



COUNCIL OF OHIO AUDUBON CHAPTERS (COAC) DRAFT
 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING & 50 YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
 NOVAK EDUCATION CENTER, 382 TOWNLINE ROAD, AURORA, OHIO 44202
 SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2019

Time	Description
Bird Walks (optional)	<p> Event: Novak Sanctuary Bird Walk Date & Time: Sunday, March 3, 2019, 9:30 am & 4:00 pm Location: Novak Education Center, 382 Townline Road, Aurora, Ohio 44202 Map Leaders: Jim Tomko, President, and Matt Valencic, Audubon Society of Greater Cleveland, and Kaoru Tsubone, Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society support leader volunteer. Target Species: Incubating Eagles, Cedar Waxwings, Red-headed Woodpeckers, Eastern Bluebirds </p> <p> Description: The Novak Sanctuary is 152 acres of successional forest, high-quality wetlands and old fields. Our walk takes us through open fields into young successional forest where occasional wet openings offer micro habitat for birds and amphibians. Continuing through slightly older forest will take us to a small valley with dense thickets along a stream, an especially good area for migrating songbirds. Up the hill and left brings us to a spacious blind overlooking a cattail marsh with an active Eagle nest at the far end. A slight detour north will bring us to the beaver pond, surrounded by shrubs and mature beech/maple forest, a dream habitat for birders and naturalists. Red-headed Woodpecker, Belted Kingfisher and migrating waterfowl regularly use this habitat. We will be early for most migrants, but the abundant edge habitat throughout the sanctuary could serve up some surprises. <u>WATERPROOF MUD BOOTS ARE RECOMMENDED</u> as the trail will be muddy. </p> <p> Directions: Go to the Novak Education Center, 382 Townline Road, Aurora, Ohio 44202 and meet in the parking lot about 100 yards south of the building on the east side of Townline Road on the Aurora/Mantua </p>

	border. The Novak Education Center building is located on the Blanche Katherine Novak Wildlife Sanctuary and State Nature Preserve.
<p>Meeting Overview: The meeting will include a business section to confirm COAC board nominations, review of by-laws, operations, membership policy, organizational developments, and 'idea stations' to promote networking and collaborative conservation project possibilities.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Event Details Register</p>	
11:00 AM - 11:15 AM Times may vary throughout the day!	<p>WORKSHOP WELCOME INTRODUCTIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 9:30 AM Bird Walk Report & plug for 4:00 PM Bird Walk. (03:00) ● Welcome by Jim Tomko, President, Audubon Society of Greater Cleveland (ASGC) (03:00) ● Welcome by COAC Co-Presidents, Jackie Augustine, Tri-Moraine Audubon Society (TMAS) & Liz Woedl, Audubon Miami Valley (AMV) (03:00)
11:15 AM - 12:30 PM	<p>OPENING CO-SPEAKERS & SWOT ANALYSIS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Vision: A Collective Voice for Conservation by Dan Best, Western Reserve Naturalist (15:00) ● The Unifying Power of Social Technologies, Betsey O'Hagan, Digital Strategist & Network Coordinator, COAC (15:00) ● SWOT ANALYSIS - led by Jackie Augustine (TMAS) to inform COAC strategic planning (45:00)
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	<p>BUSINESS MEETING AND LUNCH</p> <p>COAC Business Meeting Agenda Sunday, March 3, 2019 - led by interim COAC Board of Directors, review and vote of by-laws, COAC board nominations and elections, chapter talk. AGENDA</p> <p>LUNCH - A catered lunch, vegetarian options available, includes sandwiches, salad, dessert, cheese and fruit plate, and an assortment of coffee, tea, etc beverages. Lunch is \$10 per person. Please pay by cash or check to the host at the workshop. Attendees are welcome to bring their own lunch. Register online for the meeting and lunch by 2/25/2019 at http://bit.ly/2RkBFn9</p>
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1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	<p>RESOURCE MASH-UP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A diverse mix of members, individuals, and affiliate representatives rapidly present information pertaining to conservation work they propose/do, what they are looking for, and resources they can offer toward mutually beneficial collaboration activities and projects. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ COAC EDUCATION, EVENTS, RESOURCES

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Sharing "what works" in your chapter - Requesting help with "what isn't working" in your chapter. ■ Exploring skills training & field experience curriculum topics. ○ FUNDRAISING <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The WCAS Bird Friendly Coffee Shop Model. ■ Lake Erie Nature and Science Center and Wildlife Rehabilitation. ○ PLASTICS/CHEMICAL POLLUTION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Overview of the Ohio Sea Grant and Stone Lab programs. ■ Plastic Surgery: Cutting Plastic Out of Your Life. ■ Sierra Ohio Plastics Pollution Project. ■ Water: One of the Two Most Important Things Man Needs to Survive. ○ YOUTH, DIVERSITY & ACCESSIBILITY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ How Chapters are Addressing Youth, Diversity, and Accessibility.
2:30 PM - 2:45 PM	BREAK
2:45 PM - 3:45 PM	<p>IDEA STATIONS INTRODUCTION & HOW-TO, Kurt Miske, Chair, Conservation Committee, and Tom Romito, WCAS (10:00)</p> <p>IDEA STATIONS: conversations led by topic experts to accelerate idea sharing. Participants in the room rotate between idea stations. (30:00)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. COAC EDUCATION, EVENTS, RESOURCES 2. FUNDRAISING 3. PLASTICS/CHEMICAL POLLUTION 4. YOUTH, DIVERSITY & ACCESSIBILITY <p>IDEA STATION LEADER REPORTS (10:00)</p> <p>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY Q & A, Kurt Miske, Chair, Conservation Committee, and Tom Romito, Facilitator, WCAS (10:00)</p> <p>[UPDATE: Registrants voted to focus on 4 of the 6 nominated topics above. RECYCLE/REUSE and LAB & FIELD RESEARCH will not be discussed at this meeting.]</p>

3:45 PM - 4:00 PM	<p>WRAP UP & NEXT STEPS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COAC Co-Presidents, Jackie Augustine, Tri-Moraine Audubon (TMAS) & Liz Woedl, Audubon Miami Valley (AMV) (15:00)
4:00 PM	Afternoon Bird Walk (optional)

A Resource Table will be available for displaying educational handout materials.

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