

Wing Beat

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Winter Birding Wonderlands

Rather than throwing another log on the fire when bone-chilling winds come whistling down from the tundra in darkest winter, avid birders bundle up and hit the trail in search of waterfowl, owls, winter finches and other "good" birds.

Wingbeat asked three Burroughs Audubon members to reveal their favorite winter spots and the birds they see there.

Lone Star Lake in Douglas County is the top pick of Burroughs President Mike Stokes. The 100-plus acre lake is a jewel, deep enough to attract diving ducks like scaup, loons and canvasbacks, but not so big that waterfowl swim to the middle where they are hard to see.

The lake is ideal for studying small and large Canada Geese, with eight or nine subspecies identified, said Stokes. The lake each year attracts a small raft of Greater Scaup, a bird of the coasts and Great Lakes that is uncommon in the Midwest.

A subdivision road surrounds the little lake. There are picnic tables where, weather permitting, birders can eat while watching waterfowl.

There is good habitat diversity surrounding the lake, with a grassy area that is good for sparrows, said Stokes. "And when you leave the little lake basin, you are immediately in farm country ideal for birds like Loggerhead Shrikes, Red-tailed Hawks and Rough-legged Hawks."

The lake is 12 miles southwest of Lawrence on Highway 59, not far from Clinton Reservoir. There is no fee.

Mark Land's favorite winter birding spot is also his favorite in spring, summer and fall. He works at Apria Healthcare in Lenexa, 10 minutes from the entrance to Shawnee Mission Park, a 1,250 acre urban refuge that includes a 150-acre lake, ponds, marshes, forests and meadows.

Land birds in the park every work day year-round, often dashing there during his lunch hour where he sees 25-30 species in 35-40 minutes of intense birding, and where he has seen more than 200 species in the last five years.

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BIRD COUNT 2004!

It has been over one hundred years since the Christmas Bird Count, or 'CBC', replaced holiday bird kills. Today, over 50,000 birders participate in this all-day census of early-winter bird populations. Results are compiled in the longest-running database in ornithology, revealing population trends throughout the Americas.

Beginning birders, seasoned ornithologists—all are welcome to participate in any bird count. Novice birders are paired with seasoned birders. Compilers, organize the count, coordinate and combine all observers into field parties to produce the best coverage within the circle. The online

database can be accessed at www.birdsource.org/cbc/.

Additionally, *American Birds* publishes a summary each year of the previous year's count.

This year Kansas City's bird count will be held Saturday, December 18 at locations throughout metropolitan Kansas City. Don Arney will lead a group at Swope Park. Contact Don by phone at 813-931-8536 or by email, sora@kc.rr.com for an assignment.

Marilyn and Kosh will host a **Bird Feeder Watch** on the 18th. They will host the traditional compilers' supper at 5:30 PM that Saturday at 24406 Timberlake Trail, Greenwood, MO. Participants are welcome. An early RSVP is absolutely required, so she can plan on food. A taco salad, dessert, and beverage will be provided. Participants split costs of the dinner, which in the past has been around \$6.00. Call 816-537-5988 to participate! --Marilyn Koshland

General Meetings are held the **FIRST THURSDAY** of each month, September through June, at the Missouri Department of Conservation's **Discovery Center**, 4750 Troost.

DECEMBER 2, 6 to 9 PM:

HOLIDAY POTLUCK: Bird slides by Bob Fisher! Bird songs by Jack Revare! White Albatross gift exchange! Bring any unused items, nature-related or not. **BIRD TRIVIA QUIZ!** Door prizes. Join us—bring a covered dish, salad or dessert of your choice. Burroughs will provide tableware and beverages. Bring your own slides or photos to share (please inform Marilyn at (816) 537-5966 or koshland@mindspring.com).

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S NEST:

Greetings,

A question on the minds of many, myself included, in this post-election, post-modern and, seemingly, post-environmental season, is where do we go from here? With so many issues of importance vying for the national spotlight, it seems as though the environment and the creatures who share our world have become passé, a story from yesterday's news and a concern for future generations. 'After all', ask the neo-conservatives with some legitimacy, 'if Islamic terrorists wreak destruction and havoc on our nation, who will remain to advocate for and enjoy the benefits of a clean and vital natural environment?' 'This generation must join the fight for the future of all generations yet to come,' they say! 'Precisely,' I say! And if our generation does not advocate for the environment and the health of generations yet to come, who, and what, will remain that's worth fighting for? Politicians divide issues, and the electorate, for their and their supporter's benefit.

I submit that advocating for sustainable economic development, the rational use of natural resources and stewardship of the natural beauty that we've collectively inherited from our forebears are not political propositions, but ones that benefit our entire nation as much as fighting to preserve our physical well-being from murderous madmen. Whatever your political flavor, let's join the fight together and find the personal and political will to do what needs to be done for those generations yet to come. The fronts in the war to save future generations lie in the hearts and minds of the living!

*Mike Stoakes, President,
Burroughs Audubon Society of Greater Kansas City*

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Your year-end contribution can help Burroughs Audubon send Audubon Adventures to area classrooms, upgrade the Burroughs Nature Center and Library, and assist with Shirling Sanctuary restoration activities. Send contributions to Treasurers Phil and Nancy Reicher, 301 W. 48th Terrace, Kansas City, MO 64113. Burroughs is a 501(c)3 organization. **Contributions are tax deductible.**

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Your participation makes Burroughs Audubon an effective, dynamic voice and center for birding and conservation in the Kansas City region. Contact us to join in activities!

WingBeat is the quarterly publication of the Burroughs Audubon Society of Greater Kansas City. BAS is a non-profit membership organization in the Kansas City area whose members share an interest in birding and our natural heritage and wish to preserve and enhance it for future generations. Our members share and promote this interest through a variety of activities that are open to the public.

The eagles have returned. They're carrying sticks—and building nests. Area students will descend upon the refuge on Friday the 3rd. There will be an eagle show over the weekend. Come greet volunteers from Illinois River NWR, Cypress Creek National Wildlife Refuge, Minnesota Valley NWR, Windom WMD, DeSoto NWR, Rice Lake

NWR, Great River Chamber of Commerce, Clarence Cannon NWR, the Prairie Learning Center—as well as MDC, Midland Empire Audubon Society, Mound City Kiwanis and the Mound City Audubon—and Burroughs Audubon! The Friends have an array of activities planned—button-making, tattoos, a wood carver, and wildlife photos.

Bus tours, shuttle service, and—did we mention?—eagles! Friends of Squaw Creek will staff a food booth from 8-4:30 p.m. Layered clothing is recommended for comfort, as temperatures fluctuate. Contact Jeanine Hargin if you can donate food or money or would like to volunteer at (660) 442-5754.

--Editor

EAGLE DAYS DECEMBER 4th and 5th

Support your local National Wildlife Refuge—Visit Squaw Creek NWR!

ASM Fall Meeting

The Audubon Society of Missouri held its annual fall meeting September 24th through 26th at Camp Clover Point at Lake of the Ozarks State Park. Over 60 people attended, and the species list for the weekend was 101, with the highlight being one of the best hawk watches we've witnessed in a long time from our traditional hawk watch site by the Fine airport.

Friday evening Aaron Given, a graduate student at Southeast Mo State University, made a presentation on his Yellow Rail research.

Saturday evening, Lisa Berger, Chair of the Steering Committee of the state's Important Bird Areas (IBA) Program, made a presentation about the IBA program in Missouri to date.

Field trips on both Saturday and Sunday were led by members of the Missouri Bird Records Committee. It was reported to be one of the best hawk watches in a long time, with 179 Turkey Vultures, 2 Merlins, 80 Broad-winged Hawks, 2 Sharp-shinned Hawks, 3 Red-tailed Hawks, 4 Cooper's Hawks, 2 Osprey, and an immature Bald Eagle.

The ASM Fall Meeting is traditionally held the last full weekend in September at Camp Clover. For a nominal fee, participants stay in group cabins and enjoyed great food and fellowship.

--Nancy Leo

SEED SALE KUDOS!

Thanks to all of you who participated in this year's seed sale at Burroughs Library and Nature Center at Lake Jacomo. Proceeds from the sale provide funding for Audubon Adventures in the classroom, our newsletter, and library maintenance and expenses.

--Editors

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Conservation Update

We prefer clean air, soil and water, thanks...

Susan Brown, Concerned Citizens of Platte County, Jill DeWitt, Burroughs Audubon, and Craig Volland, Sierra Club, got the word out on the health effects of proposed additional northland coal-burning power plants by meeting with newspaper editorial boards. Above: outside the St. Joseph-Press News.

Great Plains, the parent company of KCP&L, has not committed to state of the art mercury removal. The degree of mercury capture at the Weston Bend plant is highly uncertain at this time. Every stream and lake in Missouri is currently listed for mercury contamination. One in six women of childbearing age have unsafe levels of blood mercury, putting newborns at risk of neurological damage. And you want to build another coal-burning plant?

Burroughs Conservation is currently attending meetings in Jefferson City with the Public Service Commission and the Office of Public Counsel to advance renewable energy, energy efficiency measures and conservation as alternatives to the proposed plants.

To check additional information concerning the proposed plans, check the concerned Citizens website at www.tellkcpno.org, and KCP&L's website at kcp.com. Burroughs conservation leaders advocate advancing energy efficiency and renewable energy and conservation. A 1.3 billion dollar plant would substantially raise rates, increase pollution for 30-50 years, and let other countries continue the lead in sustainable energy development.

President Bush Reelected, GOP Increases Congressional Majority

Birders and conservationists confronted unprecedented

challenges during the last four years. Congress returned to Washington the week of November 15. High profile anti-conservation proposals once again threaten to open the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil and gas drilling, pass the massive "polluter paradise" energy bill, and savage core conservation laws like the Endangered Species Act, Clean Water Act and Clear Air Act. These efforts are backed by politically powerful, well-endowed special interests. The President now has additional allies in the House and Senate who will work hard to pass these measures. Our narrow margin of protection against assaults against solid conservation policy is now seriously threatened. For more information on these issues, please visit the National Audubon website at <http://www.capitolconnect.com/audubon> or contact your local conservation chair.

We will not give up on these issues. There is strength in numbers. We've faced frightening odds before and prevailed. We have countless friends in other Audubon Chapters and supporters throughout the country. As Audubon celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2004, we must seize this opportunity to protect vital habitat for birds, especially Audubon Important Bird Areas, and habitats of concern listed in the recent *State of Birds* report. Audubon conservationists need to reach out, educate and engage Americans in the country's fasted growing outdoor activity—birding. We must not stand by and let our core values disappear.

The Audubon tradition is engaging people in conservation. The time is now to protect America's great natural resources. Spend the time to become informed. Engage your friends, family and colleagues to defend conservation values. Our future of our country's natural resources is in the balance.

Burroughs Hosts Lakeside Walks

On October 31, five BAS members celebrated Halloween with a bird walk beginning at Lakeside Nature Center in Swope Park (the second in a series of monthly walks at Swope; see BAS newsletter or website for details).

The morning was perfect; sunny, clear and cool. The first birds to appear were large flocks of foraging Eastern Bluebirds and American Goldfinches, accompanied by a few lingering Chipping Sparrows. The feeder area behind LNC seemed strangely devoid of songbirds--until we noticed the Cooper's Hawk lurking in a tree near the feeders! We didn't have the opportunity to see this beautiful male snag a meal, but he was remarkably willing to sit still and be admired at close range. Leaving LNC, we were treated to the sight of at least 100 Franklin's Gulls passing overhead in V-shaped formation. Moving on to the woods surrounding the riding stables, we spotted Cedar Waxwings feasting on berries, juncos, White-throated Sparrows, and best of all, a handsome Red-headed Woodpecker patiently caching acorns for winter. It was definitely a "quality over quantity" sort of walk—a great way to spend a crisp Sunday morning!

—Elizabeth Kohler

ASWM in KC

An October meeting of The Association of State Wetland Managers in October gave national and international members a chance to explore the Konza Prairie (yes, buffalo wallows are wetlands!), Cheyenne Bottoms, La Cygne and the Flint Hills, meeting with resource managers and discussing concerns. Issues concerning wetlands, migratory birds, and the protection and restoration of wetlands of international significance were addressed.

BAS Joins Prairie Foundation at Fall Stillwell Prairie Campout

Haflinger ponies pulled the iron-wheeled horse cart across the prairie. Children sang quietly. We dined on scrumptious sausages, beans and rice prepared in Dutch ovens over an open campfire. We talked late and slept soundly under buttermilk skies spangled with brilliant stars.

Burroughs Audubon members joined members of the Missouri Prairie Foundation for this annual October overnight event.

A couple from Kenyon College, Ohio, dropped in on their cross-country prairie tour. We spotted a good sampling of migratory and prairie birds--and sedge wrens. The weekend ended all too soon, but we'll return next fall (www.moprairie.org). Perhaps you'll join us next year at Stillwell Prairie, an hour or two south of Kansas City, out of Nevada, MO.

A work crew tackled restoration activities before guests arrived for evening activities.

--Jill DeWitt

Missouri Blue Green Alliance Advances Policy

Bob Berkebile, internationally renowned architect, spoke recently on sustainability to a meeting of the newly formed Missouri Blue Green Alliance.

The Alliance is a partnership of labor unions, farmers, conservationists and others united in a common goal: to protect the environment while keeping and creating jobs. The coalition is a grassroots organizing effort designed to promote a positive future in which economic growth goes hand-in-hand with safe-guarding our nation's air, water and land.

The Alliance advocates change in the direction our country and state

have taken in recent years on issues of labor and the environment. By working together on policies such a trade, energy, transportation, pollution and safety, we can help improve work and environmental conditions for our families and ourselves.

Member organizations include the United Steelworkers, UAW 249, building trades unions, Family Farms for the Future, Sierra Club, and Burroughs Audubon.

A press conference was held October 19 at the Discovery Center. We announced the release of a report, *Cleaner, Stronger: Secure jobs, a Clean Environment and Less Foreign Oil*. The conference was covered by local TV and trade publications.

The Avian Ark: Tales from a Wild-Bird Hospital

Kit Chubb; Hungry Mind Press, 1991 This paperback is a wonderful read for anyone who appreciates wild birds and great storytelling. The author and her husband founded the Avian Care and Research Foundation in eastern Ontario in the late 1970's. During the succeeding 30 years they have rehabilitated not only raptors, but doves, loons, herons, ducks, woodpeckers, ravens and more. Ms. Chubb, a former nurse, explains the physical ailments and natural behaviors of the birds in a thoroughly comprehensible and interesting manner, while singling out some of the more dynamic and memorable patients from her years of work. She also illustrates the stories with many richly detailed, well-captioned pen and ink drawings. Some of the stories have happy endings, such as those of two different Snowy Owls treated for injuries and released (one was flown to her release site in a military aircraft). Others are tragic, as the tale of young Pileated Woodpeckers, killed in their outdoor aviary by an invading raccoon just before they were ready for their freedom. But all are satisfying—a highly recommended book!

--Elizabeth Kohler

MIGRATIONS



The Wood Pewee

Burroughs members celebrate the lives of several outstanding members, influential in the establishment and vigor of Burroughs Audubon.

MARY LOUISE MYERS, who was president of the Burroughs Nature Club in 1947-49, died in Denver in 2002. Many remember the years she and her husband Jim were caretakers at Camp Towanyak near Lake Quivira, where they fed and banded birds and reported many rare sightings.

HUGH HADLEY, President, Burroughs Audubon 1968-71, died in 2003. His special contributions to the club came through his years on the city desk of the Kansas City Star. He saw that the paper reported our Ten Best Birds list each year, aerial eagle counts along the Missouri River in the days before eagles returned as nesting species. Hugh wrote articles about the founding and progress of club-projects such as Lakeside Nature Center and the Environmental Science Camps in Swope Park.

WENDELL MOHLING, President from 1979-81, founded and directed the outdoor environmental lab at Shawnee Mission Northwest H.S. When the Grassland Heritage Foundation took over operation of the Wagner farm west of Olathe as the Prairie Center, Wendell and wife Carol moved there to develop nature programs and surveys of the wildlife. Wendell was a NASA Space Ambassador and president of the National Science Teachers Association. He moved to Washington, DC where he was Associate Executive Director of

Winter birding, con't from page 1:
 Birds he has spotted in winter include Barrow's Goldeneye, Lesser Scaup, all three scoters, Cattle Egrets, Ring-billed and Herring Gulls, and many woodpeckers.. In milder winters Eastern Bluebirds stay, as do American Tree Sparrows, Carolina Wrens, Song Sparrows, Harris' Sparrows and Juncos, including Oregon and Pink-sided. Raptors include Barred and Great-horned Owls, kestrels and an occasional goshawk.

Marilyn Koshland, Burroughs' program chair, says her own home near Lee's Summit is her hands-down choice for best winter birding spot. Her house is a birding Eden, with a 40-acre pond just outside the door and creeks on two sides. On a good morning in winter, Koshland said she can see 15 species of waterfowl and thousands of Snow and Canada Geese while still in her pajamas.

The Koshlands have 10 active feeders around their house and supply Geese with 50 pounds of corn daily. One November there were 20,000 Snow Geese in flocks beginning about 30 feet from her house, she said. Bald Eagles prey on the geese.

Their seven-acre home abuts the James A Reed Wildlife Area, where birders can experience all the avian wonders the Koshlands enjoy, just not in their PJs. Koshland said there are 12 ponds at the 2,603-acre wildlife area, and the birds consider their pond an extension of the state-run area. The area is also good for passerines and raptors.

As Mark Land observed: "There are tons of good places to go in the winter." What better way to combat the winter blahs than to chase some winter birds?

More information on Lone Star Lake, Shawnee Mission Park and the James A. Reed Wildlife Area is available readily through Internet search engines.

--John O'Neill
 Kansas City

*It has to be spread out,
 the skin of this planet,
 has to be ironed, the sea
 in its whiteness;
 and the hands keep on
 moving,
 smoothing the holy
 surfaces.*

-- In Praise of Ironing, by Pablo Neruda

It has to be loved the way a laundress loves her linens,
 the way she moves her hands caressing the fine muslins knowing their warp and woof, like a lover coaxing, or a mother praising.

It has to be loved as if it were embroidered with flowers and birds and two joined hearts upon it.

It has to be stretched and stroked.

It has to be celebrated.

O this great beloved world and all the creatures in it.

It has to be spread out, the skin of this planet.

The trees must be washed, and the grasses and mosses.
 of green brass.

They have to be polished as if made The rivers and little streams with their hidden cresses

and pale-coloured pebbles

and their fool's gold

must be washed and starched or shined into brightness,

the sheets of lake water

smoothed with the hand

and the foam of the oceans pressed into neatness.

It has to be ironed, the sea in its whiteness.

and pleated and goffered, the flower-blue sea

the protean, wine-dark, grey, green, sea

with its metres of satin and bolts of brocade.

And sky overhead - night and day

must be burnished and rubbed

by hands that are loving

so the blue blazons forth

and the stars keep on shining

within and above
 and the hands keep on moving.

It has to be made bright, the skin of this planet till it shines in the sun like gold leaf. Archangels then will attend to its metals

and polish the rods of its rain.

Seraphim will stop singing hosannas to shower it with blessings and blisses and praises

and, newly in love,

we must draw it and paint it our pencils and brushes and loving caresses

smoothing the holy surfaces.

--P.K. Page

Duck, Duck, Goose

Mallard
 Wood
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 Ruddy
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 Gadwall
 Ring-Necked
 Pilgrim
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 Pintail
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 Gossage
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 Mandarin
 Chinese
 Redhead
 Crispy
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 Rosy-Billed
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 Toulouse

--Michael Ward

Audubon 2005: 100 Years of Conservation!

Gifts that keep giving: If you're able to contribute, here's the Burroughs' holiday wish list:

Restoration supplies, Shirling Sanctuary: \$25-250.00

Signage, Paola sanctuary: \$150.00

Restoration Intern, per month: \$1800.

Brochures: \$35.00

Audubon Adventures for an area classroom: \$75.00

Newsletter centerfold: \$400.00

Support research at KU:

Expedition Support - We have an ongoing program of expeditions around the world to study bird diversity. Papua New Guinea - Students Brett Benz and Ed Scholes continue their work with bowerbirds and birds of paradise, as well as of PNG birds in general. This work is now giving rise to a whole suite of systematic studies.

Brazilian Amazon - A new program we are just developing with the Museu Goeldi, which will develop specimen material that will allow us to ask questions about how the incredible biodiversity of the Amazon Basin came to exist. No funding for this program at this time.

Graduate student research support - we have 12 graduate students working in the museum now on birds, and there are many exciting projects that are in need of support.

-Town Peterson

In kind donations: Items for Silent Auction fundraiser: contact Elizabeth Kohler. Mail contributions to Phil and Nancy Reicher, 401 W. 58th Terrace, Kansas City, MO 64113. Burroughs is a 501©3 organization. Your contributions are tax-deductible.

Field Trips

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20th: Squaw Creek NWR. Mike Stoakes and Mark Land will lead a trip in conjunction with the Wild Bird Center in the Corinth Shopping Center, 83rd and Mission Rd, Prairie Village. The trip will leave at 7:00 am from the WBC or meet at the visitor center approx. 8:45 am. This is an all day trip. Bring a sack lunch, snacks, optics, field guides, and overdress for the weather. We will witness the waterfowl migration at its finest and the Bald Eagles that follow them south. After lunch we may make another loop of the refuge or explore other areas for interesting species. Those who remember finding the Northern Shrike last year will enjoy this trip as well. Questions? You may contact Mark at 913-381-4324 or Kestrelland@aol.com. This trip may be cancelled due to weather.

SUNDAY MORNING BIRD WALKS BY BURROUGHS AUDUBON:

Lakeside Nature Center Monthly Birdwalks (September through June) with Elizabeth Kohler: Beginning September 26, 2004, a birdwalk will be held the LAST Sunday morning of each month in and around Swope Park. Participants will meet in the LNC parking lot at 7:45 AM for an 8:00 AM departure. These will be half-day (2 to 4 hours) excursions to various types of habitat. Dress appropriate for moderate hiking. For more information, contact Elizabeth Kohler at 816-353-1784 or lizkvvet@yahoo.com

For family-oriented nature and birding-related activities at Ernie Miller Nature Park in Olathe KS, check out the **Upcoming Events Calendar** at <http://www.erniemiller.com/index.htm>

MORE INFORMATION: For more information about one of our field trips or to volunteer to lead a field trip, you can contact our field trip coordinator, Matt Gearheart at 913-568-4678 or mgearheart@gwhm.com.

NOTE: *Audubon field trip participants usually carpool; riders chip in for gas. Cars leave at the stated departure time. From beginning birders to experts, all are welcome! All-day trips include restroom stops. If you have doubts about whether a field trip is on because of inclement weather, call the trip leader up to one hour before scheduled departure. The trip leader can also provide additional details on the trip.*

Audubon 2005 Ecology Camp for Teachers

Burroughs Audubon sponsors an annual Teacher Travel Fellowship for local teachers to attend an Audubon Camp for Educators. After attending the weeklong camp, teachers present their experiences to students and colleagues to further the education and appreciation of birding, ecology and conservation. The 2005 Audubon Summer Camp for Teachers was

awarded to Rosie Riordan, Art Resource Specialist for the Shawnee Mission School District.

The generosity of the Burroughs Audubon Society of Greater Kansas City for supporting this program is greatly appreciated.

Teachers interested in applying for the 2004 travel fellowship should contact Audubon Adventures Chair Kelly R. Gillespie, (816) 779-7391, or kelly.gillespie@leesummit.k12.mo.us, for information and an application.

--Kelly Gillespie

Note: Teachers can also receive kits of the Audubon Adventures nature newspapers for their classrooms. Contact Kelly Gillespie to sign-up for the 2004- 2005 school year.

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