

Conference Registration Form

(One person per registration form, please.)

Registration Deadline: September 4

Name _____

Chapter or other affiliation _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Reduced Conference Fee - \$75 _____

Registration received by August 1

Regular Conference Fee - \$85 _____

Registration received by Sept 4

Please complete field trip choices on back and, if desired, register for writer's workshop.

Mississippi Backwaters

Pontoon Boat Trip \$25 _____

Total Due _____

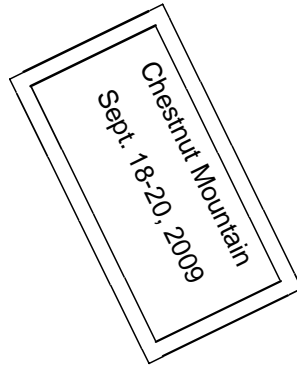
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Please check all that apply: I would like

- vegetarian options for meals
- to share my contact information with Auduboners interested in carpooling
- information about additional lodging options
- information on handicapped accessibility for Chestnut Mountain Resort

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 Audubon Conference
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You are invited to join us at the



“Hope, Action and a Sense of Place”

September 18-20

2009

Chestnut Mountain Resort

Galena, Illinois

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Conference Dedication

The Audubon Council of Illinois respectfully dedicates this 5th Upper Midwest Regional Audubon Conference to the memory of Bert Princen. Bert was a staunch advocate for nature, a long-time leader in the Peoria Audubon Society, and an active delegate to the Audubon Council. Involved in so many aspects of environmental education and action, Bert was an individual who truly made a difference.

Conference Schedule Summary

Friday, Sept 18

7:00 p.m. Welcome Reception featuring local foods

7:45 p.m. Keynote Presentation by David Olson

Saturday, Sept 19

Morning -Field Trips

Lunch - At the Lodge with an address by John Flicker, President, National Audubon Society

Afternoon - Concurrent Sessions (see insert)

6:30 - Dinner at the Lodge with keynote speaker Scott Russell Sanders

Evening - Campfire

Sunday, Sept 20

Morning- Concurrent Sessions (see insert)

Lunch- At the Lodge with keynote speaker Dr. Jim Herkert

About Chestnut Mountain Resort

Located in the driftless area of northwest Illinois, the resort is close to historic Galena. Visit Chestnut Mountains website at www.chestnutmtn.com. A block of rooms will be held until August 18 for the special price of \$99 plus tax per night. Make your reservations directly with the resort by calling 1-800-397-1320. 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).

KEYNOTE PRESENTERS

**David Olson
There's No Place Like Home**

You'll be treated to a wonderful multi-media presentation by outstanding professional nature photographer David Olson. His presentation will feature images of the special places and wildlife in our four-state region.

David is well known for creating stunning photographs of plants, animals and landscapes. His work has appeared in *Sierra*, *Birder's World*, *Alaska* and many other publications. David operates Wild Images Photography in Rockford, Illinois.

**Scott Russell Sanders
A Conservationist Manifesto**

We are very pleased to have with us noted author Scott Russell Sanders who will read from and discuss his new book *A Conservationist Manifesto* which lays out the ecological, ethical and practical grounds for shifting from a culture based on consumption to a culture based on stewardship. Scott is the author of twenty books including *Staying Put*, *Hunting For Hope* and *A Private History of Awe* which was nominated for the Pulitzer Prize. He also will be leading a Sunday morning writing workshop entitled "Wild Imagination".

**Dr. Jim Herkert
Grassland Birds in the Upper Midwest: Recent Trends and Prospects for the Future**

We are delighted to have Jim Herkert return to our conference to provide an important update on the status of grassland bird populations. Dr. Herkert will focus on breeding grounds habitat loss, especially how the downward trend in Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres affects grassland bird populations and in turn how CRP acreage numbers can be affected differently by choices made in biofuel development. Dr. Herkert, Director of Science for The Nature Conservancy in Illinois, has authored numerous publications on the conservation and management of grassland birds.

Questions?

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: For additional information contact conference co-chairs: :
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Conference Field Trips

Saturday Morning

Mark your top three choices with a 1, 2, 3. A \$25 fee is required for the Mississippi Backwaters Pontoon Boat trip. The maximum number of participants per trip is indicated. Register early to assure your first choice!

____ River and Riparian Birds - Thomson Causeway and Lock and Dam #13. Leader: Charlie Winterwood (Max: 12)

____ Riparian and Marsh Birds - Spring Lake. Leader: Anne Straight (Max: 13)

____ Flora, Fauna and History of Apple River Canyon State Park. Leader: Keith Blackmore (Max: 20)

____ Geology and History of the Galena/Dubuque Lead Mining Region - Galena Area. Leader: Steve Simpson (Max: 25)

____ Mississippi River Backwaters Pontoon Boat Depart from base of Chestnut Mountain. Leader: Jon Stravers (Max: 30)

Note: a \$25 fee for this trip includes ski lift ticket for transportation to and from the river.

____ The Natural History of Lost Mound - Lost Mound Unit of the Upper Mississippi Fish and Wildlife Refuge. Leader: Dan Wenny and Barbara Rutherford (Max: 30)

____ Utility-Scale Wind Power Tour Acciona's EcoGrove Wind Farm (Max: 25)

Writer's Workshop With Scott Russell Sanders

Author Scott Russell Sanders will lead a 1-hour writer's workshop "Wild Imagination," on Sunday morning from 8:30-9:30 (see insert of concurrent session schedule). Due to a 20 person limit for this workshop, you must register for it in advance (no charge). Please print your name below if you wish to participate in this workshop.

Name