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*Newsletter of the Friends of the Lost
Pines State Parks*

March - April, 2011

***Upcoming Events
St. Patrick's Day
Thursday
March 17th
"Souper Supper"
Refectory, Bastrop
State Park
6:30 PM***



National Historic Landmark

A quick note about our Parks

As you can see by all the articles in this newsletter, there is a lot going on at our Parks...

We are gearing up for our Annual "Souper Supper", the start of our Swimming Lesson Registration, Legislative actions before the House and Senate, programs going on at both of our Parks, nearing the completion of the restoration work going on at both Parks, and Trail Work.

It's been a long, cold winter and it's now time to start getting out and enjoying the outdoors. What a better place to do that than our own Bastrop and Buescher State Parks.

Hope to see everyone at the "Souper Supper" on the 17th...Wear Green!

John E Cobb

President

Friends of the Lost Pines State Parks



2011 Friends of the Lost
Pines
Annual

“Souper Supper”

March 17th

At the Refectory
Bastrop State Park
6:30 PM ~ 8:00 PM

Celebrate St.
Patrick’s Day
with a Pot of
Soup at Bastrop
State Park
**EVERYONE IS
INVITED**
Free to the
Public



It’s that time again...Our Refectory is finally ready for us to use and we will host our annual “Souper Supper”, 6:30 PM on Thursday, March 17th. Bring soup, stew (Irish preferred), drinks, crackers, or just yourselves!

Get ready for Swimming Season in our Restored Pool

Swim Lessons Bastrop State Park

Parents! Be sure your child has a safe and enjoyable experience in the water!
Sign up to learn to swim or to improve their swimming skills.

The 2011 “Learn to Swim” Program begins soon.



Swim Lesson Registration:
At the Bastrop State Park Refectory

1st Registration -
Wed. May 11th ~ 6:00pm to 7:30pm

2nd Registration -
Thur. May 26th ~ 6:00pm to 7:30pm

Registration forms & info also available at www.friendsoflostpines.org

Or contact 321-3740 for information. Late registration only at the pool w/swim coordinator

Registration Fee: \$60.00 (\$10 late fee after May 26th for new swimmers)

Mom & Me: Ages 2-3 years- must have parent in the pool with child.

Sorry, no refunds for bad weather.

Swim Lesson Dates:

Session I - June 6-17

Session III - July 4-15

Session II - June 20-July 1

Session IV - July 18-29

Class Times Available:

Morning: 9am, 10am & 11am Evening: 7pm & 8pm

Lessons are 45 minutes each

Various swim levels available. Classes will be 3 to 6 students.
Students may be asked to reschedule, in order to maintain class sizes.



The Learn to Swim Program is provided by
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Our 1935 Bastrop
State Park
Swimming Pool
has been restored
to its full luster,
just in time for this
year’s swimming
season. Make plans
to come see it this
year!



I wanted to let you know about an exciting volunteer opportunity taking place on March 12, 2011 at Bastrop State Park. Please join us for a fun afternoon of being out in the beautiful woods taking care of our wonderful trails. This work party is hosted by the Central Texas Trail Tamers and Bastrop State Park.

If you are interested in digging in the dirt, cutting brush and wielding a few hand tools for several hours- please join us in the swimming pool parking lot at 9:00 am on Saturday March 12th. Please bring your own work gloves, water, snacks and sturdy foot wear.

Jennifer Bristol



One of the many trails in Bastrop and Buescher State Parks

February 12~26, Bastrop Bird Walk

Bird fans bundled up and looked for the birds of Bastrop State Park in several different habitats and learned about the species that call this park home.



In spite of Cold Temperatures, Bird Watchers were treated to a tour of Bastrop State Parks nature trails and got to see our winter birds in residence.

Photos Courtesy of Katie Raney

The Swimming Committee met in February to start the planning for this year's Swim Lessons. We are striving to make the registration more streamlined and speedier.



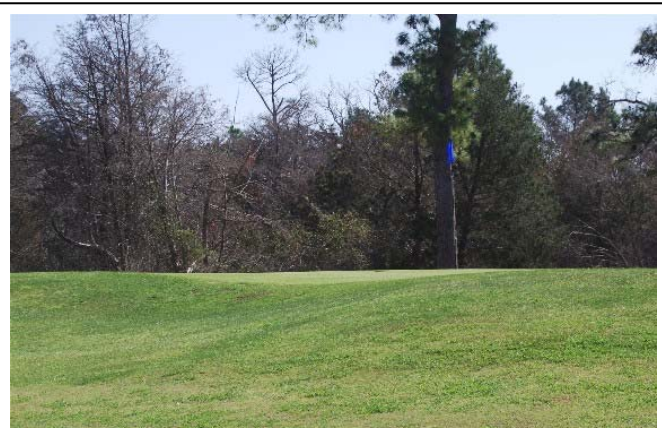
Updates on Projects at the Parks



Our 1940's Shop now sports a new roof thanks to all the restoration projects going on at both of our Parks. We are making great progress with all the major projects going on.



A lone duck supervises the work at Bastrop State Park's Lake



The Golf Course at Bastrop State Park is greening up after this cold winter. The grass looks thick and green.

What did our Park look like before 1933?



Between TPWD and the CCC, our Parks have recovered to their true splendor. This is a reminder what it used to look like.



Legislative Update on Texas Parks and Wildlife

Several people have requested information on the Texas Parks and Wildlife budget before the State Legislature. Friends John Cobb and Marty Goldfarb attended Texans for State Parks briefings by TPWD leaders and others on the proposed budget. First of all, everything will be “business as usual” until October 1st. Second, the budget process will take most of the session. Third, Parks has been working on plans in case there is a 25% or so reduction in funding to minimize the impact on our Parks. Basically, there will be changes, but mostly in some of the long term maintenance plans for our Parks. We will keep you informed as we go along, but for right now, things are working like they should.