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At TMAS's January board meeting the decision was made to publish **Flight Patterns** quarterly. There are several reasons behind this decision: the closure of Lima's bulk mailing center makes mailing the newsletter more expensive (a 54% increase for every mailing piece in the 458 ZIP area); the cost of mailing labels has increased substantially; and our membership is growing. This move will also consolidate time necessary for the preparation and mailing of the newsletter. TMAS wants to simplify volunteer efforts as much as possible. We hope you enjoy your new quarterly newsletter.

CALENDAR

TRI-MORAINE'S 2011 EVENING PROGRAM MEETINGS are scheduled the first Tuesday of the month, September through November and January through May. Meetings are held in the Visitor/Student Services Center, 3900 Campus Dr., OSU-Lima. (Enter campus off Mumaugh Rd.; first building on left). Meetings and events are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted. Dates and times appear in the calendar write-ups below. In case of bad weather, meeting cancelations will be posted on WLIO(NBC/channel35) and WOHL(FOX/channel 25).

March 1, 7:30pm
Program Meeting
OSU Campus



OPEN SPACES UP FOR GRABS. Tuesday, March 1. Amanda Wischmeyer, Pres. of the West Central Ohio Land Conservancy (WCOLC), a non-profit volunteer organization, will speak on local land preservation efforts in our seven county WCOLC area. Topics include the loss of open space, how local land trusts are making a difference in helping preserve irreplaceable habitats and prime farmland, local open space issues, protecting open space, land trusts and conservation easements, and the benefits of a conservation easement. Amanda, an Environmental Biologist, Landscape Designer & TMAS member, is owner of a small landscaping company, Down To Earth Landscaping Services, which specializes in sustainable native landscapes.

SEED EXCHANGE – Remember to bring your seeds to the March 1st program meeting. Package your seeds in envelopes or sandwich bags and include a brief description with information like name, color, where best to plant, height, etc. If you weren't able to save seeds and want to participate, you can purchase flower seeds at a garden store. Regardless, you can take seeds for your garden.

March 19, 10:00am
Field Trip
Killdeer Plains

KILLDEER PLAINS WILDLIFE FIELD TRIP. Saturday, March 19. Killdeer Plains Wildlife Area, Wyandot/Marion Cos., provides us an opportunity to explore some of the 8,000+ acres of wetlands, prairies, and woodlots as we look for ducks, hawks, owls, woodpeckers, sparrows, and other passerines. Wear warm clothes/bring a lunch/snacks/beverages, field guides/binoculars, etc. Much of the birdwatching will be of the "park and look" variety, but there will be some walking. The chapter's spotting scope will be available for all to use. A carpool will depart at 10 am from the Eastgate parking lot behind Wendy's on SR 309, Lima. Participants may also meet the group at 11 am at the Upground Reservoir. Trippers may stay as late as dusk unless a Short-eared Owl turns up earlier in the day. The field trip is free and open to the public, experienced and beginning birders are welcome. For more information contact Eric Broughton at 419-999-1987 or ebroughton@woh.rr.com.

April 5, 7:30pm
Program Meeting
OSU Campus



GRAND LAKE ST. MARYS RESTORATION. Tuesday April 5. Milt Miller, a public spokesperson for the Grand Lake St. Marys Restoration Commission (LRC), will provide an update of actions and plans of the commission for the coming year. Miller, a dedicated environmentalist, is committed to the restoration of Grand Lake St. Marys. He is one of the original members of the Lake Development Corporation, a group of local business people dedicated to improving the economy of the Grand Lake St. Marys area. His efforts on behalf of the Commission have been critical to its success. As a result of his work on the Commission, he was awarded the coveted 2010 Guardian of the Lake award by the Lake Improvement Association.

April 9, 8:30am
Field Trip
Oak Openings-
Toledo Metropark

OAK OPENINGS PRESERVE, LUCAS COUNTY. Saturday, April 9. The Oak Openings Region in Lucas Co. is a globally rare ecosystem. Approximately 22 miles long, and 5 miles wide, we will explore a small portion contained in and around the Oak Openings Preserve (part of the Toledo Metropark system; metroparkstoledo.com). Prickly-pear cactus, wild lupine and sand cherry bloom atop dry, hot sand dunes just yards away from orchids growing in low, wet swales. Such contrasts are what make the Oak Openings the subject of endless fascination for naturalists and is home to more endangered native plant species than any other place in Ohio. We will meet to carpool in the Eastgate Shopping Center parking lot behind Wendy's on SR 309, Lima at 8:30am. There are a number of walking trails around the Buehner Center for the Oak Openings that we might explore during the day. Current plans are to leave the preserve around 3 p.m. Dress for the weather, pack a lunch, snacks, water, binoculars, camera, etc. All are welcome to join us as we enjoy this special place. Please contact Eric Broughton at 419-999-1987 for additional information.

April 22
ORC fish fry

SUPPORT THE ORC! The Ottawa River Coalition's Good Friday fish fry will be held on April 22, 11am to 6:30pm, in the Youth Building at the Allen County Fairgrounds. Note additional information in area media closer to April 22 or call Carol at 419-227-9231. TMAS is a member organization of the ORC.

This is a great way to celebrate Earth Day!

April 30, 9am-noon
Ottawa River
Clean-Up

17th ANNUAL OTTAWA RIVER CLEAN-UP, Saturday April 30, 9am-noon. Start at the Allen County Red Cross Chapter House, corner of North Shore Drive and Collett Street, Lima, to register, pick up trash bags, etc. Dress for the weather (old clothes/comfortable footwear). Gloves are mandatory (provided if needed). NOTE: Youth under 18 MUST have parental permission and be accompanied by an adult. You can register representing any group and it would be great to have some members represent Tri-Moraine. Watch area media for more info.

April-May
Volunteer
Opportunity

SAVE THE WILDFLOWERS. Volunteers are needed in the battle against garlic mustard at Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Park District's Kendrick Woods. You can set your own pace, your work will be appreciated, you get to know some really great people, and being outdoors has its own rewards. Workdays are scheduled as follows: Mondays (9am - noon) April 4, 11, 18, & 25; Thursdays (6pm - dusk) April 14 & 28 ---- Mondays (9am - noon) May 2, 9, & 30; Thursdays (6pm - dusk) May 12 & 26; Saturday (1 - 4pm) May 7. Additional workdays and hours will be set as needed. For more information and to register as a volunteer, contact JAMPD Naturalist Mark Mohr at 419-223-1025.

May 3, 7:30pm
Program Meeting
OSU Campus

LOONEY TUNES: MALE LOON YODEL COMMUNICATIONS. Tuesday, May 3, 7:30pm. Jay Mager, ONU Assistant Professor, Dept. of Biological and Allied Health Sciences, will discuss aspects of his research in North-Central Wisconsin focusing on the specifics of how male loons acquire territories and defend them. You can learn much about a male loon from his tune! Male loons communicate information about their fighting abilities and motivation to escalate a contest through an acoustic signal called a yodel. Geared to the nature enthusiast, do not miss the highlights of Dr. Mager's research.

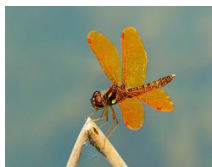


May 7
Field Trip
St. Marys River IBA

SPRING MIGRATION GRAND LAKE ST.MARYS REGION FIELD TRIP. Enjoy migration at one local IBA (Important Bird Area). We should be able to see Bald Eagles, a heron rookery, ducks, and many songbirds on this trip as we explore habitat locations around the lake, fish hatchery, and 40-Acre Pond. Plan to meet in the Eastgate mall parking lot behind Wendy's on SR 309, Lima, at 9:00am. If anyone wishes to meet us in St. Marys, we will start at the north end of 40-Acre Pond around 9:30am. Dress for the weather, bring a sack lunch, (or money to stop somewhere in St.Marys/Celina), binoculars, and field guides. The chapter will bring the spotting scope. For more information contact Eric Broughton at 419-999-1987 or ebroughton@woh.rr.com.

May 9, 6:30am
Field Trip
Big Birding Day
Lake Erie

BIG BIRDING DAY-WESTERN LAKE ERIE IBAs. Monday, May 9. This annual all-day trek by TMAS birders will visit six or seven of Lake Erie's best birding locations during the peak of the spring migration. A car pool will depart at 6:30am from Lima's Eastgate Mall parking lot behind Wendy's on SR 309. Appropriate clothing/footwear, binoculars, sun protection, lunch/snacks/beverages, and field guides are recommended. The group will leave "rain or shine" and return in the evening. The goal is to spot and identify 100 bird species. Open to the public. All interested birders, including beginners, are welcome. For more information contact Eric Broughton at 419-999-1987 or ebroughton@woh.rr.com.



STILL HAVEN'T PURCHASED YOUR "OWLS"? Priced at \$15 (Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) price), the 2010 OWLS is still available at TMAS program meetings and events, (or by mailing a check (payable to [Tri-Moraine Audubon Society](http://www.audubon.org)) to PO Box 5648, Lima, OH 45802-5648. The new 2011 OWLS stamp winning photo of a male Eastern Amberwing Dragonfly (at left) by Sharon Cummings of Graytown, OH will be available in March.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAYS. The North Central Ohio Solid Waste District (NCOSWD) has altered its hazardous waste collection program for 2011. All details are not finalized. As of now, there will be two collection sites to serve Allen, Hardin, and Shelby Counties. Starting in April and continuing through October, there will be multiple collection days at each site. To obtain detailed information including dates, location, list of acceptable items, etc., residents of these three TMAS counties should watch for local media announcements, visit the website www.ncowaste.org (probably click on "2011 HHW flier"), or call 1-800-553-6763. NCOSWD's district office has moved to 815 Shawnee Road, Suite D, Lima, OH 45805, 419-228-8278.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK. April 19-25 "Celebrating People in Action" ----Tri-Moraine salutes all its volunteers for their support of chapter programs and projects. The Society couldn't exist without the voluntary help of its members and friends. Why not volunteer? You're needed, you'll be appreciated, you'll learn more about the chapter and make new friends, and you'll have a lot of fun. If you can help, call Bob Bertrand, volunteer chair, at 419-227-9231.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE. The official time for electing new officers and board members is at the annual meeting in May preceding the program meeting. Nominations are open for vice president (2-year term) and treasurer (2-year term). Submit nominations to, Eric Broughton at 419-9991987 or ebroughton@woh.rr.com, or via the chapter's mailing address. Nominations must be received no later than March 31, 2011. Prior consent of nominees is required. The slate will be presented at the April 5 program meeting.

NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE BY E-MAIL. Contact Bill Askins, chapter membership database chair, at waskins@woh.rr.com. State name, mailing address, e-mail address, and your desire to receive Flight Patterns via e-mail. You will receive an e-mail notice of website availability containing a URL you can click on that will take you to the newsletter (in PDF format) on the chapter's website.

MEMBERSHIP. If you are reading this newsletter and would like to become an Audubon member, you can check out the TMAS website for info about the two types of membership offered by the chapter. You can download a membership form or obtain a brochure by contacting Bill Askins at the above e-mail address, calling him at 419-339-9751, or mailing to Bill @ the chapter's PO Box. This information is for new members only. No renewals.

2010 CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT RESULTS

by Eric Juterbock

Meeting at 0730 hrs on Saturday, 18 December 2010, in the McDonalds in Russell's Point, sixteen TMAS birders prepared for the Indian Lake CBC (OHIL). There were five groups of counters, including Nick Fensler (Alger); Curtis Gingerich and Timothy Schlabach (Belle Center); Ralph Shively (Bellefontaine); Abby and Evelyn Prater (Harrod); LeAnn Swonguer (Huntsville); Don Rosenbeck (Jackson Center); David Bohla (Lakeview); Jackie Augustine (Lima); Eric Juterbock [coordinator] (Rushsylvania); Bill and Sally Angel (St. Marys); and, Brianna Braun, Troy Shively and M. L. (Doc) Stephenson (Wapakoneta). There was very little open water (ice covered the lake and most of small streams), 2-5 inches of snow on the ground, and it was partly cloudy all day. Winds were from the southwest at 8-17 mph, with temperatures 14-23 F. We covered 233.5 miles in 24.5 group hours by car, and 11.25 miles in 6.75 group hours on foot, between 8 a.m. and 5:15 p.m.

We saw the following OHIL birds (new species or record high numbers over the last 22 years are bolded): Canada Goose, 264; Mute Swan, **12**; Mallard, 227; mallard hybrid, 5; Redhead, 2; Ruddy Duck, 2; Great Blue Heron, 2; No. Harrier, 5; Sharp-shinned Hawk, 1; Cooper's Hawk, 4; Red-tailed Hawk, 17; Amer. Kestrel, 13; Rock Pigeon, 133; Mourning Dove, 322; Belted Kingfisher, 1; Red-headed Woodpecker, 6; Red-bellied Woodpecker, 37; Downy Woodpecker, 28; Hairy Woodpecker, 2; No. (Y-S) Flicker, 5; Pileated Woodpecker, 2; Blue Jay, 72; Amer. Crow, 99; Horned Lark, 569; Carolina Chickadee, 14; chickadee, sp(p). 20; Tufted Titmouse, 15; Red-breasted Nuthatch, **18**; White-breasted Nuthatch, 17; Carolina Wren, 1; **House Wren**, 1; Golden-crowned Kinglet, 6; Amer. Robin, 21; No. Mockingbird, 3; Euro. Starling, 943; Cedar Waxwing, 3; Amer. Tree Sparrow, 152; Song Sparrow, 38; White-throated Sparrow, 22; White-crowned Sparrow, 6; Dark-eyed (S-C) Junco, **182**; Lapland Longspur, 17; Snow Bunting, 8; No. Cardinal, 69; Ea. Meadowlark, 7; Brown-headed Cowbird, 1; Purple Finch, 1; House Finch, 37; Common Redpoll, 2; Pine Siskin, 1; Amer. Goldfinch, 77; and, House Sparrow, 967. This is a total of 50 species, and 4479 individuals. Common Grackle was seen during count week, but not on count day.

Despite a lower turnout at 0730 hrs as the TMAS crew arrived at McDonalds in St. Marys for the Grand Lake CBC (OHGL) on Sunday, 19 December 2008, the intrepid counters were grandly welcomed. As we sat organizing ourselves, a Cooper's Hawk swooped across the parking lot and landed about 25 feet from the window in a small tree; it remained there looking about for over five minutes! Six counters, in four groups, included Don and Mary Rosenbeck (Jackson Center); Eric Juterbock [coordinator] (Rushsylvania); Bill Angel and Jill Bowers (St. Marys); and, M. L. (Doc) Stephenson (Wapakoneta). We spent 19.5 group hours in cars covering 232.9 miles, and 9.75 group hours on foot over 12.6 miles, between 0800 and 1730 hrs. The temperature ranged from 19-26 F with 4-12 mph winds, from the west. Water was mostly frozen, skies were clear by midday, and there was from 2 to 5 inches of snow on the ground.

We recorded the following OHGL birds (conventions as above): Canada Goose, 1732; Amer. Black Duck, 1; Mallard, 212; Ruddy Duck, 1; Ring-necked Pheasant, 1; Great Blue Heron, 6; Bald Eagle, 1; Cooper's Hawk, 3; Red-tailed Hawk, 24; Amer. Kestrel, 9; Ring-billed Gull, 1; Rock Pigeon, 127; Mourning Dove, 245; Red-bellied Woodpecker, 11; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, 1; Downy Woodpecker, 19; Hairy Woodpecker, 1; No. (Y-S) Flicker, 3; Blue Jay, 26; Amer. Crow, 5; Horned Lark, 809; Carolina Chickadee, 11; chickadee, sp(p)., 29; Tufted Titmouse, 9; Red-breasted Nuthatch, 2; White-breasted Nuthatch, 14; Carolina Wren, 4; Golden-crowned Kinglet, 9; Ruby-crowned Kinglet, 1; Amer. Robin, 4; Euro. Starling, 2278; Amer. Tree Sparrow, 195; Song Sparrow, 29; sparrow, sp(p)., 6; Dark-eyed (S-C) Junco, 124; No. Cardinal, 54; Ea. Meadowlark, 10; House Finch, 17; Amer. Goldfinch, 61; and, House Sparrow, 833. This is 38 species and 6928 individuals.

High counts for specific species and new species over the last 22 years were minimal. It is likely the case that each of the participants had highlights to their day(s) of counting that made the effort worthwhile, and the data are clearly worth a great deal in terms of tracking winter bird populations, but the overall results are not really that exciting. All of the ice worked against finding many birds associated with water, and may have led to fewer of the migrant songbirds hanging around. Some trends are noticeable. Bald Eagles are seen fairly regularly now at both lakes; Mute Swans are more regularly seen now at OHIL than at OHGL (water quality effect?). Robins were present on 5 of first 11 years, but 9 of last 11, on both counts; mockingbirds at OHIL were seen on only 12 of 22 counts, but the last 11 in a row. At OHIL, first 11 years vs. second 11 years breakdowns for White-throated (1, 9) and White-crowned (3, 7) Sparrows and Brown-headed Cowbird (2, 7) clearly show them becoming more commonly observed recently. Whether this could be due to warmer winters is less clear due to the lack of such a pattern for the sparrows at OHGL. Habitat changes could also lead to altered movements.

Thanks to all of the volunteers and don't forget to look for opportunities to bird in the St. Marys River-Grand Lake IBA; bird data from that region can be very useful in monitoring the health of the IBA.

PRESIDENT'S NOTES: It is freezing outside now and I am writing to you about activities planned for May. I suppose having four different seasons is one of the "joys" of living in this part of Ohio. After this winter, I will certainly enjoy my spring hike through the woods a little more. *** In my humble opinion, we have some wonderful programs and field trips coming up in the coming months. We have already started planning activities for next year. At the next couple meetings and activities, I will be passing out a short survey to get all your ideas for programs and field trips. If you can't attend one of these events and have ideas to share, please call or email me with your suggestions. *** A brief reminder to those who are still planning to donate to the TMAS 2010-2011 Annual Appeal, please send your check in before May 15th so that we can receive the matching donation and recognize you in the summer newsletter. The chapter's fiscal year is the calendar year but its chapter year begins June 1 and ends May 31. *** You may notice that the TMAS newsletter is now going to be mailed every three months instead of every two months. This change will provide you with the news of upcoming activities a little further in advance and save the chapter some money. After twelve months and four newsletters, we will evaluate the change based on the feedback we receive from the membership. So please let us know how you like the change. *** For those of you who have never attended one of the chapter's Environmental Education Weekends, I urge you to spend a weekend in the woods with us this year. If you are a parent or grandparent, spending a weekend away from the TV, Facebook, and video games will give you a great chance to reconnect with the young people in your life without the distractions that everyday life provides. *** I realize no one has responded to pleas for help lately, but please consider that your chapter has no vice-president, secretary, field trip chairperson, and very soon a program chairperson. Perhaps now is the time to start asking questions about how you can help keep the chapter running smoothly...it's not that difficult, does not require a great deal of time, and is very rewarding. I hope to see you at a TMAS meeting or event sometime soon. Eric Broughton



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32nd ANNUAL ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION WEEKEND April 29 - May 1, 2011

Tri-Moraine Audubon Society will hold its 32nd annual Environmental Education Weekend (EEW) at Camp Myeerah, SR 540 near Bellefontaine April 29th through May 1st. This weekend provides an opportunity to learn about and experience nature in a truly unique environmental setting. Camp Myeerah is comprised of nearly 500 acres of diverse habitat with meadows, lakes, streams and woodland. Camp Myeerah is one of 66 sites in Ohio which have been designated as an Important Bird Area (IBA). Programs will include opportunities to learn about and participate in field trips on birdwatching, wildflowers, stream/pond ecology, woody plants and other nature related programs. Timed to coincide with the spring migration of neo-tropical migrant warblers and spring wildflowers, the weekend will provide a truly unique family oriented educational opportunity!

The weekend begins with registration starting at 5:00pm on Friday, April 29th and ends Sunday afternoon, May 1st. All meals are provided for Saturday and Sunday. Camping options include tree houses which sleep 6 people and have sleeping pads on the floor, platform tents which have sleeping pads for 4, and covered wagons which have sleeping pads for 5. You may also bring your own tent to pitch near a small pond. Dormitory accommodations are available if you prefer an option in a heated building with full restroom facilities. Due to insurance considerations, this opportunity is **available for National Audubon members or TMAS local members and their immediate families only**. For information on joining the Audubon Society, please see the membership form found in this newsletter or for dual NAS/TMAS membership contact Bill Askins at waskins@woh.rr.com or 419-339-9751.

You might want to view photos of previous EE weekends; visit the EEW Photo Gallery on TMAS's website at www.tri-moraineaudubon.org. For more information contact Don Rosenbeck, dmrosenbeck@gmail.com or Eric Broughton, ebroughton@woh.rr.com. Information is also available by writing TMAS, PO Box 5648, Lima, OH 45802-5648.

WAPAKONETA RECYCLE REPORT. On January 3rd, TMAS received the results from its annual Saturday morning stint (9/11/10) at Wapakoneta's recycling collection facility. Thanks to the following 24 volunteers who unloaded vehicles of various recyclables and sorted all that plastic: Fern & Wayne Albertson, Liz Vogt, and Priscilla West (Ada); Mary Neeley (Alger); Ivan & Rachel Friesen (Bluffton); Don & Mary Rosenbeck (Jackson Center); Bob & Carol Bertrand, Anne Edwards, Larry & Lois Risser, Tom Sciranka, and Jason Smedley (Lima); Rita Borges, Daniel & Diana Bogan, Mike & Pam Doepker, Kerri & Marea Pouzar, and Dianne Knipp (Wapakoneta). The chapter received a check for \$679.79. Some prices were up from 2009 (increases from 1¢ per lb. for tin cans to 9¢ per lb. for HDPE-Color and 22¢ per lb. for aluminum cans). We had double the poundage of aluminum cans this year thanks to the donation of one unknown individual. The 2011 annual recycle date is September 10 (Saturday). We need 24 volunteers -- please mark this date on your calendar. If you can't volunteer, please save your aluminum cans. When you're out walking, pick up those ubiquitous pop and beer cans. Help your health and your chapter at the same time.

WINTER BIRDSEED SALE RESULTS. Co-chair Anne Smedley reports that the February sale raised \$783.73 (including \$198.90 in donations). TMAS thanks those who restocked their seed supplies, DeHaven Home and Garden Showplace for providing both store locations for the sale and for all the other great backup support, and Northland Quick Print for printing the sale fliers. Thanks to our volunteers who toled heavy bags, prepared mailing labels, mailed fliers, and provided customer service: Bill Askins, Bob & Carol Bertrand, David Betts, and Anne & Arianna Smedley (Lima).

WATCH THOSE RENEWAL NOTICES FROM NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY. When you receive your renewal notice from the National Audubon Society, your membership expiration date is not included. You can easily find your expiration date by looking in the upper righthand corner of the mailing label on your chapter newsletter (e.g., 06/11 M). This means that your dual National/Chapter membership expires June 30, 2011. If you want to pay your membership way ahead, that's your call, but the chapter is receiving membership dates extending out to 2018. If you have any membership concerns regarding your expiration date, the spelling of your name, address change, or new e-mail provider, contact Bill Askins, chapter membership database chair at 419-339-9751 or waskins@woh.rr.com.

2011 ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION WEEKEND REGISTRATION FORM

April 29 – May 1, 2011

For more details, please visit our website at www.tri-moraineaudubon.org

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Early Bird - April 15, 2011 Regular - April 22, 2011

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

e-mail address: _____

List all other members of your family/group that will be attending (include ages if under 18): _____

Vehicle Make/Model: _____ License No.: _____

Your anticipated – Arrival date: _____ & time: _____ Departure date: _____ & time: _____

A. REGISTRATION FEE: Due to insurance regulations, the weekend is open to **Audubon MEMBERS ONLY**
(To become a member, please ALSO complete the Supporting (Local) Membership form found in newsletter)

Early Bird registration must be postmarked on or before 4-15-11; \$10.00 late fee due per person if postmarked after 4-22-11
 We reserve the right to limit the total number of attendees due to limited camp accommodations.
NOTICE: ABSOLUTELY NO REFUNDS EXCEPT FOR MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

Qty	<u>Early Bird Registration</u> (On or before Apr 15)	<u>(Regular Registration)</u> (Apr 16 - 22)	<u>Registration Fee</u> (Qty x Fee)
_____ Adults (13 and older) -	@ \$26.00 each	Add \$6.00 each	_____
_____ Children (2 - 12) -	@ \$16.00 each	Add \$6.00 each	_____
_____ Children - Under 2 -	FREE	FREE	_____
Total Registration Fee:			_____

Please indicate any dietary restrictions/preferences: Veg _____ (# people) Other _____ (# people)

B. LODGING - Please indicate by (check) a **1st AND 2nd choice** (in case of unavailability of your 1st choice)
(Please indicate the quantity of each desired ONLY IF more than 1 unit is required – i.e., 2 tents)

(1 st Choice)	(2nd Choice)	ACCOMMODATIONS (note quantity available in each category)
_____	_____	PERSONAL TENT
_____	_____	TREEHOUSE* (sleeps 6) - 4 units
_____	_____	COVERED WAGON* (sleeps 5) - 7 units
_____	_____	DORMITORY (bunk beds - sleeps 30)
_____	_____	PLATFORM TENT (sleeps 4 - 5) – 12 units (2 wheelchair accessible units are available upon request)

* We **MAY** only allow families of 4 or more to reserve these units **IF** camp accommodations are limited

Please make checks payable to **TRI-MORaine AUDUBON SOCIETY**, and Mail registration form to Eric Broughton, 3167 Clement Dr, Lima OH 45806-1101.

A program brochure will be "mailed" as confirmation of your reservation; please indicate whether you would prefer to receive the brochure via _____ e-mail or _____ regular mail. (Please check only one.)

TMAS CAMP MYEERAH EEW POLICIES

- 1) Parents, grandparents and guardians must supervise the children under their care in a manner which assures the children's safety and that of other persons, as well as the environment.
- 2) No individual campfires are allowed.
- 3) No firearms or weapons of any kind are allowed.
- 4) All participants must adhere to the **Girl Scouts of Western Ohio** policies. The Girl Scout policies will be posted at the Camp Myeerah Lodge.

Failure to follow these policies shall result in corrective action that may include expulsion from the campground and may affect future registration for EEW programs.

Become a Supporting Member of TRI-MORaine AUDUBON SOCIETY – ONLY FOR THOSE CURRENTLY NOT NATIONAL AUDUBON MEMBERS
 Tri-Moraine, a totally volunteer 501(c)(3) organization, is a chapter of the National Audubon Society (NAS).
 TMAS serves Allen, Auglaize, Hancock, Hardin, Logan, Mercer, Shelby, and Van Wert Counties.
 All members receive a membership card, eligibility to attend Environmental Education Weekend, the chapter's mailings including its quarterly newsletter & a 10% discount on chapter nature store purchases. To report membership issues, contact Bill Askins at 419-339-9751 or e-mail waskins@woh.rr.com.

Name (please print) _____ Telephone _____

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All dues renew annually at same rates:
 Individual (18 and over) -- \$10 Couple -- \$15 Student (through HS) -- \$5 Do not share name with NAS
 Family -- \$20 (Circle one): Parent(s)/children under 18 OR Grandparent(s)/children under 18 Contact me about volunteer opportunities

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