



# Nature Notes ...

## The Newsletter for Clinton Community Nature Center Members and Supporters

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### Nature Center Sponsors "Project Patriotism" City-Wide Holiday Flag Program

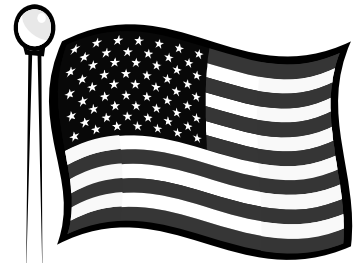
Thanks so much to all of you who have supported CCNC by purchasing a flag subscription in our Holiday Flags fundraising program. We're off to a great start! Sales started just before Memorial Day, and in just over a month, Clinton residents' response was so enthusiastic that by Independence Day, there were ninety CCNC American flags flying around the city!

At \$50.00 per subscription, that's \$4,500.00 raised for trail and building maintenance, education and salaries. Of course, this year we didn't clear that much because of the purchase of the flags. But, we still cleared over \$1,000.00 and have enough materials on hand to put together another seventy flags. Next year when you renew your subscription, those funds will all go to support CCNC! We intend to double flag subscriptions each year until we have established a stable and significant funding source for our beloved patch of woods!

The Holiday Flag Program is targeted to the City of Clinton and surrounding neighborhoods. Nature Center volunteers place an American Flag in yards across the city on Presidents Day in February, Memorial Day in May, Independence Day in July and Veterans Day in November. The Flags are installed in the weeks leading up to each designated holiday. Nature Center volunteers remove the flags in the days following the holiday, and the Center handles storage and maintenance. The flags are made in the U.S.A. and each flag measures 3 x 5 ft. Each flag is mounted on an 8 ft. pole. The \$50 annual contribution guarantees the purchaser four Holiday Flags per year, regardless of the date the purchaser joined the Flag Program.

A special treat happened on Friday, July 23, when we shared the flags with soldiers, relatives and friends at the homecoming celebration of our 114<sup>th</sup> National Guard Military Police unit when they returned from their service in Iraq! Friends and family waved the flags and cheered as these men and women made their homecoming arrival, and began a well-deserved respite and time with their families. Photos and videos are available on our Facebook page! Go to [www.clintonnaturecenter.org](http://www.clintonnaturecenter.org) and click on "Facebook."

**Show Your Patriotism and Support Clinton Community Nature Center**



**Order a Year of Holiday Flags for You and Your Loved Ones TODAY!**

**ONLY \$50.00 Annually**

**Order Forms available at Price Hall or online at [Clintonnaturecenter.org](http://Clintonnaturecenter.org)**

### Fundraising Opportunities

Here's a smorgasbord of choices for supporting CCNC programming:

- Vanity License Plates GO GREEN
- Planet Green Ink and Cell Phone recycling (see article)
- Goodsearch.com and Goodshop.com (see article)
- Membership
- Monetary or In-Kind Donations
- Holiday Flag Program

Information and flyers on each of these programs on our website!



### The Nature Center Participating in Planet Green Fundraising Program

Turn in your empty ink-jet cartridges and old cell phones to help the Center raise money! Through the Planet Green Recycle Program, the Center can raise much needed funds.

It's simple! You turn in your used inkjet cartridges and cell phones at the Center, and we turn them in at Planet Green, earning up to \$5.75 for every cartridge and up to \$40.00 for every cell phone.

For more information on the recycling program, visit <http://planetgreenrecycle.com/participants/index.php>, or contact the Center at 601-926-1104 or [ccnaturecenter@gmail.com](mailto:ccnaturecenter@gmail.com).

### Using GoodSearch.com Helps the Nature Center

What if Clinton Nature Center earned a donation every time you searched the Internet? Or how about if a percentage of every purchase you made online went to support our cause? Well, now it can!

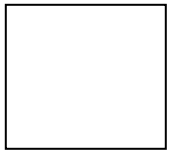
GoodSearch.com is a new Yahoo-powered search engine that donates half its advertising revenue, about a penny per search, to the charities its users designate. Use it just as you would any search engine, get quality search results from Yahoo, and watch the donations add up!

GoodShop.com is a new online shopping mall which donates up to 30 percent of each purchase to your favorite cause! Hundreds of great stores including Amazon, Target, Gap, Best Buy, eBay, Macy's and Barnes and Noble have teamed up with GoodShop and every time you place an order, you'll be supporting your favorite cause.

If you download the GoodSearch - Clinton Nature Center toolbar, our cause will earn money every time you shop and search online - even if you forget to go to GoodShop or GoodSearch first! Add the Clinton Nature Center(Clinton MS) toolbar at <http://www.goodsearch.com/toolbar/clinton-nature-center>. Contact John Stark at 601-926-1104 or [ccnaturecenter@gmail.com](mailto:ccnaturecenter@gmail.com) with questions or for additional information.



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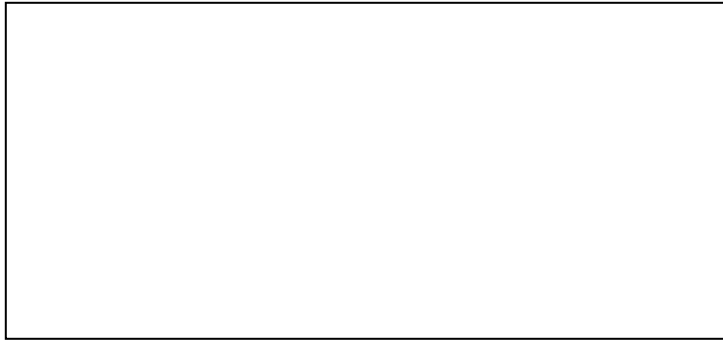
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**Nature Center and Dr. Reid Bishop Team Up to Begin Naturalist Education Program**

CCNC has begun a naturalist education program in cooperation with Dr. Reid Bishop, Director of National Audubon Society's Mississippi River Field Institute based in Vicksburg. The Audubon Naturalist training series focuses on the lower Mississippi and will culminate with certification as either an Adult or Junior Naturalist

The program involves three separate types of activities: seminars, guided field trips and community service. Topics cover a wide range of conservation and environmental education such as native plants and habitats of the river, geology, hydrology, migratory birds, fishes, water quality, etc.

The program, which was begun in January, 2010 with a group of Delta State University, has quickly grown to include two more sections. A Vicksburg group was added in March, and our Clinton/Jackson section early this summer.

Naturalist training is currently running as a one-year, flexible program in which students accumulate experiences as their schedules permit. College credit as well as CEU credit is available. Instructors come from a wide range of professional backgrounds. Field trips cover a broad range of landscapes across the Mississippi delta.

Dr. Bishop is accepting new students in the new Clinton/Jackson section starting in mid-September. For more information contact John Stark at 601-926-1104 or [ccnaturecenter@gmail.com](mailto:ccnaturecenter@gmail.com) or Reid Bishop at 601-661-6189 or [rbishop@audubon.org](mailto:rbishop@audubon.org). Cost is \$350.00 for the year and covers tuition, books and instructor fees. A portion of the proceeds will go to support CCNC and the Mississippi River Field Institute.



**Project Learning Tree and Food Land and People Teacher Workshops a Success!**

On July 14 and 15, CCNC hosted Teacher Workshops at Price Hall.

Susan Shedd with Mississippi Soil and Water Conservation Commission presented Food, Land and People curriculum training, and Harold Anderson led Project Learning Tree (PLT). We were very pleased that in addition to a number of area teachers, several of CCNC's youth volunteers from Nature Camp participated.

Anderson has generously agreed to lead a shorter PLT workshop on June 2, 2011 to prepare next summer's camp counselors for Nature Camp.



**CCNC Hosts Okatoma River Trip**

Boy, did we have fun on the Okatoma! Monica Walters, Kathleen Kehoe, Lauren Wilson, Dorothy Claypool and Christy and John Stark floated on canoes and kayaks down this beautiful south Mississippi river on Wednesday, July 21. You can see some videos of the fun, the lush riparian habitat and the rippling rapids on our Facebook page!



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