

Camp TALON

(Teen Adventures Learning Ornithology and Nature)

What?

- A week-long camp for teens interested in birds and nature
- Sponsors: GA DNR, Georgia Ornithological Society, and Atlanta Audubon Society

When? June 14-19, 2009

Where? The camp will be based on St. Simons Island, but we'll be visiting many sites along the coast, including Harris Neck NWR, Altamaha WMA, Little St. Simons Island, Ft. Stewart, Savannah-Ogeechee Canal, and Jekyll Island.

Who? Will host 20 students, age 13-17



How much? \$500 per student, which includes meals, lodging, and transportation. Some scholarships will be available. A chartered bus will pick up inland students in Macon on the 14th, and will return them on the 19th.

For more info, visit www.gos.org, or call Julie Duncan (770) 784-3059, or Bob Sargent (478) 397-7962

Camp TALON Schedule, 2009

Sunday, June 14	Monday, June 15	Tuesday, June 16	Wednesday, June 17	Thursday, June 18	Friday, June 19
<p>Depart Macon at 1 pm</p> <p>Arrive at Epworth By The Sea, St. Simons Island, 5 pm</p> <p>Dinner at 6 pm</p>	<p>Morning: Harris Neck National Wildlife Refuge</p> <p>--Painted Bunting banding, Wood Stork nesting observation</p> <p>--Chris Depkin, Pat Metz and other Fish and Wildlife Service staff</p>	<p>Morning: Altamaha Waterfowl Management Area</p> <p>--Build duck traps, radio telemetry demonstration</p> <p>--GA DNR staff</p>	<p>Morning: Fort Stewart</p> <p>--Use camera poles, band Red-cockaded Woodpeckers, search for Bachman's Sparrows, prescribed fire discussion</p> <p>--Larry Carlile, U.S. Army</p>	<p>Morning and afternoon: Little St. Simons Island (LSSI)</p> <p>--Barrier island ecology, using nets to sample aquatic invertebrates, studying American Oystercatchers, Wilson's Plovers</p> <p>--LSSI staff; Brad Winn, GA DNR</p>	<p>Morning: Savannah/Ogeechee canal</p> <p>--Birds of swamp forests</p> <p>--Depart for Macon at noon</p>
<p>Evening:</p> <p>--Introductions</p> <p>--Camp overview</p> <p>--Journaling lesson</p> <p>--Bird Id challenge</p>	<p>Afternoon:</p> <p>--Presentations on habitat, endangered species, wetlands</p> <p>--Birding on St. Simons or Jekyll Island</p> <p>Evening:</p> <p>--Building nest boxes, bird census techniques</p> <p>--Bird Id challenge</p>	<p>Afternoon:</p> <p>--Presentations on waterfowl management, marsh bird ecology</p> <p>--Birding on St. Simons or Jekyll Island</p> <p>Evening:</p> <p>--Presentation on migration</p> <p>--Bird Id challenge</p>	<p>Afternoon:</p> <p>--Presentations on the biology of pine forest birds, conservation of pine flatwoods and savannas, grassland species,</p> <p>--Birding on St. Simons or Jekyll Island</p> <p>Evening:</p> <p>--Learning bird songs</p> <p>--Bird Id challenge</p>	<p>Afternoon (continued):</p> <p>--In the field discussion of the ecology of shorebirds and birds of salt marshes, and the Winter Waterbird Count, gull and tern identification</p> <p>Evening:</p> <p>--Student discussion</p> <p>--Bird Id challenge and winner</p>	<p>Afternoon:</p> <p>--Arrive in Macon at 4 pm</p>