FRIENDS OF THE COPPELL NATURE PARK

GUEST LECTURE SERIES

FALL 2015 – SPRING 2016

ADMISSION IS FREE
BIODIVERSITY EDUCATION CENTER, 367 FREEPORT PARKWAY, COPPELL

GEOLOGY AND FOSSILS OF THE COPPELL NATURE PARK

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 • 10 AM TO 12 PM

Dr. David Goodner is returning to the podium to present his PowerPoint presentation and hands-on tour of the Park to describe the geology of our area and the fossils that comprise our archaeological history. This is a must-see presentation and very popular with students and adults.

WILD NEIGHBORS: SOLVING URBAN WILDLIFE PROBLEMS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17 • 10 AM TO 12 PM

Bonnie Bradshaw will share creative solutions for homeowners and property managers for dealing with all those critters we find in our landscapes. You won't want to miss this helpful presentation.

I-NATURALIST: BECOMING A SCIENCE CITIZEN

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21 • 10 AM TO 12 PM

Chris Jackson of DFW Urban Wildlife, will teach the I-Naturalist web site. From hikers to hunters, birders to bee-keepers, the world is filled with people curious about wildlife and habitat within their communities and the world. And many record what they find. If enough people recorded their observations, it would provide a living record of wildlife in our community that scientists and land managers could use to monitor changes in biodiversity, and information anyone could use to learn more about nature in North Texas.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT AND TOUR AT COPPELL NATURE PARK

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12 • 8 AM TO 12 PM

North Lake College's Chuck Siegel will conduct an early morning bird count of CNP from 8 to 9:30 and will present "Birds of North Texas" from 10 to 12. This will be a special opportunity for attendees to participate in the nation's annual bird count for the Audubon Society records.

RAPTORS OF NORTH TEXAS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16 • 10AM TO 12,

Erich Neupert, Executive Director of the Black Land Prairie Raptor Center, will be here to promote these great birds. Don't miss this one-of-a-kind presentation.

RESPONSIBLE RESOURCE USE AND MANAGEMENT

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20 • 10AM TO 12 PM

In partnership with CISD students from New Tech High school will present an environmental proposal that will better our quality of life. Some ideas they've generated in the past have been to propose green walls, to paint the roofs on local buildings lighter colors, and the creation of green spaces to reduce the urban heat island effect.

SNAKES AND REPTILES

SATURDAY, MARCH 5 • 10 AM TO 12 PM

Roger Sanderson, Director of Horticulture for Texas Discovery Gardens, will return to discuss snakes and reptiles of North Texas. This is a very interesting presentation with "hands-on" opportunities with these critters. Roger is one of the States highly acclaimed instructors on this subject. Don't miss this interesting lecture.

THE CASE FOR RESIDENTIAL SOLAR

SATURDAY, APRIL 16 • 10 AM TO 12 PM

Solar energy in this country is becoming very affordable and several companies make "going solar" very attractive. This seminar is about actual residential costs, results, and experiences as garnered from area residents who use solar to offset rising electrical demand. Brandon Morton of North Lake College and Coppell resident Lou Duggan will share their hands-on and objective experiences with solar from actual costs to savings. If considering solar, you will want to hear what they have to say.

BLACK LAND PRAIRIE RESTORATION

SATURDAY, MAY 21 • 10 AM TO 12 PM

For the past 3 years the students of Holly Anderson's Coppell High School science class have been working to restore a portion of the Black Land Prairie within Coppell Nature Park. They are ready to report their progress and some of their findings. This should be a very interesting exposition of community service with an environmental application.

The goal of the "FCNP Guest Lecture Series" is to promote and provide hands-on environmental education. Its purpose is to facilitate adult and youth education at all levels—from academic to professional to hobby. Participants of the education programs, for both school and the community, observe and learn about local flora, fauna, and environmental sustainability issues, as well as develop a deeper connection to their environment through nature.

The FCNP Guest Lecture Series has also been approved for advanced training credits for any North Texas Master Naturalist. The Texas Master Naturalist volunteer program is coordinated by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and supported by a variety of local organizations.

The Biodiversity Education Center is only open to the public during center program offerings.