

## I know every bird of the mountains, and everything that moves in the field is Mine. Psalm 50:11

Join Bill and Merilee Clifton – creationists, authors, Florida Master Naturalists, and science educators – as we focus on Florida birds at Orlando Wetlands Park in East Orange County. According to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, birding is the number one sport in America! The U.S. has over 51 million birders, and the number is growing. On this "Introduction to Birding" field trip, we will first learn how birds were specifically designed by their Creator to do what they do. Next, we will get down to the basics of birding: how to use binoculars, how to use a field guide, and how to identify birds. Then, we will take a hike observing birds in the wild. Children will have the opportunity to earn a Jr. Birding Certificate through Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and also how to continue earning advanced birding certificates on their own. Our day will include information on birding resources, how to start a bird "life list," how to use bird alpha codes, how to create a backyard habitat for birds, where to see birds around Florida, bird crafts, and more!

We will meet between 8:00 and 8:15 AM at the Education Center at Orlando Wetlands Park, 25155 Wheeler Road, Christmas, FL 32709. For directions and driving time from your home, check www.googlemaps.com or www.mapquest.com. Our day as a group will end at 2:00 PM. Be sure to bring a picnic lunch. If you have binoculars and / or a bird field guide, please bring them. If you don't, we will have binoculars on loan for the day from the Orange County Audubon Society and we will have extra bird guides available for your use. It's always a good idea to bring sunscreen, insect repellent, water, rain poncho, and camera. Creation resources will be available for purchase. If you have any questions, please contact Bill or Merilee Clifton at 407-808-4458 (cell/text) or sciencepartners@cfl.rr.com.

Minimum number is 30; maximum number is 45. **Due to hiking and other activities planned for the day**, **minimum age is first grade**. (Some areas are not stroller accessible.) A responsible adult must accompany all children. Cost is \$15 per person (child or adult). Make check payable to *Science Partners* and send it along with the registration form below to 343 Allison Avenue, Longwood, FL 32750. <u>Deadline for minimum number is February 25, 2016</u>. Late registrations will be accepted, space permitting.

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Cost: (Minimum age is first grade.)						
# Children (Grades 1-12) = @ \$15.00 = \$				# Adults = @ \$15.00 = \$		
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## Registration Form: FOR THE BIRDS - Thursday, March 24, 2016