

## **Mark your calendars:**

### **ANNUAL MIGRATION CELEBRATION APRIL 13, 21 & 22**

Migration Celebration schedule is a little different this year with the kick-off and fundraising dinner scheduled at RiverPlace the week before the Celebration activities at the San Bernard National Wildlife Refuge. Plan to spend some time April 13 with speaker Gary Clark and some money supporting Migration Celebration by purchasing silent auction items.

All events at the refuge April 21 and 22 are free and there is something for everyone and all ages: demonstrations, tours, programs, events, presentations, bird banding and watching, reptiles, fish casting, marsh buggy tours, kayaking, exhibits, birds of prey shows, photo contest entries, naturalist's walks, and children's programs.

#### **Gary Clark headlines kickoff dinner**



Nature writer Gary Clark will speak about "Birding: Tips, Tricks & Temptations", at the traditional kick-off fundraising dinner April 13 at RiverPlace in Freeport.

The evening begins at 5:30 p.m. with a social hour when people can view the photographs entered in the Nature Photography Contest, bid on the silent auction items generously contributed by area businesses, and visit the nature store for t-shirts and trinkets.

A leisurely meal (refer to column on right for menu), prepared and served by Friends of the Refuges, will be followed by the presentation.

Gary Clark is a dean of Instruction at Lone Star College--North Harris in Houston and he writes the weekly "Nature" column for the Houston Chronicle and San Antonio Express News.

Clark's nature articles have been published in numerous magazines, including AAA Journeys, Birds & Bloom, Birder's World, Living Bird, Rivers, Texas Highways, Texas Parks & Wildlife, Texas Wildlife, and Women in the Outdoors.

He wrote the text for the books "Enjoying Big Bend National Park," "Backroads of the Texas Hill Country," "Texas Wildlife Portfolio" and "Gulf Coast Impressions."

He is a contributing author to "Pride of Place: A Contemporary Anthology of Texas Nature Writing" and "Birding the Border."

Clark has won seven writing awards, and is the recipient of the 2004 Excellence in Media Award from the Houston Audubon Society and the 2010 Synergy Award from Citizens Environmental Coalition.

#### **Fundraising Kick-off Dinner Freeport RiverPlace**

##### Tickets

\$20 - Age 13  
and older

\$10 - Age 6  
through age 12

Free - Below age 6

##### 5:30 p.m.

##### Social hour

Photo Contest

Silent Auction

Nature Store

##### 6:30 p.m. Dinner

Sage-rubbed smoked  
pork shoulder  
or

Vegetable lasagna

Pecan and sausage  
cornbread stuffing

Borracho beans

Salad with apples,  
cranberries and  
optional pecans

Peach cobbler

Coffee, tea, water

##### 7:55 p.m. Speaker

Gary Clark: "Birding:  
Tips, Tricks and  
Temptations"

## Weekend events

The weekend events are all at the San Bernard National Wildlife Refuge. They begin at 9 a.m. Saturday and at noon on Sunday.

Following is a brief list of activities; please visit [www.migrationcelebration.org](http://www.migrationcelebration.org) for details. All activities are free, although some advance registration is required.

### Saturday schedule

**9 a.m. - Noon:** Bird banding demonstration

**9 a.m. - 6:15 p.m.:** Information booth and sign up: marsh buggy, Bobcat Woods, Moccasin Pond van tours; San Bernard Oak walking tour; kayaking on Cedar Lake Creek, and other Amazing Adventures.

**9 a.m. - 5 p.m.:** Children's Discovery Program: bow hunting, bug sweeping, crabbing, fire-fighting, fish casting with rod and reel, nature studies with microscope, pond life, live critters.

Coastal expo: crab marsh, discovery boxes, fish prints, touch tank, beach goodies, fish rubbing, glass bottom stream.

#### Junior Naturalist Program

**9 a.m. - 6 p.m.:** Exhibits Building: exhibits, photo contest exhibit, nature store, bake sale (until 4:30 p.m.).

**9:30 a.m. & 5:15 p.m.:** Birds of Prey shows

**11 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.:** Food service

**2p.m. - 3 p.m.:** Reptile identification and ecology presentation by Marc Ealy.

**12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.:** Urban wildlife Encounters Presentation by Mark Klym

**3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.:** Rocket netting demonstration

### Consider being a volunteer

Migration Celebration is organized and run by the Friends of the Brazoria Wildlife Refuges. It happens with the help and dedication of numerous volunteers and many opportunities are available. Anyone interested in volunteering to help, please call Ed Barrios, volunteer coordinator, at 979-297-1815 or send him an e-mail at [tx77566@comcast.net](mailto:tx77566@comcast.net).

## Sunday schedule

**Noon - 5:15 p.m.:** Information booth and sign up: marsh buggy tours, Moccasin Pond tours, kayaking on Cedar Lake Creek, San Bernard Oak interpretative tour, guided nature walk Bobcat Woods and other Amazing Adventures.

**Noon - 4 p.m.:** Bird banding demonstration

**Noon - 4 p.m.:** Children's Discovery Program: bow hunting, fish casting with rod and reel, bug sweeping, nature studies with microscope, pond life and live critters.

Coastal expo: crab marsh, discovery boxes, fish prints, touch tank, beach goodies, glass bottom stream.

#### Junior Naturalist Program

**Noon - 4 p.m.:** Exhibits Building: exhibits, photo contest exhibit, nature store, bake sale (opens 12:30).

**12:30 p.m. - 4 p.m.:** Food service

**12:45 p.m.-1:45 p.m.:** "The Biodiversity of the Texas Coast" Presentation by Mark Klym

**1:30 p.m. & 3:45 p.m.:** Birds of Prey shows

**2:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.:** Reptile identification and ecology presentation, Curtis Jones

### Birds of Prey put on a show



EarthQuest returns to present four Birds of Prey shows with handler Steve Hoddy. Visitors will have a look at falcons, hawks and a condor in ways that are entertaining as well as educational. See the above schedule of events for times.