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Janis Blanton | White Tailed Deer

August at Oxley is going to be busy! We've got our Fall Volunteer Rendezvous on the 4th for you to come and learn about the various and exciting ways that you can volunteer at Oxley Nature Center. Douglas Tallamy will be speaking about "Nature's Best Hope" in Jenks on the 19th, and we welcome our newest staff member - Lisa Cobb to our Oxley Nature Center family. And of course, we encourage you to come out and take a walk! The fawns are everywhere!

Come and Join our Volunteer Crew!

TULSA PARKS

Nature-Loving Volunteers Needed!

LEARN MORE & GET INVOLVED AT
OXLEY'S FALL VOLUNTEER RENDEZVOUS

Thursday, August 4
10 am - Noon & 6-8 pm

Love nature and the outdoors? Join our team and help us make a difference!

Volunteer opportunities include:
volunteer naturalist, visitor center host, trail maintenance crew, marketing / public outreach, special projects & more!

RSVP by calling the center at (918) 596-9054 !

Citizens who love nature and the outdoors can learn more about volunteering at the Oxley Nature Center, during Tulsa Parks' "Volunteer Rendezvous" on August 4.

During each event time, Tulsa Parks' Interpretive Naturalist staff and seasoned volunteers will provide information to the public about volunteer opportunities at Oxley Nature Center, including becoming a volunteer naturalist, serving as a visitor center host, assisting with land and trail maintenance, helping host traveling exhibits, and supporting marketing efforts for the two facilities. Afterward, those attending can enjoy a short walk on the trails.

For more information, citizens can visit the Facebook pages for Tulsa Parks or the Oxley Nature Center, or call (918) 596-9054 to speak with a naturalist staff member

Welcome Lisa Cobb, our new Staff Naturalist!



This month for our spotlight, we are so proud to share a little about our new staff naturalist at Oxley Nature Center, Lisa Cobb. An alum of Northeastern State University in the field of Biology, Lisa has always loved science, animals, and the natural world. She even has a special spot of land in her neighborhood where she goes to collect plant specimens and enjoy a little solitude. Lisa comes to us from the Tulsa Zoo, where she wore many hats: in nature education as an animal ambassador; overseeing docents as the volunteer manager; uncovering the mysteries of natural treasures in the Nature Exchange; and as a mentor for Zoo Teens. A lifelong Okie and Tulsan, Lisa married her high school sweetheart, Jimmy, who she met in marching band; she played the flute while he was on trombone.

Pride of Oklahoma at OU.

Lisa is so excited to join the team at Oxley Nature Center. She has enjoyed getting to know the staff and volunteer community, learning about the programs, and looking for ways she can support Oxley and its mission to inspire the wonder. Having started in the middle of a brutally hot summer, Lisa hasn't had the luxury of long walks along the trails. So far, though, she is really loving the Red Fox Loop, where she has met up with deer, dragonflies, and even some raccoons. When we asked her to describe Oxley in one sentence, she replied without hesitation, "Oxley is the physical embodiment of peace." Hear hear to that.



Award Winning Author
Doug Tallamy
presents
"Nature's Best Hope"



August 19 Jenks High School Performing Arts Center 398 West F St Jenks, OK Presentation 6:00 Book signing 5:00-6:00, 7:00-8:00	August 20 University of Central Oklahoma Nigh University Center's Constitution Hall,, Edmond, OK Presentation 2:00 Book signing 1:00-2:00, 3:00-4:00	August 21 The Well 210 South James Garner Ave Norman, OK Presentation 2:00 Book Signing 1:00- 2:00, 3:00-4:00
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Books will be available for purchase

Doug Tallamy's talk - "Nature's Best Hope" - is this month on the 19th! This is sure to be an interesting and important presentation.



Mary K. Oxley Nature Center - August Programs

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

August 4th Volunteer Rendezvous
Ages: 18 and up Thursday, 10:00 a.m.-noon or 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Free, register for a session by calling 918- 596-9054 or email oxley@cityoftulsa.org

Have you been wondering about volunteer opportunities at Oxley Nature Center and Redbud Valley Nature Preserve? We offer training and flexible schedules for visitor center hosts, volunteer naturalists, trail work, marketing and fundraising, and more. Come to a session, learn more, enjoy a snack, go for a short hike, meet some great people, and ask some questions. We would love to meet you!

August 6th Saturday Morning Birding
When: 8:00-9:45 a.m.
Cost: Free! Registration not required
Who: All ages welcome

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

August 11th Full Sturgeon Moon Walk
When: 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Cost: \$3 members, \$5 non-members.
Who: All ages welcome. Registration required

This moon is named for the Sturgeon, a rare primitive fish labeled a "Species of Special Concern" in Oklahoma that lives in the Arkansas River. We won't see a sturgeon tonight. What will we see, hear, and smell?

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August 20th Butterfly Explorations
When: 9:30- 11:00 a.m.
Cost: Free! Registration not required
Who: All ages welcome

Peruse the prairie and forests of Oxley on this easy hike for families. Keep your eyes open for swallowtail and Sulphur butterflies drifting amongst the thistles.

August 26th All About Nature Book Club
When: 11:00 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.
Cost: Free! Registration required
Who: Adults

Join us for a discussion of books related to nature, conservation, and the environment followed by a BYO lunch. August's selection: Lily Pond: Four Years With a Family of Beavers by Hope Ryden. Please bring your own book.

August 27th Explore the Flora
When: 10:30 a.m.- noon
Cost: Free! Registration not required
Who: All ages welcome

Let's find out how various plants cope with high heat. Some may have already developed some kind of seeds which may be edible.

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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