENTER ATTENDANCE</b> December 2008 - 3600	Saturdays (4): 1788 Sundays (4): 788 Weekdays (15): 1024
<b>CREEKFIELD HIKES (3)</b>	95
<b>ALLIGATOR PROGRAMS/HIKES (2)</b>	121
<b>SNAKE PROGRAMS (4)</b>	123
<b>CHILDREN'S STORY TIME (5)</b>	87
<b>BIRD PROGRAMS/HIKES (5)</b>	70
<b>ASK THE RANGER (1)</b>	23
<b>OTHER PROGRAMS (7)</b> Includes Skulls, Otters, Nature's Recyclers, Photo and Videos	49
<b>TOTAL VISITORS SERVED IN HIKES AND PROGRAMS:</b>	568

# VOLUNTEER NEWS & NOTES



... to **Rachelle Watson** and **Diane Carpenter** for all their work transitioning the financial records.

... to the **Watson family** for a special outreach program at their school.

... to those who kept the Nature Center open during Thanksgiving week and between Christmas and New Year's



... to **Pam Tatge** who joins the ranks of volunteers **Rick Dashnau**, **Carol Ramsayer**, **Eddy Grizzaffi**, and **Tom Prentiss** (plus Sharon and David) who are Certified Interpretive Guides. Pam took the course offered by the National Association of Interpretation at the Houston Zoo in December. From time to time, TPWD also offers this course, and it is open to volunteers. If you are interested in this certification, NAI's website will give you all the information you need



## January Anniversaries:

**Fletcher Morgan (Emeritus)**

## February Anniversaries:

**Robert and Shannon Aaron**  
**Suzie and Rick Gann**  
**Linda and Rod Hite**



## January Birthdays:

**Dave Armstrong**  
**Joe Carmichael (Emeritus)**  
**Sharon Hanzik (Staff)**  
**Jim Hiatt**  
**Warren Jackson (Emeritus)**  
**Jane Minard**  
**Ron Morrison**  
**Jim North**  
**Laszlo Perlaky**  
**Marilyn Vossler**  
**Bruce Williamson**

## February Birthdays:

**Jerry Carpenter**  
**Noel Duncan**  
**Devin Elester (Staff)**  
**Blake Flessner (Staff)**  
**Bill Godley**  
**Johnny Hite**  
**Mandy Hite**  
**Sid Jones**  
**Jenn Mantei**  
**Cindy Peterson**  
**Judy Strauss**  
**Pam Tatge**  
**Veronica Telthorster**



Our sincere sympathy goes out to **Candice Kenyon** on the death of her father, December 4, 2008.

## MEETING NIGHT SUPPERS

Just a reminder that we need volunteers to sign up for the meeting night suppers. This meal together gives us an opportunity to get better acquainted with volunteers we might not see all the time. If we don't have more people preparing the meal, we may have to discontinue them. You will prepare food for about 20 people, and you will be reimbursed for your expenses. One person or several people may work on this. Sign up on the web calendar. Paper goods, plastic ware, tea and ice are provided.



## VOLUNTEER T-SHIRTS

We have requests for six volunteer shirts as of January 1. To place an order to our supplier we need at least 12 requests. If you are interested in purchasing a shirt, sweatshirt, etc. please fill out an order envelope found in the gift shop office (green box on the desk). Place your check or cash in the envelope and give to Diane Carpenter, or David or Sharon if Diane is not available.

A chart (see below) is behind the box to help you decide on the type, color and price you want.

### ADULT CHOICES

#### Short-sleeve t-shirts

Colors: ash-light steel-stonewashed blue-stonewash green

Sizes: small, medium, large, x-large-2x-large---price \$7

3x large price \$8

#### Long-sleeve t-shirts

Colors: ash-light steel-stonewashed blue-stonewash green

Sizes: small, medium, large, x-large, 2x-large---price \$8

3x large price \$10

#### Long-sleeve sweat shirts

Colors: natural-ash-light steel-stonewashed green

Sizes: small, medium, large, x-large, 2x-large--price \$11

3x large price \$13

#### Full zip hooded long-sleeve sweatshirt

Colors: sports grey(medium grey), birch (light grey)

Sizes: small, medium, large, x-large, 2x-large--price \$25

3x large price \$27

### CHILDREN'S CHOICES

Sizes medium(10-12) large(14-16)

#### Short-sleeve t-shirts

Colors: ash—natural-sport grey-stonewash blue -stonewash green price \$7

#### Long-sleeve t-shirts

Colors: ash –sport grey price \$8

#### Long-sleeve sweat shirts

Colors: ash –sport grey price \$11

#### Full zip hooded long-sleeve sweatshirt

colors: sports grey (medium grey), birch (light grey) price--\$20

Please contact **Joan Jackson** 713-649-3581 or <joanjack77@sbcglobal.net> if you have any questions.



# NEW VOLUNTEER TRAINING

*Submitted by Anna Dell Williamson*

New volunteer training will be February 7, 14, and 21. The trainees who started training last September, when Ike interrupted everything, will complete their training, along with a few new applicants. Remember, it takes the entire organization's assistance for a successful training program. I am requesting help in the following areas:

**Mentors:** This is a one-on-one buddy who will help the VIT get acquainted and feel comfortable in the group. If you were a mentor for September and your VIT is returning, I will assume you will continue with that person unless you contact me. I will send you a reminder of who you have. Mentors will be asked to contact the VIT at least once a month to check on progress in meeting training requirements, and to offer assistance and/or introductions to others who can assist. It is preferred that the mentors be able to attend the Orientation session on February 7 to get acquainted. We will need 3-5 new mentors this training, plus the continuing ones. If you will be a mentor, please sign up on the special events web calendar by January 15.

**Resources and Contacts:** This is a list of people in several areas of volunteer work that the VITs can contact for assistance in meeting requirements during hands-on training. The list is placed in the training manual for the VIT's to use when they need someone to help with a training requirement. If you are already on the list from September, I will keep your listing, unless you contact me. The following categories now exist: Maintenance; Interpretive Programs; Gift Shop Operation; Nature Center Operation; Drivers for ATV Trail Tours; Hikes and Trail Interpretation (includes Creekfield). This year I will add the following: Wood Yard and Water Station. If you would like to place your name in any of these areas, please send me the following by January 15:

1. Name and contact information
2. Areas you are willing to serve in (please don't just say "anything you need", because the lists need to reflect the areas where you want to help.)

**Orientation Lunch:** I need the usual participation on Orientation day. We will have introductory information starting at 10:00, and then lunch about 11:45. Lunch will be a sandwich meal, and all volunteers are asked to attend and bring items for the lunch - meat, cheese, bread or rolls, and other sandwich fixings and desserts. Please sign up on the special events web calendar by February 1 to let me know if you will be attending and what you will bring. During lunch, volunteers will be asked to introduce themselves.

**Road Tour:** After lunch, there will be an optional road tour for VIT's. If you are willing to drive, please sign up on the special events web calendar by February 1. Also after lunch, **Doris Mager**, the Bird Lady, will be here with a presentation with her raptors. We will invite the VIT's to attend that program, and maybe mentors could attend with their VIT.

**Gift Shop/Nature Center Training:** When you sign up to work the NC or GS, you may have a VIT working with you. There are revised procedure manuals in the Gift Shop and Nature Center. Beginning with this training, VITs who are doing their assisted training will be asked to read the manual at their first session in that area. We are hoping this will help provide more consistency in their training experience. Please take time to look over the manuals prior to assisting a VIT so you are familiar with the contents. If you see anything unclear or missing, please let me know by placing a post-it note on the page with your suggestions. This is a work-in-progress that can be revised easily. I plan to place a copy on the web site as well, so you can review the information at home.

Thank you for your willingness to help our VITs. If we get the VITs off to a good start, we have a better chance of keeping them as active volunteers.

## PHOTO SHOW DEDICATED TO KEN DEBENPORT

Laszlo Perlacky's new portfolio show, "Wabi-Sabi", will be on view at the Fill Your Cup Coffee Shop Gallery (1410 East Highway 90A, Suite 100, Richmond TX 77469) from December 19, 2008 until February 20, 2009. The exhibited pictures were photographed at Brazos Bend State Park during the year. Laszlo used his special soft focus lens to capture the beauty of imperfection. The exhibit is dedicated in memoriam to Ken, who was a great volunteer at Brazos Bend State Park. We will keep him in our memories.

## WHAT'S IN THE GARDEN?

*By Joan Jackson*

### Passion Flower Vine

*Passiflora incarnata*



In the garden, to the right outside the back door of the Nature Center, you will find the passion flower vine growing on a trellis. In the spring if you look closely, you may find caterpillars feeding on the leaves. The caterpillars are dark brown with rust-colored stripes and six rows of branching black spines. After pupation they will become Gulf Fritillary butterflies.

This deciduous perennial vine grows rapidly in light, evenly moist soil. It multiplies by means of foot suckers or seeds. Our flower is purple but other species are either yellow or white. The fruit is the size of a small hen's egg, yellow and filled with seeds surrounded by an edible pulp. It gives Hawaiian Punch its distinctive flavor.

The flower is symbolic of the crucifixion of Christ. The ten petals and sepals are symbolic of the apostles, except for Judas, the betrayer, and Peter, who denied Christ. The five stamens represent the five wounds of Jesus. The three parts of the stigma stand for the three nails and the corona of numerous filaments is the crown of thorns.

If you have room for a vine in your garden, you will be delighted with one of the passion flowers.

## BEARS, BABIES, and RAT SNAKES

*by Dennis Jones*

In the late 80's as the Naturalist at BBSP, I was guiding a group of second graders on a hike around 40 Acre Lake. That in itself is not extraordinary, but on the top of the Observation Tower I had a conversation with one of the children that I think surprised his teacher. We were talking about swamps and alligators and the little guy asked me if Gus the bear lived here. I told him he did not, that he lived in the southeastern United States in Paddlecab County where Floyd and Jolene, the alligators, Gus's antagonists, lived as well. The teacher was astonished. I could tell by the look of wonder, curiosity, and surprise in her eyes. It was

if we had a private language we were speaking. He was satisfied with my answer and we proceeded with the hike. So what was that all about? He was referring to cartoon characters he watched on Saturday mornings on a program called “Kissyfur” about a bear cub, his dad, Gus and Floyd and Jolene. Kissyfur (sounds somewhat like Christopher) and Gus protected the swamp. They had an air boat that the other animals used, and Floyd and Jolene were always causing some kind of trouble.

So what is my point? I guess it is that I found a way to communicate with that little fellow on his own level, and communication can occur on diverse levels and many different ways. Here’s another example: On numerous occasions, children on my hikes would walk up to me and slip their hand inside mine. We would walk down the trail holding hands, then another child would take my other hand and I believe if I had two more hands they would be filled also. At first it frightened me in this politically correct world of predators and prey. I certainly was not a predator, but I was afraid I would be accused of some kind of inappropriate behavior nevertheless. Yep, these days it’s probably best NOT to hold hands with children on a hike but after thinking about it, I decided it was more important that the child not be refused by their innocent gesture. It was another way of communicating. Sharing the wonders of nature with a trusted mentor was more important political correctness.

Probably the hardest thing to do as an interpreter is to let nature do the communicating and recognize other ways to communicate besides talking. To be silent in the presence of nature and allow folks to use their senses. To resist the temptation to share everything you know with hikers. I recall a time when I was talking to a group of youngsters when a rat snake appeared. At first the screams and shouting were uncontrollable, but when the initial shock wore off the children we astonished to see the snake climb a tree. I couldn’t improve on that. I could later answer the questions the snake generated and use the opportunity to grow knowledge. That is what nature interpretation should be about – guiding, not forcing reasonable conclusions, arrived at through personal experience and observation.

## 2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 2	Night Hike, HQ, Reservation Required, 7:00 PM
January 3	Brazos River Pickers, Amphitheater, 5:00 PM
January 9	Bird Hike, 40-Acre Lake, 8:00 AM
	Night Hike, HQ, Reservation Required, 7:00 PM
January 10	Regular meeting, 5:30 PM
January 11	Bird Hike, 40-Acre Lake, 8:00 AM
January 16	Night Hike, HQ, Reservation Required, 7:00 PM
January 17	“Sunset at the Tower” Bird Hike, Observation Tower, 5:00 PM
January 19	Martin Luther King Day Holiday
January 23	Night Hike, HQ, Reservation Required, 7:00 PM
January 30	Night Hike, HQ, Reservation Required, 7:00 PM
February 6	Bird Hike, 40-Acre Lake, 8:00 AM
	Night Hike, HQ, Reservation Required, 7:00 PM
February 7	Brazos River Pickers, Amphitheater, 5:00 PM
February 13	Night Hike, HQ, Reservation Required, 7:00 PM
February 14	Regular meeting, 5:30 PM
February 14-15	Texas Outdoor Family Workshop
February 15	Bird Hike, 40-Acre Lake, 8:00 AM
February 16	President’s Day Holiday
February 20	Night Hike, HQ, Reservation Required, 7:00 PM
February 27	Night Hike, HQ, Reservation Required, 7:00 PM



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→ **NEXT MEETING DAY AND TIME** ←  
**SATURDAY, January 10, 2009 at 5:30 PM**



**REGULAR VOLUNTEER EVENTS**

Creekfield Hikes	Every Saturday and Sunday at 10:00 AM, led by volunteers
Photo Hikes	First Saturday of each month
Volunteer meeting	Second Saturday of each month at 5:30 PM; Supper at 5:00 PM
Bird Hikes	See schedule in calendar

**BRAZOS BEND STATE PARK VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION**

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