

SUMMER BARBECUE

at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary

Sat., July 25th, 5:30 to 10:00 p.m.

Bring the family and join us for this special occasion: dining under the stars, evening walks around the marsh, a special sale of used nature books, and a great program on Orange County Raptors presented by Dr. Joe Platt; after the program we will have star gazing in the meadow and a night wildlife walk.

Dr. Platt is an ecologist with over 30 years in environmental research and consulting. Raptors have been a passion since his youth. His Master's thesis at Brigham Young University was a telemetry study of nesting Sharp-Shinned Hawks in Utah and his doctoral research at Cornell's Laboratory of Ornithology was a study of Gyrfalcon nesting behavior on the North Slope of the Yukon Territory. Raptor study took him to the Arabian Gulf where he worked for 20 years in Bahrain and Dubai as wildlife advisor to the Ruling Families.

Joe's Sea and Sage presentation will be an illustrated talk on Southern California Birds of Prey - who they are and what they do. Development in California has brought with it a loss of raptor habitats and a decline in species, but they can still be found. Some, like Cooper's Hawks and White-tailed Kites, now nest in our suburban spaces. Sharp-shinned Hawks, Merlins and Peregrine Falcons have become regular winter residents in our Orange County parklands and open spaces. Come and enjoy this wonderful program on raptors following the meal at our Summer Barbecue.

Advance reservations are essential so that we know how much food to buy (see form below). Those with e-mail or a stamped, self-addressed envelope will be sent their reservation confirmation and tickets; all others can pick them up when they check in at the barbecue on July 25th.

Our menu will include barbecued hot dogs, chicken, salad, vegetarian sweet & sour beans, chips, fresh fruit, dessert, lemonade, and coffee. A vegetarian entree will be offered for those who specifically request it on their reservation form.

Tickets for the barbecue and program are \$15.00 for adults, \$7.00 for children under 5; tickets for the BBQ workers are \$10.00. Your ticket will include your meal & beverage, evening marsh walk, and program. (Wine and soft drinks are included with the meal.) Activities begin at 4:30 pm, dinner will be from 6:00 to 7:00 pm, followed by the program (as soon as it is dark). The first marsh walk will take in the sights and sounds as the marsh life settles in for the evening. The post speaker marsh walk will focus on the sounds of the wildlife that frequent the Sanctuary at night. The OC Astronomers will also have their telescopes set up in the meadow for star gazing.

This event is staffed entirely by chapter volunteers. If you can help us out in any capacity, we would really appreciate it! A signup sheet for volunteers is at Audubon House and is also posted on our chapter webpage. For info on volunteering, contact Nancy Kenyon at (949) 786-3160 or nancykenyon@cox.net

-Jay Miller, BBQ Coordinator

Summer Barbecue - Will YOU Be There?

Name _____ Number in your party: _____

Do you want a vegetarian entree? _____ If, so, how many? _____

E-mail Address or Phone _____

Do you want to go on one of the evening nature walks? _____

Amount enclosed _____ (\$15 per person; children under 5 are \$7)
(\$10 for BBQ workers)



Make your check payable to Sea & Sage Audubon and mail it with this form to:
Barbecue, c/o Nancy Kenyon, 32 Almond Tree Ln, Irvine CA 92612