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Janis Blanton | Marsh Wren

Summer is here and is a wonderful time to look for the smaller winged creatures at Oxley Nature Center. You can join us for Butterfly Explorations on the 16th of July from 9:30 - 11:00, or come out whenever you wish to see the iridescent dragon and damselflies, the brightly colored hoverflies and the many different butterflies that make their home here.

Summer Flight



1. Blue Dasher 2. Widow Skimmer 3. Blue Fronted Dancer 4. Hover Fly 5. Ebony Jewelwing 6. Great Spangled Fritillary



This month for our volunteer spotlight, we are pleased to bring attention to veteran volunteer Chloe Oney. Chloe has been part of the Oxley community since 2000 and for years led school tours along the trails. These days you can find her at the visitor center's desk on a Sunday afternoon, sharing stories and helping folks feel right at home when they

Before she came to Oxley, Chloe taught elementary school in the Sand Springs area for 29 years. As far back as she can remember, she wanted to be a school teacher and she still speaks fondly and with pride of her tenure and the satisfaction of making a difference in the lives of her students. In her spare time, Chloe loves to crochet, drink coffee, and watch her bird feeders. She's also an amazing storyteller. Having lived in Sand Springs her whole life, Chloe literally watched her little hometown grow and transform and on a slow day in the nature center, it is a privilege to hear her recall how it used to be.

For Chloe, the most rewarding part of volunteering at Oxley is seeing the faces of the young children who come to the center before and after their time on the trail. She loves visiting with them and hearing about all of the things they discover out there. As for her favorite trail at Oxley, she doesn't have one but rather a favorite path: from the teaching shelter to Coal Creek, across the bridge, and to the observation deck. To Chloe, if she had to describe Oxley Nature Center in one sentence, she would say, "It's the most wonderful place in the world."

Thank you Chloe for your time and commitment to Oxley Nature Center!



Be sure to stop in our library/nature viewing room with your children next time you visit! We have stencils to use to draw with and books about the creatures you see at Oxley Nature Center.



Summer is also the time of year that you can see fawns in the forests at Oxley. Walk quietly and look into the undergrowth and you may be fortunate enough to see the babies resting in the shadows while Mom is nearby grazing. Here are a pair of twins intrepid photographer, Bryan Tapp, spotted.



Mary K. Oxley Nature Center - July Programs

Call 918-596-9054 for information or to register for programs (please register 48 hours in advance).

Saturday Morning Birding

When: Saturday, July 2, 8:00 - 9:45 a.m.

Who: All ages welcome. Cost: Free! Registration not required

Join us for birding at Oxley. All skill levels are welcome. Bring binoculars if you have them.

Storytime in the Fawn Grove

Every Tuesday from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Who: ages 2-6 with caregiver

Cost: \$2/per child, free for ONCA members. Registration not required

Young children and their caregivers are invited to join us for an outdoor, nature-themed story and circle time, followed by a short discovery walk.

Full Buck Moon Walk

When: Wednesday, July 13, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Who: All ages welcome.

Cost: \$3 for members/ \$5 for nonmembers. Registration required

This moon is named for the White-tailed bucks that are growing their antlers this time of year. Join us as we look for these elusive mammals.

Butterfly Explorations

When: Saturday, July 16, 9:30 - 11:00a.m.

Who: All ages welcome

Cost: Free! Registration not required

So many butterflies! American Ladies, Eastern Tiger Swallowtails, Red Admirals and hairstreaks! What will we see today? All skill levels are welcome. Bring binoculars if you have them.

All About Nature Adult Book Club

When: Friday, July 22, 11:00 - 12:30p.m.

Who: Adults

Cost: Free! Registration required

Join us for a discussion of books related to nature, conservation, and the environment followed by a BYO brown bag lunch. July's selection: The Nature of Oaks: The Rich Ecology of Our Most Essential Native Trees by Douglas Tallamy. Please bring your own book.

Explore the Flora

When: Saturday, July 23, 10:30 - noon

Who: All ages welcome

The heat is on. What pollinators are visiting the flowers blooming this time of the year?

Cost: Free! Registration not required



Oxley Nature Center Hours

Park in the Oxley parking lot from 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. or outside the gray stone gate from 5-9 p.m.



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