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to Audubon Members and Friends

*Below find a list of events in the area for April-Early June,
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site at <http://audubonaction.org/audubon/home.html>*

THIS IS EARTH WEEK _ Visit this web site to find an Earth Day event near you.
<http://www.earthday.net/earthday2010>

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ITEM # 1 EARTH WEEK - BHSU April 20-24

Tuesday, April 20 - *The Power of Community: How Cuba Survived Peak Oil*
7pm Jacket Legacy Room

Wednesday, April 21 - *Food, Inc.* (A film about where our food comes from)
7pm Jacket Legacy Room

Thursday, April 22 - Student Union "Green" Tours (Learn about the sustainable design
of the new building) 1pm-3pm Student Union

Friday, April 23 - Blooming Bicycle Festival (Music, food, demonstrations, and more)
6pm City Park Pavilion Sponsored by the Spearfish Bike Co-op

Saturday, April 24 - Spearfish Cleanup 10am City Park

ITEM # 2 EARTH WEEK - Rapid City April 20-24

April 20 Eyewitness to Climate Change, a program by polar explorer Will Steger 7:30 pm in the Ballroom, Surbeck Center, SDSM&T in Rapid City

April 20 Dirt! The Movie on PBS What is dirt, why is it important, how we are losing it, what can be done to protect it? 10:00 to 11:00 pm MDT.

April 21 The film Food, Inc. will air on PBS 7-9 pm MDT. See what actually goes into your food and how industrial food production is causing major problems for our planet.

April 21-23 Western SD Hydrology Conference at the Civic Center in Rapid City, All 4/22 Day two concurrent sessions., part of the Rocky Mountain Geology Conference, 4/21-23 <http://gsa.confex.com/gsa/2010RM/finalprogram/>,, <http://sd.water.usgs.gov/WSDconf/index.html>

April 22 Earth Day event at Western Dakota Tech in Rapid City. 1am-6pm ~ Exhibitor Booths, Green Automobiles, Speakers, Videos, Food, Children's activities , 6pm-8pm ~ Rapid City Task Force on Green Cities Symposium

DETAILS ----11am Presentation-, Noon Presentation-Sustainable Business Practices , 3pm Presentation-Auto Industry Future, 3-5:30pm Children's Event-Bike Rodeo, Yellow Bikes, 3:30pm& 4pm Children's Event-Puppet Show, 4pm Presentation-Going Green in Cafeterias & Dining Services, Aramark, 4:30pm Presentation-Grassfed Beef, David Winkler, 5pm, Presentation-Technology, Eric Abrahamson . From 6:00 to 8:00 pm the Rapid City Green Task Force will sponsor a series of round table discussions on local foods, energy, recycling, water conservation, transportation, land use planning, and natural assets.

http://www.wdt.edu/Student_Services/Earth_Day_Page.aspx

April 22 Izaak Walton Rapid City Chapter meeting, Thursday evening, April 22, 7:30, PM, at the Behavior Management Systems meeting room located at 350 Elk Street, Rapid City. Please verify date/time and agenda/topic with Dick Rasmussen at rdeadbroke@aol.com, 574-4707.

April 23-24 Banff Mountain Film Festival at the Elks Theater in Rapid City. Showtime 6:30.

<http://www.banffcentre.ca/mountainculture/festivals/2009/>

April 24 Earth, a companion piece to the TV Series Planet Earth, will show at the Elks Theater. Follow the path of the sun through the seasons and see how polar bears, humpback whales, and elephants respond to its power. Showtimes 9:00 and 11:00 am

and 1:00 and 3:00 pm. Admission free if you bring a recyclable item.

April 24 Rapid City Cleanup Day

April 27 Winona LaDuke is keynote speaker at Green Energy Conference at SDSM&T.
<http://news.sdsmt.edu/press/83573/>

ITEM 3 EARTH DAY I- CLEAN UPS IN VARIOUS COMMUNITIES- RC, Sturgis, Deadwood and Spearfish

April 22 about 130 students and staff from the Boxelder Job Corps center will help communities clean-up in Spearfish, Sturgis, Deadwood and Rapid City, South Dakota.

Rapid City - Skyline Drive. 45 staff and students will pick up trash in the area. Scott Anderson with Rapid City Parks Division is the contact - 605.430.7904.

Sturgis - Bear Butte Creek. 45 students and staff remove trash and other debris along the Creek. Gene Stock, Sturgis Parks/Cemetery Director is the contact - 605.347.9018.

Spearfish - Canyon Street. 15 students and staff will provide brush clearing and trash removal. This project will require a staff member certified in the use of a chainsaw with knowledge of urban forestry. Keith Heper, Parks Superintendent is contact - 605.645.3344.

Deadwood -Mickelson Trail. Removing trash from the trail through the city of Deadwood. 15 students and staff will do the work. Jim Raysor, Public Works Director is contact - 605.578.3082.

ITEM # 4 REQUEST FOR HELP WITH OWL SURVEYS - ROCKY MT BIRD OBSERVATORY

Below is a request for volunteer help from RMBO -

Find the procedure, dates, times, and locations and RMBO contact info.

Summary of Owl Survey Procedure:

The 3 to 5 mile long routes are along forest service or county roads. The survey consists of playing a CD/MP3 file of the vocalizations of 5 owl species at points [?] mile apart and writing down all the owls volunteers hear or see.

The possible owl species are Eastern Screech-Owl, Long-eared Owl, Northern Saw-Whet Owl, Boreal Owl, Flammulated Owl (in April & May) and of course, Great Horned Owls. Great Horned Owls aren't on the CD because they are always calling anyway and they scare the little owls into silence. Many of the routes are driveable, but volunteers will have to walk some sections of some routes that are on closed FS roads or impassable for other reasons. RMBO encourage all surveyors to work in pairs, for safety reasons.

Times:

All surveys start[?] hour after sunset. Finish time depends on route length and whether any walking is involved.

Dates (weather permitting): April 25--May 8.

Route Locations (north to south) include routes in Lawrence (5 routes), Pennington (5 routes), Custer (5 routes) and Fall River County (1 route).

Locations of these blocks can be seen at www.rmbo.org/sdbba2/gmap.aspx.

Please notify Nancy Drilling if you want to participate in the April/May owl surveys. Also, please pass this information along to anyone else you think might be interested.

Visit --- www.rmbo.org/SDBBA2, to learn about the Breeding Bird Atlas and how to volunteer - The second South Dakota Breeding Bird Atlas, starting in 2008, is a statewide survey to determine the current distribution and status of every bird species breeding in the state of South Dakota.

Nancy Drilling, Coordinator, South Dakota Breeding Bird Atlas, Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory, 230 Cherry St., Suite 150, Fort Collins, CO 80521,
<nancy.drilling@rmbo.org>

Tel: 970-482-1707 ext. 14,

ITEM # 5 -PRIMARY VOTING/REGISTRATION DATES - Aoril-June various

April 27 - absentee voting starts,
May 24th - registration deadline for primary,
June 8th, - Primary Election and deadline for Independents filing

ITEM # 6 - LONG LIST OF VARIOUS MAY AND EARLY JUNE EVENTS/DEADLINES

May 1st Saturday- Bear Butte Forum day --morn 8:30-12 MST - - - Sturgis Community Center, 1401 Lazelle St, Sturgis , for info- jim.jandreau@state.sd.us, 347-5240

May 5th, - 2:30 pm, Hearing to approve resolution to adopt the Stagebarn Special Zoning Area

Meade County Commission at Meade County Courthouse, Sturgis

<http://www.meadecounty.org/commissioners.html>

<http://www.meadecounty.org/equalizationandplanning.html>

May 6-7 Game, Fish and Parks Commission meeting CSP - Sylvan Lake
24572 SD Hwy 87, Custer, SD 57730, visit

<http://www.sdgfp.info/Commission/Meetings.htm>

to see topics, The public hearing is usually on Thursday. (Oct 's GFPC meet will be in Spearfish and do

Mountain lions in Oct, GFPC meetings are usually in another part of the state)

May 8th La Creek NWR Field Trip sponsored by PHAS and SC, contact Sam Clauson for info and details,

343-5756, <snbclaus@rushmore.com>

May 8th - International Migratory Bird Day, Second Saturday in May, www.birdday.org

May 8th - Idea Wild Auction, for info contact Wally Van Sickle, ideawild@ideawild.org

May 13th Public meeting on the Keystone XL Pipeline Project DEIS in Faith at 12-2 pm. Community Legion Hall, Main St., for more info on meetings, comment deadline (June 1st?) and DEIS: www.keystonepipeline-xl.state.gov

May 13th Public meeting on the Keystone XL Pipeline Project DEIS in Buffalo at 7-9 pm. Community Legion Hall, Main St., for more info on meetings, comment deadline (June 1st?) and DEIS: www.keystonepipeline-xl.state.gov

May 14-17th, 14-17, The 2010 West River Migration Count (WRMC)
WRMC will be held May 14-17, 2010. The WRMC is a modified version of the North American Migration Count (NAMC) which was started in 1992 and covered all of the United States. When the NAMC was discontinued, the WRMC was started and is conducted each year in May to census bird populations in West River counties. In 2009 38 observers in seven West River counties counted 172 species and 19,146 birds. If you would like to participate please contact Vic Fondy (605-269-2553) <treasurecreek@gmail.com>.

May 21st, 2010, Friday -- On May 21st, 2010, Endangered Species Day!
- Endangered Species Day is a celebration of our nation's wildlife and wild places. Started in 2006 by the United States Congress, Endangered Species Day is the third Friday of May. It will be a Friday evening event at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center in Rapid City, LaCroix Room A, with multiple groups sponsoring. Dan Licht will be one of the speakers. It will likely start at 6 pm with "meet and greet" and food,. Info will be posted to www.phas-wsd.org when agenda finalized,

May 21st-23rd - SD Ornithologist Union annual spring weekend event, Sioux Falls, <http://www.homepages.dsu.edu/palmerj/SDOU/>

May 18th, 25th and 27th - Forums in Rapid City for various candidates may happen, DIA ,RC Chamber of Commerce , a ?North Rapid ?Group, and may each sponsor one, various sets of candidates to be invited - please verify that these will occur,

May 24th, _ this may be the comment deadline on the Mystic Range Project, please check with FS to verify. Visit web site to download
http://fs.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsinternet!/ut/p/c4/04_SB8K8xLLM9MSSzPy8xBz9CP0os_gQYzdTY0MPYwP3AEtXA09vz1Afv0ATQ4NgA_2CbEdFAMx8n8Q!/?ss=110203&navtype=BROWSEBYSUBJECT&navid=1301100000000000&pnavid=1300000000000000&position=Project*&groupid=Under%20Analysis&ttype=projectlistxml&pname=Black%20Hills%20National%20Forest-%20Projects

May 25th Newcastle & 26th & Sundance

Changes to Wyoming Mountain Lion season will be made by Wyoming Game and Fish Commission in July. (Wyoming does this every 3 years, while SD may do every year. Mt Lions in Black Hills are hunted in both states.) Public meetings about potential changes will be held by WGF in Newcastle at the H.S. Auditorium on May 25th from 7-9 PM, and another in the basement of the Courthouse in Sundance on May 26th from 7-9 PM. For info. "Joe Sandrini" <Joe.Sandrini@wgf.state.wy.us>

June 1st --Keystone XL Pipeline--- Likely deadline for Comments on the Keystone XL Pipeline Project DEIS, for more info on deadline and DEIS: www.keystonepipeline-xl.state.gov

June 1st, likely deadline appeal of the Norbeck timber sale project, - Please verify with FS

June 1 or 2nd, Likely date for public hearing on Meade County draft beverage license applications in Meade (impacts to Bear Butte)

June 3-4, GFP Commission meeting in Oacoma, SD.,
<http://www.sdgfp.info/Commission/Meetings.htm>

June 7th, likely deadline for appeals of BHNF Travel Management FEIS/ROD and it may also be deadline for appeals of NNF Travel Management FEIS/ROD, please verify with FS .

June 8th - Primary election