

Conference Registration Form
(One person per registration form, please.)
Registration Deadline: Sept. 15

Name _____

Chapter or other affiliation _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Conference Cost **\$75.00**

(Includes Fri. night reception, Sat. lunch and dinner, Sun. lunch, break refreshments, all sessions and materials)

Audubon Ark Field Trip
(if applicable) **\$10.00**

Please fill out field trip choices on back.

Total Due **\$**

Make checks payable to ACI.

Please check all that apply:

I would like vegetarian options for meals

I would like to share my contact information with Auduboners interested in carpooling.

I would like information about additional lodging options.

I would like information on handicapped accessibility for Chestnut Mountain Resort

Send registration form and check to:

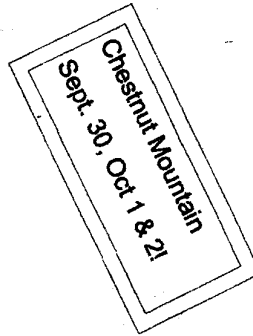
Audubon Conference

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TO:

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You are invited to the



***"Uniting for
Conservation:
Moving Forward"***

**September 30,
October 1 & 2, 2005**

Chestnut Mountain Resort

Galena, Illinois

Sponsored by

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River Campaign

Many Auduboners fondly recall Regional Conferences of the past decades as events where they learned a lot about important environmental issues, gained skills to strengthen their chapters, found opportunities for networking on regional projects, made new friends and had a lot of fun. Although National Audubon no longer sponsors these events, the purposes for them remain valid.

It is in this spirit that the Audubon Council of Illinois (ACI) is sponsoring the first Upper Midwest Regional Audubon Conference. Our hope is that it becomes a biennial event with future conference locations throughout the upper Midwest! We invite you to share in the learning, the fun and the excitement here in the beautiful, driftless area of Illinois.

See you in the fall!

Schedule of Events

Friday, Sept. 30

Pre-conference field trip

7:30 p.m.—Welcome reception with keynote speaker Bill Handel

Saturday, Oct. 1

Morning—Field Trips

Lunch at the Lodge

Afternoon—Concurrent Sessions *

6:30 p.m.—Dinner at the Lodge with keynote speaker Buddy Huffaker

Evening—Campfire and Music

Sunday, Oct. 2

Morning—Concurrent Sessions*

Lunch at the Lodge with keynote speaker Jim Herkert

Post-conference field trips

* 21 sessions will be offered on a variety of topics including national and regional environmental issues, chapter skills such as membership recruitment and sanctuary acquisition, species of concern, bird programs/projects, and much more!

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: For additional conference information, contact: :
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Conference Keynote Speakers

Friday Night Bill Handel

Illinois Natural History Survey

"Illinois Plant Vegetation: Past, Present and Future"

This slide illustrated talk will describe the status of plant communities in Illinois and the roles restoration and reconstruction may play in preserving habitat for both flora and fauna.

Saturday Night Buddy Huffaker

Exec. Director, Aldo Leopold Foundation

"Looking for Leadership: Rising to Today's Conservation Challenges"

Committed, sincere and thoughtful leadership is needed now more than ever to address the complex environmental challenges facing our society. How do leaders need to think of themselves and interact with others in order to have the most impact? You, either individually or as part of group, can have a positive influence on the future by being an effective leader.

Sunday Noon Jim Herkert

The Nature Conservancy

"Status and Trends of Grassland Birds in the Upper Midwest"

Grassland birds in the Upper Midwest have experienced widespread declines over the last three decades and many are among the region's fastest declining species. This talk will discuss the current status of the birds, the factors influencing population declines, and conservation needs in respect to grassland restoration and management efforts.

About Chestnut Mountain Resort

Located in the rural unglaciated far northwest corner of Illinois, Chestnut Mountain Resort stands 475 feet above the Mississippi River, with views of Iowa and Wisconsin. Close to historic Galena, the resort offers a full-service lodge, restaurant, lounge, indoor pool and 5 miles of hiking trails. For this conference a block of rooms will be held until Sept. 1 for the special price of **\$99 plus tax per night for both nights**. Single night lodging will cost \$139 plus tax. Make your reservations directly with Chestnut Mountain by calling 1-800-397-1320. Visit the resort's website at www.chestnutmtn.com. We're sorry, the lodge does not have elevators. If requested, information on additional lodging and camping options or Chestnut Mountain handicapped accessibility will be sent with your conference confirmation (see registration form).

Conference Field Trips

Saturday Morning

Mark your top three choices with a 1, 2, 3. A \$10 donation is required for Audubon Ark field trips. The maximum number of participants per trip is indicated. Register early to assure a place!

____ River and Riparian Birds—Thomson Causeway and Lock and Dam #13. Leader: Grace Storch (max:10)

____ Riparian and Marsh Birds—Spring Lake and Goose Point. Leader: Charlie Winterwood (max: 12)

____ Birds of the Mississippi Backwaters—Blanding's Landing and River Road. Leader: Ricky Rachuy (max: 10)

____ Algific slopes of the Mississippi Blufflands—private lands. These are unique very cool microclimates that support relict northern and Pleistocene biota. Leader: Steve Simpson (max: 15)

____ Birds of the Mississippi Blufflands—Mississippi Palisades State Park (North). Leader: Gregg Painter (max: 12)

____ Sand Prairies of Lost Mound—Lost Mound National Wildlife Refuge. Leader: Randy Nyboer (max: 15)

____ Birds of Lost Mound—Lost Mound NWR. Leader: Dan Wenny (max: 15)

____ Birds & Plants of the Mississippi Blufflands—Mississippi Palisades State Park (South). Leaders: Keith Blackmore & Anné Straight (max: 15)

____ The Mississippi River from the Audubon Ark. Audubon Upper Mississippi River Campaign's paddlewheel boat for river tours and dockside education programs. Leader: Dan McGuiness. \$10 donation appreciated. (max: 15)

Pre & Post Conference Field Trips

____ Audubon Ark, 2-4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30—\$10 donation appreciated. (max: 15)

____ Audubon Ark, 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 2—\$10 donation appreciated. (max:15)

____ Birds, Plants and Geology of Apple River Canyon State Park. Leader: Keith Blackmore (max:14)