



B a y o u F o l i a g e

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Thank you, Volunteers

It is always difficult to choose only one volunteer to highlight each month because everyone does such a wonderful job for the nature center. I believe that Jane Bingel is just one fine example. We honor her as Volunteer of the Month for May 2005. And she represents all of the volunteers' outstanding efforts.

Congratulations to Jane and continual thanks to all of the volunteers.

Help me as I select one volunteer to honor and represent all of the volunteer efforts once a month.

The ballots are located in the main office.

Thank you sincerely,

Candy Donahue

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"Conservation is not enough—the thing that is missing is love—some feeling for, as well as understanding of, the inclusive community of rocks and soil, plants and animals of which we are a part." Joseph Wood Krutch

CORRECTION

Please pass it on.

The correct email address for Bob Paxton is:

thepaxtons@sbeglobal.net .

Thank You,

Danny

NIP IN THE BUD

I want to say that I am very proud to have been allowed to serve as the editor of the Bayou Foliage for this past year.

I would be happy to continue, however, if you feel you would like the opportunity to take over I would be happy to share with you what I have learned. I enjoy doing it and it has been a good learning experience. But I would not hesitate to give someone else the chance in this area if it is your desire.

Currently I publish other Newsletters and enjoy devoting this time as a Volunteer for the Armand Bayou Nature Center Volunteers

I do not take my editor privilege lightly and welcome, as I have said in the past, any and all suggestions.





From the Chair

Whew!, I'm glad it's over. I'm talking about Bayou Boil, of course. This is a terrific event, it's a lot of fun, and it's very important to the Nature Center. But I have to tell you—it's a lot of work. Just ask guys like Lew Hornung, Bob Paxton, Glen Gable, and J.T. Chapman, who worked hard during the week to get things ready. And once it was over, they went back to work to put everything back the way it was.

Some big changes were made this year to make it more enjoyable for the guests. All tables were served. This meant that we needed more than 50 Volunteers for wait staff service. We couldn't handle that out of our own ranks, but fortunately we had help from Jim Callan's Shell group, a number of Boeing folks, and tada!!, the

ABNC Staff itself. No kidding, Candy, Mark, Heather, Shauna, Jessalyn, Meredith, and our Board President Sandy Peck were all out there waiting on tables. It did the old heart good to see that. It was a great sign of teamwork for a very important cause.

The wait staff did a fantastic job. Believe me, this isn't an easy assignment. It's a long evening on your feet. We aren't professionals at waiting tables, but you wouldn't have known it. Everyone was cheerful, helpful, courteous, and efficient. You could tell the guests were having a most enjoyable time. But at least there was some payback. For the second year now, Volunteers have been able to share in the food. Tables were set up in the Pole Barn for Volunteers to eat when they had a

chance. That afforded a few minutes for the hard workers to get off their feet and share a crawfish and catfish meal with other Volunteers. In a way it was like a party at a party.

Volunteers like Henry and Eleanor Stanley helped with the auctions, and some like Stan Krauhs and the Brunkow's helped as greeters. Wood chips were flying as Tom Scarsella carved out wooden spoons. Jane and Stephania provided demonstrations at the Farm House, and competed bravely for audience attention against the Hooter's girls who were serving chicken wings. It was a close call, but I think the chicken wings may have eked out a narrow victory.

Next time you get a

chance, be sure to thank Catherine Miller for all the hard work and many hours she spent in taking care of the hundreds of details necessary for a successful food service. Catherine prefers to work behind the scenes and isn't comfortable accepting lavish praise, but believe me, a lot of the success of this year's Bayou Boil is due to her hard work and attention to details.

This may have been the biggest Bayou Boil ever. I know that the final figures on attendance and revenue will be the real yardstick of success. But this much I can tell you right now—everyone there, whether a guest or a Volunteer, had a great time. I hope all of you will consider helping out next year—I promise you'll enjoy it.



VISIT THE BAYOU FOLIAGE ONLINE

<http://www.gbg.net/beyer/ABNCvolunteers/homec.htm>

The Official Website of the Armand Bayou Nature Center Volunteers.



VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH -- JANE BINGEL

Jane has been such a help to ABNC for so many good years. She does everything around here from teaching to cookie sales. Thanks Jane for all the great help and all the "butta" you have made!!

Jane the Magnificent

I remember once Jane was upset about not being able to use the Auditorium for a field trip, and I advised her to go home, take a deep breath, and a long hot bath. She countered with "Or a glass of Scotch." I also just love

Jane's voice, it completely captures her personality. Her answering machine message always makes me smile "Good-bye! Have a nice day!" She has such a strong, wonderful aura that surrounds her, I don't know if the Nature Center could ever function without her. She is one classy broad. Long live the Long Islanders!

Jane Bingel –

- 1 Being a good sport
- 2 Stepping in for weekday volunteer coordinator
- 3 Taking Deer Park students on 3:30 – 5 pm hike
- 4 Always being cheerful

5 Working on new lesson plans

I have worked with Jane this month both on and off the trails and she has enthusiastically come in to teach late afternoon trail classes, early morning History classes, and whatever was necessary to see that our educational needs were met. In addition to this, Jane has stepped in to manage the weekday volunteers when the former coordinator left. Jane has remained in close communication with me about the needs of her volunteer base and we have tried to work out any kinks and bumps we came across in delivering classes to the public. Thank-you, Jane.

You are so cheerful, so willing, and you thank others (like me) so gratefully. If I ever do grow up—I hope I grow up like you. You are a constant inspiration, and I'm so glad you volunteer here so that I get to work with you.

Thank you, Jane for all your devoted help with the fieldtrips. You always come through for the education dept.

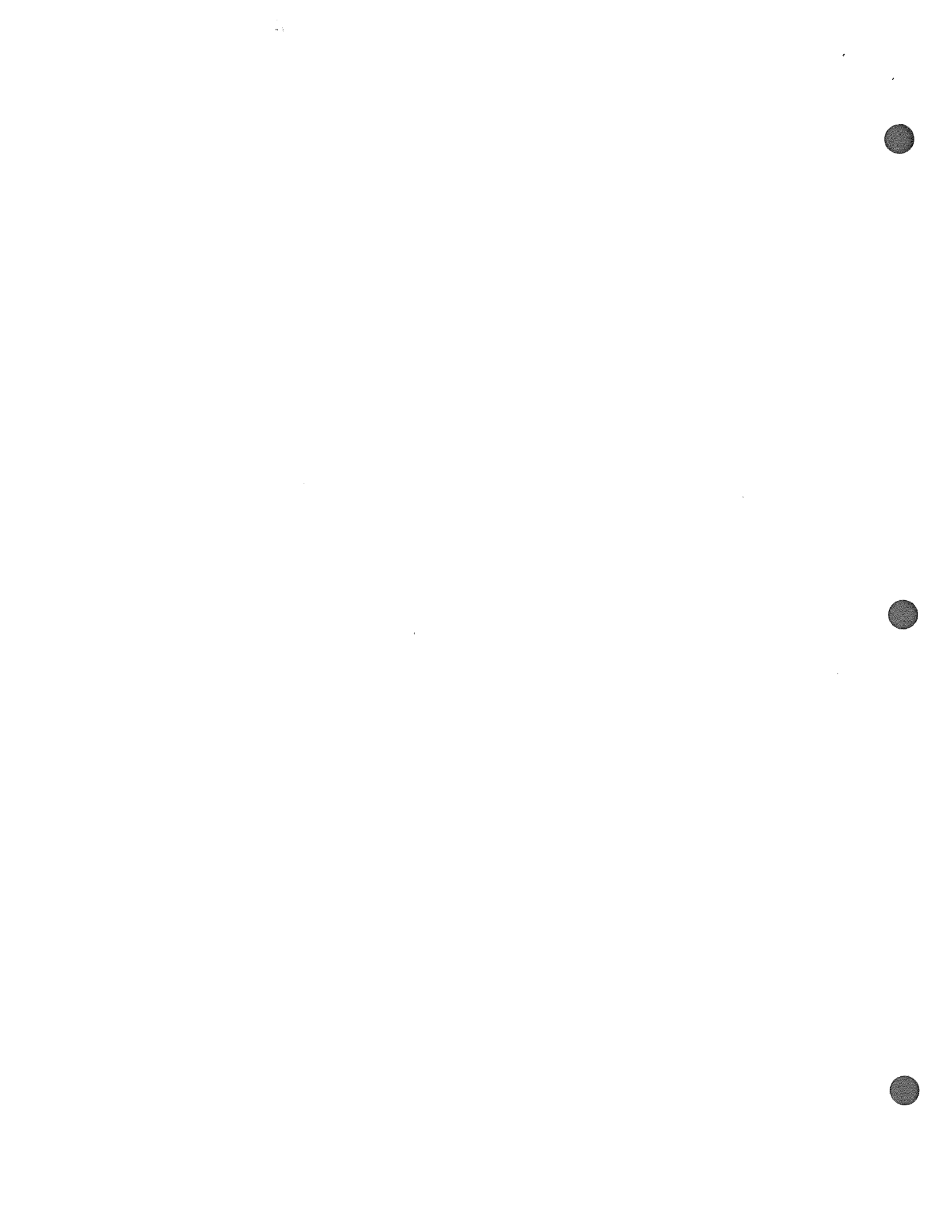


VILLAGE CREEK OVERNIGHT VOLUNTEER CANOE TRIP

WHEN: June 4th and 5th
 WHERE: Village Creek
 COST: \$25
 Max. Participants 23



Join us for a weekend of volunteer fun in one of east Texas' most beautiful settings. We'll float for 8 miles through the Texas Nature Conservancy Sandylands Sanctuary in the Big Thicket region and camp on one of the many sandbars along the creek. Village Creek flows at a slow steady pace making the paddling easy for beginners as well experienced paddlers. After camp is set up there'll be plenty of time for swimming, fishing, bird watching and relaxing. Mark, George and Candy will be available to guide naturalist walks on Sunday morning. Wilderness chef Ed Adams will cook all meals for the trip. ABNC can provide tent space and sleeping bags for those who need it. Plan to bring a sack lunch for Saturday, which we'll eat creek side before we shove off. We'll meet in the ABNC parking lot at 7am Saturday morning and return to ABNC Sunday evening.



ARMAND BAYOU NATURE CENTER VOLUNTEERS

TREASURER'S REPORT

APRIL 2005

Beginning Balance		\$4740.42
Expenditures:		
Bank Service Charge	\$2.00	
Total Expenditures	\$2.00	
Income:		
Total Income	None	
Current Balance		\$4738.42

REMINDER!



*Your Contributions to Armand Bayou Nature Center
Are Valued HIGHLY!*

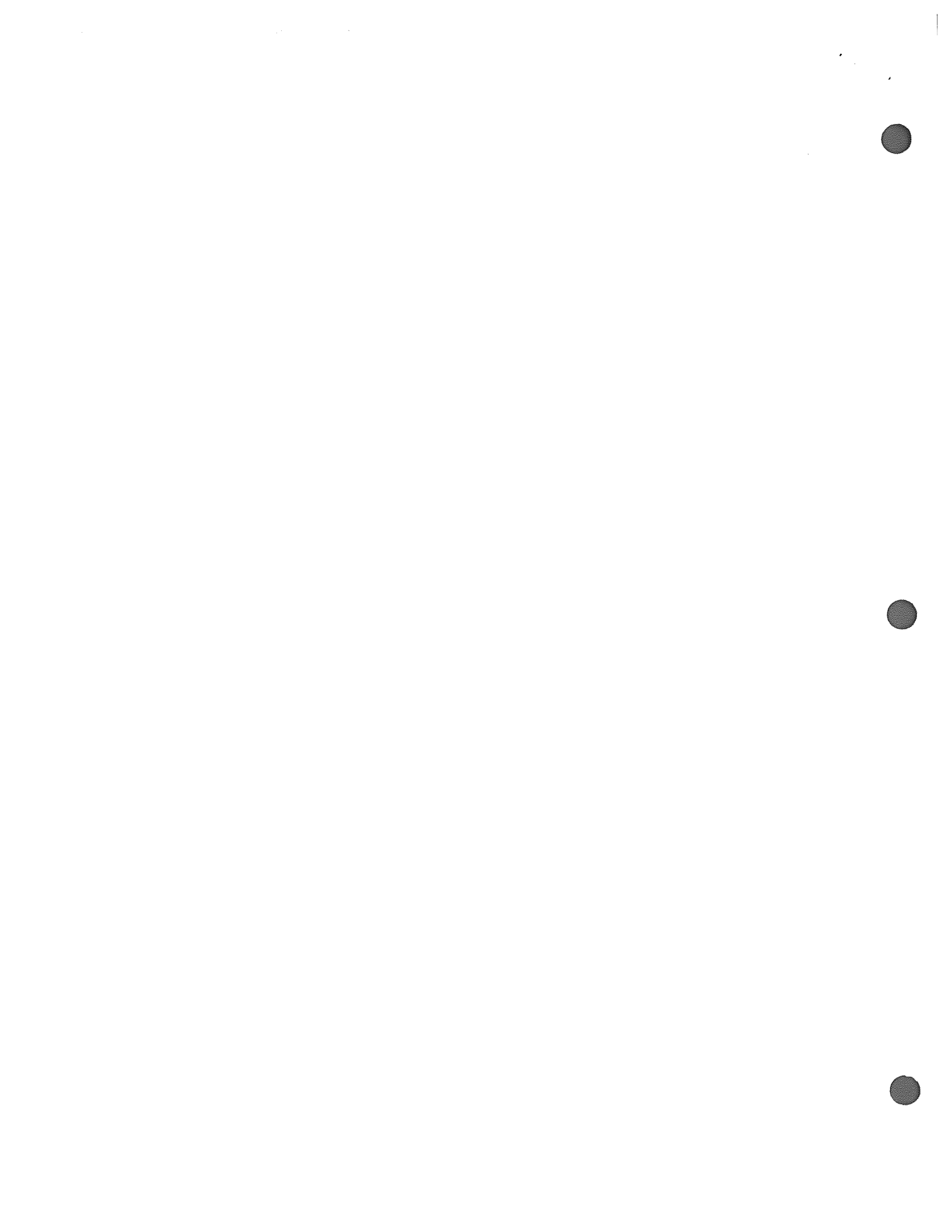
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**THE NEXT VOLUNTEERS
MEETING
WILL BE THURSDAY NIGHT
6:30 p.m. June 9**



abnc volunteer DUTY ROSTER

If you have to cancel, please do your best to find your own replacement. If you can cover for any blank slots below, please call the coordinator for that event. When you arrive at ABNC for your duty, please check in at the front desk. Thanks!

DATE	9:30 Trails Stan Krauhs 281-470-2744	2:00 Trails Stan Krauhs 281-470-2744	Greeters Eleanor Stanley 713-455-1502	Farm Interpretation Eleanor Stanley 713-455-1502	Farm Demonstration Stephania Rogers 713-473-4324	Natural History Stephania Rogers 713-473-4324
6/4	Stan Krauhs	Stan Krauhs		Jane Bingel	Tom Scarsella Blacksmith	Mary Barton Birds
6/5		Marie Asscherick	Ken Russell	Polly Swerdlin	Mary Ann Tucker Baskets	
6/11	Jim Crabb	Ray Parker	Mary Garrett	Sandy Parker	Stephania Rogers Butter	Eleanor Stanley Reptiles
6/12		Melanie Weiseman	Pat Bates		Stan Krauhs Ropes	
6/18	Pat Doerr	Charles Buren	Mary Garrett	Susan Hesley	Helen Harger Painting	Ed Adams Adaptations
6/19		Marie Asscherick	Pat Bates	Paula Thorson	Hilary Gibbs Gardening	Tom Scarsella Wood working
6/25	Stan Krauhs	Stan Krauhs	Paul Brunkow	Joan Brunkow	Ray Parker Ropes	Eleanor Stanley Reptiles
6/26		Joe Bryan	Ann Busbee	Eleanor Stanley	Polly Swerdlin Trails	



SCHEDULED EVENTS

TBY	South Houston Intermediate Outreach		Alan Wenger
June	Mon-Fri Eco Camp	Staff	
June 19	Sun	Father's Day Holiday	
June 30	Thur	Young Branch Library Outreach (griegs rd)	Alan Wenger
July	Mon-Fri	ECO Camp Month	Staff
July 4	Mon	Independence Day	Holiday
July 13	Wed	Cliff Tuttle Library Outreach (snakes) 702 Cress	Alan Wenger
August	Mon-Fri	ECO Camp Month	Staff
September TBD	Sat	Volunteer Orientation	Donna Davis
October 21 & 22	Fri-Sat	Creepy Crawlers	Staff
November 12&13	Sat-Sun	Fall Festival	Staff/Volunteers
November 24	Thu	Thanksgiving Holiday	
December 1	Sun	Yuletide at the Farmhouse	Volunteers

What have you?

If you are interested, the following forum is online now:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/armandbayouvolunteers/>

To subscribe, email armandbayouvolunteers-subscribe@yahoo.com

Send your comments to:

abncvolunteers@yahoo.com or armandbayouvolunteers@yahoo.com

ATTENTION ALL ARTISTS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS

If you have drawings, paintings or photographs that you are willing to share with us, the weekday volunteer teachers would like to use them in our volunteer teacher guide or in our classes.

We are looking for pictures of:

NATIVE TEXAS

1. mammals, reptiles, birds and amphibians
2. Insects and spiders
3. Smaller animals that inhabit fresh water ponds such as dragonfly nymphs
4. Plants
5. Landscape pictures of Armand Bayou Nature Center's prairies, forest, bayou, and fresh water ponds
6. Pictures of the Jimmy Martin farm

Please contact Sandy Waters, volunteer 281-474-2551 or heather@abnc.org

