9:00 pm Friday and Saturday: Explore the Night! Evening Activities

Venture out into the night and learn something new from outstanding leaders at one of the many night programs planned for you! Most activities are available throughout the evening for anyone who wants to drop by. Others with “limited attendance” indicated at the end of description, will have a sign-up sheet at the registration desk on Friday and again on Saturday morning. Be on the lookout for some great last-minute additions to the line-up when you check-in.

- **Creatures of the Night**: We will drive to several nearby locations within Shawnee to seek out creatures large and small! We may hear the plaintive call of the whip-poor-will, the raspy “reeek” of the mountain chorus frogs, or the haunting hoot of an owl. Shawnee’s rich habitat should produce a plethora of fauna such as amphibians, reptiles as well as a host of other wildlife surprises. **Leader Jim McCormac (Limited attendance)**

- **Adams County Nightjars**: You will meet up with your hosts in Adams County to follow them to one of the few locations in Ohio to not only Whip-poor-wills but also their much rarer and larger cousin the Chuck-will's-widow. We will listen for the repeated calls of both species as well as learn a little more about these two members of the nightjar family. In addition, we may drive another 10 minutes to witness an evening light show performed by Spring Four Flashers (Photuris quadrifilgens), and other firefly species. Roadside parking will be limited so we encourage carpooling. **Leaders: Ned Keller/Kathy McDonald (Limited attendance)**

- **Moths and more**: The diversity of host plants in Shawnee State Park means that this area is a premier spot for some of the most spectacular and unusual moths in the state. If you think that moths are small, brown and boring, we urge you to drop by to see the jaw-dropping colors and patterns found on the wings of moths. Ohio moth expert, Diane Platco Brooks, and other knowledgeable volunteers, will be on hand to help us identify and learn more about the many moths and other insects lured in by the special lights. Moths found at this time of year will include some crowd pleasers such as the Rosy Maple Moth, Io, Promethea and Polyphemus moths. **Leaders: Diane Platco Brooks, Molly and Dan Kenney**

- **Tour of the Night Sky**: If we are favored with clear skies, we will take a tour of the night sky highlighting double stars and galaxies. Bring binoculars if you have them and a red lens flashlight so as not to disrupt night vision. **Leader Scott Hogsten**

- **Bats**: Did you know that bats can be identified by the different frequencies they use to echolocate? Stop by and observe bats feeding and listen to the bats honing in on their insect prey! Meredith Cobb will use a “bat detector” to identify who is swooping about in the sky. **Leader: Meredith Cobb**

For evening trips, we suggest you bring a flashlight or headlamp with you. You may need these for your night trips or to navigate unlit paths around the lodge. However, we discourage the use of bright spot lights. At night, it takes time for our eyes to adjust so that we can fully appreciate the stars and night critters. **Please note, this is not a collecting event.**