



**CAMERON LIBRARY SUMMER READING PROGRAM
CORNELL/AUDUBON PROJECT***

May 30, 2018/10:30 – 12:30 p.m.

Cameron Library 2018 Children's Summer Reading Program – Texas Master Naturalist Presentations Meeting

Participants:

Primary Lead: Cindy Bolch, Central Texas Chapter

Other Leads: Joyce Conner and Donna Lewis, El Camino Real Chapter

Report:

Participants met at Cedar Hill Ranch to discuss the two remaining summer presentations which will be held in the Cameron Library. The general topics are derived from the title "Wild in the Sky." Although programs are from 5:30 – 6:30, participants must plan on 5-7 pm for setup and cleanup. All three attending participants will help at all three programs, with one of them a lead of each. Other chapter members are welcome and encouraged to help at each program.

Both programs (including slideshows) were reviewed and some preparation completed at the meeting.

July 5, 5:30 – 6:30 pm: Topic – **Dragonflies**, Lead, Joyce Conner

July 19, 5:30-6:30 pm: Topic – **Purple Martins and Their Backyard Habitats**; Lead, Donna Lewis

Each 1-hour session will consist of the following aspects:

- An educational component
- An activity
- Handouts and "interesting items table" (must be manned by a volunteer to preserve/protect items)
- Poster(s)

Our emphasis is to NOT reinvent the wheel, but use our previous slideshows and handouts given at other venues.

July 5 Program: Dragonflies

Activity: Nature Journal with vocabulary word list. After one page completed (pencils, colored pencils needed), students may choose a dragonfly charm necklace or a plastic insect toy to take home with journal. Take homes – journal, necklace or toy, bookmark, vocabulary list, tiny nymph cards; Display table – tri-fold dragonfly poster completed; six insect boxes

We reviewed the "Miniscule" video.

Still To Do –

- Joyce – final review of modified slideshow

July 19 Program: Purple Martin and Their Backyard Habitats

Activity: Library book tote bags – stencils of bird silhouettes drawn on 20 totes; fabric markers will be available for students to personalize each one with initials, nature scenes, coloring of bird

We reviewed Lynn Hagen's movie of Donna cleaning her Martin apartments. Donna may bring some plush animals to question audience about which is a Purple Martin.

Still To Do –

- Donna will bring 2 x trifolds about purple martins; 3 handouts; boom box with cd of Purple Martin sounds
- Cindy is to review slideshow that was to be shown at last year's annual meeting and help reduce it for this audience and venue; she will include the mp4 of Donna cleaning apartments that Lynn Hagen produced.

No followup meeting currently scheduled.

Other Business

Cindy discussed the possibility of these presentations at the Appletree Day Care Center, prompted by one of the parents at her talk.

Joyce mentioned that she would like instructions on how to preserve insect specimens. Donna reminded her that Karen Wright, the curator of the A&M insect collection, was possibly going to be our August speaker. We could see whether she or one of the students could return for a preservation workshop.

This meeting is to be recorded in VMS under **Presentations:Direct**:Description - Cameron Library Children's Summer Program- Milam County; 2 hours plus travel time

*Mike and Donna spent 30 minutes (10 – 10:30 am) making a predator guard for a bluebird nest box. The design and a sample were given to Donna. This activity is to be recorded in VMS under **Cornell/Audubon Projects: TMN Field Research**.

