

The Missouri Chapter of The Wildlife Society invites you to participate in the 2009 Spring Student Workshop at the Nature Conservancy's Wah-Kon-Tah Prairie headquarters near El Dorado Springs on April 4 and 5.

The following is a schedule for the workshop:

Friday afternoon, April 3

4:00 – 9:00 Arrival at Wah-Kon-Tah Prairie Headquarters and registration

Saturday, April 4

6:00 – 8:00 Prairie Chicken viewing (1/2 of students) [Len Gilmore; MDC¹]

8:00 – 8:30 Breakfast

8:30 – 9:00 Welcome/Announcements/ Orientation [Rochelle Renken & Stasia Whitaker; TNC²]

9:00 – 9:45 Principles of Prairie Management [Len Gilmore]/ Prairie Chicken History [Sharron Gough; MDC]

9:45 – 10:30 Principles of Prairie Management/Prairie Chicken History

10:30 – 11:15 Prairie Reconstruction with seeds [Emily Horner; MDC]/ Private land conservation efforts in grasslands [Scott Sudkamp; MDC]

11:15 – noon Prairie Reconstruction with seeds/ Private land conservation efforts in grasslands

Noon – 1:00 Lunch

1:00 – 1:45 Patch Burn Grazing [Brent Jamison; MDC]/ Prairie Chicken Restoration & telemetry [Aimee Wiese; MDC]

1:45 – 2:30 Patch Burn Grazing / Prairie Chicken Restoration & telemetry

2:30 – 3:15 Prairie Mgmt : cutting & spraying [L. Gilmore]/ Quail Management in Grasslands [Kyle Hedges; MDC]

3:15 – 4:00 Prairie Mgmt : cutting & spraying / Quail Management in Grasslands

4:00 – 5:30 Alternative Uses of a Wildlife Biology & Management Degree [Jane Mc Bride – IL Attorney General's Office; Dan Zekor - MDC; Kim McGuire – St. Louis Post-Dispatch]

5:30-6:30 Archery Practice

6:30 – 7:30 Dinner sponsored by Quail Unlimited and Missouri Prairie Foundation

After 7:30 On your own

Sunday, April 5

6:00 – 8:00 Prairie Chicken viewing (1/2 of group)

8:00 – 8:30 Breakfast

8:30 – 9:45 Small mammal trapping [Debby Fantz; MDC]/ Songbird monitoring [Andy Forbes; MDC]

9:45 – 11:00 Small mammal trapping / Songbird monitoring

11:00 – 12:30 Prescribed fire training [Kathy Cooper; MDC]

12:30 Workshop ends

¹Missouri Department of Conservation = MDC

² The Nature Conservancy = TNC

Logistics of the workshop

The 2009 MO TWS Spring Student Workshop registration fee is \$15. Please use the registration form found on the MO TWS website (www.motws.org) to register for the workshop. If registering on or before March 27, 2009, please mail the registration to Alan Leary, MO TWS Treasurer, P.O. Box 270, Jefferson City, MO 65102. After March 27, please bring your registration form and fee with you to the workshop.

A limited number of motel rooms have been set aside for workshop participants at the Dogwood Inn (417/876-6888) in El Dorado Springs, MO. The room cost for a single room is \$30 and \$42 for a double room. The motel is at the intersection of Hwys 82 and 54 in El Dorado Springs.

Primitive camping is available on the lawn of Wah-Kon-Tah Prairie headquarters. There are water hydrants and there will be port-o-potties, but there are no shower facilities or regular bathroom facilities. If it rains, tents can be moved into a couple of sheds.

Early April weather could be warm (80° F) or chilly (30° F). Be prepared for a variety of weather situations.

We suggest you bring binoculars and spotting scopes with tripods. These items will be useful for watching dancing prairie chickens and for use during the songbird monitoring exercise.

To watch the prairie chickens on the lek, you will need to drive to a field about 20 minutes from Wah-Kon-Tah Prairie headquarters. Please bring vehicles that can be used on gravel roads and that can be used for transporting people to watch the prairie chickens on Saturday and Sunday mornings. Please

note, one-half of the workshop attendees will watch prairie chicken on Saturday morning; the other half will watch prairie chickens on Sunday morning.

The following meals are provided during the workshop: April 4 – breakfast, lunch, and dinner; April 5 – breakfast. The dinner on Saturday evening is provided by Quail Unlimited and the Missouri Prairie Foundation.

Please see the MO TWS website (www.motws.org) for directions to Wah-Kon-Tah Prairie.

No alcohol is allowed during any portion of the workshop.