

Flicker Flashes

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Birds on Parade, Close Encounters with Alabama's Birds of Prey

Presented by Sandra Allinson, Ashley Rozelle-Gault, Curt Cearly & Becky Collier

Sunday, January 17, 2010 at 2:00 P.M.

Alabama Wildlife Center at Oak Mountain State Park

We'll start the New Year with an encore presentation of last year's crowd favorite. Our seminar will feature live birds of prey native to Alabama and it will be unique in that we will not have one guest speaker, but four! Sandra Allinson, Director of Education and Rehabilitation at the Alabama Wildlife Center, will be joined by her friends Ashley Rozelle-Gault (Camp Cosby), Curt Cearly (AWC volunteer and falconer), and Becky Collier (Coosa River Science Center).

Several species of birds of prey are found in Alabama through-out the year, and winter is an ideal time to observe them. Our program today will feature several live birds, and Sandra, Ashley and Curt will offer interesting insights into the life histories of each bird. Following the program, weather permitting and with the cooperation of the birds, we'll have an opportunity to photograph the birds so be sure to bring your camera! This is a great chance to photograph the birds with the surrounding

woodlands serving as a natural backdrop to your subjects.

We will gather for refreshments prior to the program, in the front Observation Room at the Alabama Wildlife Center. After refreshments and some social time together, we will move to the Auditorium for the afternoon's program. Door prizes will be awarded but you must register and be present in order to win. The programs are free but park admission is \$3.00 per person.

The next seminar in the schedule:

February 21 David Frings, Caves and Cave Life ~ All about Alabama's Underground Wonders

**Come early for fellowship and refreshments
in the Observation Room at The Center!**

January Monthly Meeting

"The Galapagos Islands: A Land Time Forgot"

Presented by: Dr. Ken Marion, Biology Professor at UAB's Department of Biology

Thursday, January 21, 2010 at 7:00 P.M.

Birmingham Zoo Auditorium

Ken Marion has been with the UAB Biology Department since 1971. He received his Ph.D. from Washington University and has published over 100 scientific manuscripts, mostly on aspects of the natural history of reptiles, amphibians and fish. Ken teaches university courses in ecology and field biology and served as Chair of the UAB Biology Department from 2000-2008. He has served on the boards of several state/local environmental organizations and is a former President of the Association of Southeastern Biologists, the Alabama Fisheries Association, and the Alabama Academy of Science. He also served a six-year term on the Board of

Directors of the Alabama Forever Wild Program. Ken has led two university study abroad programs to the Galapagos Islands and is convinced that you cannot find a better place on the planet to teach students about ecology, evolution and animal behavior. He has also discovered that the Ecuadorian beer is not bad either.

Attend and enjoy this program.

Please come early at 6:45 p.m. to socialize and enjoy some refreshments. Guests are welcome.