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# Flyway

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## Detroit Audubon Society Annual Program - March 28<sup>th</sup>

The 2009 Annual Program will take place on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at the Southfield Parks and Recreation building in the Southfield Civic Center. This year's program will feature a morning field trip to Carpenter Lake, live animals and lessons on animal life and nature photography.

The day begins with a bird walk and tour of the new Carpenter Lake Nature Preserve. Mary Carlock, Southfield naturalist, will give an overview of the history and vision for the development and discuss what is planned for the future.

At the Parks and Recreation Building, just in time for spring, Becky Johnson from the Detroit Zoo is going to present a program detailing the metamorphosis of amphibians. Then Beth Duman will show her collection of Michigan snakes and discuss their natural history.

Our annual membership meeting will be held during the lunch break to inform members of the state of DAS and to discuss programs in progress and plans for new programs.

After the break, Joe Rogers will present his program on raptors, hawks and owls found in Michigan. Joe will have several live birds to display. The last session of the day will be devoted to the rapidly advancing field of digital nature photography.

Make every effort to attend the program this year. Space is limited, so send in your registration soon. We have tried to keep the fees low and have a great family rate, however, we suggest infants and toddlers not come.

Fill out the **DAS Annual Program Registration Form** on the back page. Send it with your payment as soon as possible, preferably before March 15<sup>th</sup>. Subject to space availability, registration on March 28<sup>th</sup> is possible. However, if you want to have lunch, you must pre-register with your number of lunches. We are looking forward to seeing you on March 28<sup>th</sup>!

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### Program Schedule

**8:00 – 9:00 am** Carpenter Lake Nature Preserve bird walk and tour with Mary Carlock

**9:30 – 10:15 am** Springtime Metamorphosis of Amphibians by Becky Johnson

**10:20 – 11:30 am** Snakes of Michigan with Beth Duman **\*\* LIVE SNAKES!**

**11:35 – 12:30 pm** Lunch break and DAS member meeting

**12:35 – 1:30 pm** Raptors of Michigan with Joe Rogers. **\*\*LIVE BIRDS!**

**1:35 – 2:15 pm** Digital Photography, speaker TBA

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Jack Smiley

This is an historic year for Detroit Audubon. No, not because I agreed to serve as President for the coming year, but because 2009 is the **70th Anniversary** of the Detroit Audubon Society!

Very few groups are able to last more than a few years and most seem to fade away after the initial founders move on to other interests. But the Detroit Audubon Society has continued decade after decade since 1939. It has been able to do so because a great many people have gotten involved, working to protect birds and other wildlife and promoting an appreciation of the natural world.

Detroit Audubon has achieved some noteworthy accomplishments over the years including a wonderful variety of field trips and programs. But when I think of the Detroit Audubon Society, I tend to think of the special people who made everything possible and the people who continue to make a difference.

I have been fortunate to know so many wonderful Audubon people over the years that I couldn't even begin to list them all. Besides, my knowledge of DAS history pales in comparison to others on the Board who have served for much longer. But, having said that, I would like to acknowledge a few pillars of the Detroit Audubon Society. When I first joined the Board, Betty and Al Simek were truly "Audubon Ambassadors" and gave countless slide shows about birds to schools and community groups. Their special presentations were very much in demand. I also got the chance to know Norma Ludecke. Norma had served as President in the late 1970s and was instrumental in spearheading the acquisition of the St. Clair Woods Nature Sanctuary, one of DAS' greatest legacies. My first field trip was with Ernie Carhart, perhaps the most enthusiastic trip leader one could ever meet. Karl Overman continues as one of our most active and knowledgeable field trip leaders. John and Carol Makris, as well as Richard Quick, deserve our perseverance award for their length of service. Outreach, legal and accounting issues have been only a few of the key issues they have tackled. Georgia Reid has served as historian, compiling photographs and newspaper articles. Joe Bartell led the Conservation Committee for many years. Fred Charbonneau and Rochelle Breitenbach help lead our "Safe Passage Great Lakes" program. Jim Bull is one of our most dedicated volunteers and has put together numerous Audubon programs. His family's history with Detroit Audubon is also one of the richest. Chris Fielding serves as webmaster and Rob Duchene, Sue Beattie and Don Tinson put together every issue of our Flyway newsletter. A number of other people serve on our board, help with committees and volunteer for a host of activities.

My point is that it takes a lot of people to keep this organization going. Everyone, in their own way, has something to contribute. In this coming year, I invite you to get further involved with the Detroit Audubon Society. Attend a field trip, volunteer at a DAS booth, help at the annual program, consider serving on a committee or even on the Board of Directors. Your support is welcome and very much needed!

I have no grand plans for this coming year as DAS President, but I simply hope to see Detroit Audubon become more involved in promoting and protecting birds and other wildlife. If you have any ideas as to what DAS should be doing, I would love to hear from you. Send your suggestions to me at [daspres@detroitaudubon.org](mailto:daspres@detroitaudubon.org). Please feel free to contact me if you would also like to volunteer, ask a question, or simply to say "hi". Best wishes for a great 2009! I do hope that you will consider getting more involved.

Happy Anniversary!

# DETROIT AUDUBON SOCIETY FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE - SPRING 2009

## Owl Prowl, Stony Creek Metropark

February 28, 2009 (Saturday) 7:30 p.m.

Leaders: Doug Spiller and Jim Bull

Great Horned Owls will have been nesting since early February, and Barred Owls will just be beginning to nest. Since they are defending their territories, playing an owl tape or imitating their call will likely bring a response from them, perhaps even bringing them into view. Screech Owls should also be responsive to imitations of their calls by our leaders.

From I-75 exit on M-59 East, then go north on M-53. Exit at 26 Mile Road to the park entrance. We will meet at the nature center. You will need a daily pass or annual Metropark sticker to enter the park and there is a fee for the program of \$2/person.

## “Smith’s Chicken” Trip

April 9-12, 2009 (Thursday thru Sunday) Leave 9:00 a.m.

Thursday

Leader: Karl Overman

This is a driving trip to central Illinois to try for Greater Prairie Chicken and Smith’s Longspur. There are no guarantees for the longspur, but so far on this trip, we have not missed the species. There should be many other birds seen on this trip besides these two specialties including: White Pelicans, Eurasian Tree Sparrow, LeConte’s Sparrow and Loggerhead Shrike. We will also try for Yellow Rail, so wading boots should be packed.

Departure from Farmington Hills. Transportation and 3 nights lodging will be provided. You are on your own for food. Cost: \$425, \$75 deposit. Single-room supplement \$550. Contact the DAS office for details.

## Woodcock Watch – Oakwoods Metropark

April 10, 2009 (Friday) 7:45 p.m.

Leaders: Kevin Arnold and Jim Bull

Right at dusk, this sandpiper with a long beak and huge comical eyes comes to open areas to do its spectacular aerial courtship display. This program is especially good for families with children.

From I-75 exit at West Road, go west, from there go south on Telegraph (M-24), west on Van Horn, then east (left) on Huron River Drive to the entrance to Oakwoods Metropark. You will need an annual Metroparks sticker or a daily pass. Meet at the nature center and pay \$2 per person.

## Frog Symphony, West Bloomfield Nature Preserve

April 17, 2009 (Friday) 7:30 p.m.

Leaders: Sally Petrella and Jim Bull

Join us for an evening of listening to and searching for frogs. This field trip is co-sponsored by Detroit Audubon Society and Friends of the Rouge. This program is especially good for children.

From Telegraph Road, go west on Long Lake Road to where it dead-ends at Orchard Lake. Turn left and go to the next traffic light. Turn right on to Pontiac Trail. Take Pontiac Trail and look for the sign “West Bloomfield Nature Preserve” at Arrowhead Road. Follow signs to the preserve parking lot.

## Magee Marsh, Ohio

April 18, 2009 (Saturday) 8:00 a.m.

Leader: Karl Overman

Think spring thoughts and venture to this famous birding locale also known as Crane Creek. The trip will be timed for when the auto trail is open at Ottawa Refuge.

Take I-75 to Toledo, turn off on I-280 to Highway 2. Follow Hwy 2 east about 18 miles and turn north at the Crane Creek entrance. Drive to west end of beach parking lot at beginning of Bird Trail.

## Point Pelee, Ontario

April 25, 2009 (Saturday) 8:00 a.m.

Leader: Karl Overman

Pelee in the spring. It does not get better for a birder. Of course in late April, this will be before the main rush of warblers, but there will still be plenty to see including shorebirds in the Hillman Marsh area north of the park.

Cross the Ambassador Bridge and follow Rt. 3 to Leamington. Follow signs to Pt. Pelee National Park (entrance fee required.) Meet in the Visitor Center parking area. Remember to bring passport for entry into Canada and back into the U.S.

## Humbug Marsh

May 3, 2009 (Sunday) 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Leader: Jim Bull and Kristi Thiel (USFWS Park Ranger)

See this natural gem of the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge in spring.

Take I-75 to Gibraltar Road. Go east toward Gibraltar, turn left on Jefferson and drive north to Vreeland Road. Angle park on Jefferson.

## Metropolitan Beach

May 9, 2009 (Saturday) 8:00 a.m.

Leader: Joanna Pease

A justly famous migrant trap.

Take I-94 east and exit on Metropolitan Parkway. Drive east into the park (entrance fee) and park on the west side of the main parking lot near the Nature Center. Meet at the Center.

## Southfield Park Hop

May 12, 2009 (Tuesday) 8:00 a.m.

Leader: Karl Overman

A chance to explore close to home with the prospects of interesting birds in unlikely locations. We will visit a series of parks in Southfield on this venture.

Meet at the playground area in the NE part of the Southfield Municipal Complex on Evergreen Road just north of the Lodge Expressway (M-10).

<p><b>DETROIT AUDUBON SOCIETY</b></p>		<p>To find out about workplace giving, e-mail John Makris at detas@bignet.net</p>
<p>a member of <b>Earth Share</b> OF MICHIGAN</p>		

## FUNDRAISING FOR 2008 FAILS TO MEET GOAL

As of 12/31/2008, our fundraising reached just below \$10,000. Our goal was to reach \$16,000 or more. Along with spending reductions for the second year in a row, we had hoped to have enough donations to allow us to balance the budget or even have a little surplus.

We have received 72 donations through the *FLYWAY*, bookstore purchases and various shows where we exhibit. These donations are much appreciated, but they are dependant on our getting out where members and non-members can give. Our annual appeal is intended to generate more gifts. This year, we sent out over 6100 letters of appeal to our members. As of 12/31/2008, we have received 147 responses. That is about 2.5% response.

If you have forgotten to send in your donation or set the letter aside to send in later, or until after the end of the year, **please send it in now**. Your gift is 100 percent tax deductible and will allow us to get on with new programs and continue those like the Annual Program and Memorial Day Getaway described in this *FLYWAY*.

So please consider sending your donation to Detroit Audubon soon. Use the donation coupon below and send your gift to: Detroit Audubon Society, 26080 Berg Rd., Southfield, MI 48033

We thank you.

Richard R. Quick, DAS Treasurer

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### THE *FLYWAY* ONLINE?

Are you one of our members looking to reduce the amount of mail you receive and the amount of paper you have to recycle? Are you also interested in saving DAS postage costs - over \$1.40/year currently? If so, send us an email message and we will add you to a *FLYWAY* notice list and stop mailing the *FLYWAY* to you. We will be posting it as both text and as a pdf on our DAS website, [www.detroitaudubon.org](http://www.detroitaudubon.org) for those who like reading on their computer. We will send a message the day the *FLYWAY* is ready to print.

Send email to: [detas@bignet.net](mailto:detas@bignet.net); put "*FLYWAY* Online" as the subject.

We will confirm receiving it.

### ANNUAL PT. PELEE SPRING CAMPOUT

The annual DAS spring tenting campout at Pt. Pelee National Park will take place over 3 nights, May 15-18. We will be in the Little Raccoon Group Camping site, which includes sinks, showers, flush toilets, picnic tables and a covered food prep/eating area. There are no planned activities - just good camaraderie and, the only way that you can wake up at Pelee, listening to the dawn chorus of spring migrants.

The fee is \$16 per night, per camper. This includes the park entrance fee. Choose which 2 nights (minimum), or all 3, you would like. Send a check made out to:

**Michael Fitzpatrick, 56 Hubbard St., Mt. Clemens MI 48043**

A confirmation will be sent upon receipt of your reservation. The site is limited to 20 campers per night, so don't delay. Join your fellow camping/birding enthusiasts for a weekend rich in bird sightings and song.

# MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND NATURE GET-AWAY MAY 22 - 25

Join us for our annual Memorial Day Weekend Nature Get-Away from May 22-25 at beautiful Loon Lake Lutheran Retreat Center just north of Hale on M-65. You'll go to sleep and wake up to the call of the Common Loons floating on a darkened lake. We may go for an owl prowl to see if we can hear owls too.

By day, the camp has beautiful nature trails with an abundance of birds and lined with rare yellow lady slippers and trillium. The camp also features a Frisbee golf course and a challenge course - a series of physical obstacles set up to require team work to conquer. There is an additional fee for this activity. While you are there, it is worth the time to explore the lake in the camp's paddle boats, row boats or canoes. The price is right too - the use of boats is free. If you're brave, and it's warm enough, take a dip or even an extended swim in the lake. Inside on rainy days or before programs, you can try your hand at ping pong or foose ball.

Saturday and Sunday morning early risers will gather for a bird hike before breakfast. After one of the camp's delicious and filling meals, we'll go our separate ways for field trips - some are on the camp property and some are a 45 minute drive away. Some of the off-camp areas we go to are:

- Kirtland's Warbler Management Area near Mio. There is a \$10 extra fee for this.
- Tawas Point, which has been called a miniature Point Pelee, with an historic light house you can climb up for a small fee. Two years ago we had a state record for the western Couch's Kingbird here.
- Rifle River area with its observation tower looking over three lakes and offering a view of an active Bald Eagle's nest.
- AuSable River Overlooks. The overlooks along Monument Road include Lumberman's Monument with a statue dedicated

to the lumberjacks who helped build the state and a small historical museum with gift shop.

- Canoer's Monument where a trail along the river's high banks has revealed nesting Black-throated Green and Black-throated Blue Warblers, and Merlin.
- Largo Springs that has a spectacular view from up top. For the fit and adventurous there are 200+ stairs to climb down to the shore of the river to see a magical area of springs filled with watercress, skunk cabbage and yellow blossoms of marsh marigold. At Largo Springs, we have seen nesting Red-shouldered Hawks and Northern Waterthrush. It is a place you won't forget and will want to go back to again and again despite the challenging climb back up the stairs.

Back at camp people from each field trip log their bird sightings on a giant bird checklist that was made for us by camp naturalist and former Detroit Audubon President, the late Homer Roberts. We have over 30 years of bird records which gives us an idea of trends in bird migration for this area.

We go to this camp because it is only a three hour drive if you leave early and avoid the late-in-day traffic or take back roads. It offers an unbeatable variety of birding opportunities within an hour's radius. Our headquarters is Seaholm Lodge. This is where registration and evening programs are located. This heated lodge is also where adults can bunk down in separate rooms for female and male campers. For families with small children, there is the smaller Eagle's Nest Lodge or Loon Lodge. There are also rustic summer cabins with no heat that afford a bit more privacy for families with older children and adult friends who want to bunk together. These cabins are on a bluff overlooking the lake so you wake up each morning to see the sunrise over the lake. Some people who want or need more comfort can stay in a local motel and join us for meals and programs.

This is one program you won't want to miss. Reserve your spot early by completing the Registration Form on the following page. You'll be glad you did.

## PROJECT FEEDERWATCH

By David Bonter, Project Leader, Cornell Lab of Ornithology  
The Cornell Lab of Ornithology has just released its newly revised, FREE, *Homeschooler's Guide to Project FeederWatch*.

The *Homeschooler's Guide to Project FeederWatch* will guide you through bird-related activities that promote learning across many disciplines, including science, math, history, and the arts.

To download the *Homeschooler's Guide to Project FeederWatch*, visit [www.FeederWatch.org](http://www.FeederWatch.org) and click on the 'Education/Home School' button.

You may choose to use the free guide as a stand-alone resource, or sign up for Project FeederWatch to submit the data you gather. If you would like to be a project participant, the signup fee is \$12 for members of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, \$15 for non-members. There are discounts for group participation.

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## Memorial Weekend Nature Get-away At Loon Lake Lutheran Retreat Center, Hale, MI Friday, May 22 - Monday, May 25, 2009

**Registration Deadline: May 16, 2009 (No refunds will be given after this date)**

**Rates: Children < 4 years = Free, K - 8th grade = Child, 9th grade and Up = Adult**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Plan A (Lodging, Meals, Snacks, & Programs)**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Seaholm Lodge (Dorm style bunk beds for men & women)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mini Lodge (Priority given to families with young children)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Rustic Cabin (Unheated w/ bunk beds, minimum of two people needed to reserve a cabin)

\_\_\_\_\_ Child(ren) X \$140 + \_\_\_\_\_ Adult(s) X \$170 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Plan B Day Rate Entire Weekend (Meals, Snacks, Programs & Day Use Fee)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Child(ren) X \$100 + \_\_\_\_\_ Adult(s) X \$125 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**GRAND TOTAL = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Please make checks payable to: Detroit Audubon Society**

\_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian / Diatary Restrictions: (please explain) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I will assist with field trips / activities

\_\_\_\_\_ DAS Member

**Declaration:** (Each participant must sign; if under 18, legal guardian must sign)

I/We agree that I/we have read the preceding information and agree not to hold DAS liable for injury, accident, loss or theft, or any other problems on the 2009 Memorial Weekend Nature Get-away.

Signature(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Adult Name(s) & Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s), Age(s) & Grade Level(s) of Children under 18: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Any questions can be directed to Jim Bull at 313-928-2950

**Mail this completed form and check(s) to:**

**DAS Memorial Weekend Nature Get-away, 26080 Berg Rd., Southfield, MI 48033**

## ELECTION RESULTS

### Board Members and Board Officers

#### Board of Directors Members

Voting by DAS members for Board of Directors in December resulted in the five candidates running being elected by a majority of the ballots cast. While voting by the DAS membership is always very low, the candidates received a high percentage of votes from those casting ballots. Re-elected for three year terms were Rochelle Breitenbach, Jim Bull, John Makris and Jack Smiley. Elected for his first three year term was Leonard Weber. Congratulations to these Detroit Audubon Society Directors.

Being a board member of the Detroit Audubon Society is voluntary and directors

give their time to help determine the path DAS will take to accomplish the mission of the Society. The board currently consists of 15 Members. There are currently 9 empty positions and DAS members are encouraged to consider becoming a director. Please contact our office for information about becoming members of the Board of Directors. We may have a job for you.

#### Board of Directors Officers:

At the December meeting of the Board of Directors, the following members were elected as the four officers of the board.

- President – Jack Smiley
- Vice-President – Rosemarie Fielding

- Secretary – Beth Johnson
- Treasurer – Richard Quick

Congratulations to each of the new officers. They will be challenged to keep the Society running smoothly and maintaining financial stability. Thanks also to Rosemarie Attilio for her years as Secretary keeping detailed minutes of Board meetings. Thanks to Richard Quick for his two years as President and overseeing changes in the office location and the *FLYWAY* conversion to a quarterly publication. Thanks to Beth Johnson for her period as treasurer and learning the *QuickBooks* program. Also, thanks to Rosemarie Fielding for continuing to be a backup to the president whenever needed.

# KARL OVERMAN LEAVES BOARD

by Rob Duchene

Karl Overman is enjoying his day job retirement. Now anyone who knows Karl at all would not be surprised to hear this. After all, Karl has been a birder a lot longer than he has been a lawyer and he's been a lawyer over 27 years. The former Department of Justice lawyer always worked hard but definitely played hard as well. Some might even have wondered if Karl's day job served the purpose of making all those birding trips possible to places as far ranging as the Philippines, Venezuela and Zimbabwe.

But for those who don't know Karl well, here's a few Karl Facts:

- Karl has identified over 4400 birds.
- Karl has photographed 1942 birds.
- Karl has 2738 pages of notes on all those birds.

Those notes began in 1961, when 13 year old Karl saw an American Coot near his home in the rural Flint area. It seemed like the scientific thing to do and Karl maintained this habit even while serving as the quarterback for his Ainsworth High School football team, even while serving as the president of the Ainsworth Student Council and even while studying government at Dartmouth College. Karl birded even when he was only vaguely aware that there were other birders out there.

Before leaving for a 1969 trip to Panama, his first foray into a tropical site, Karl was not discouraged by the lack of a field guide. He traveled to the University of Michigan Natural Science Museum and made drawings from their collection of the birds he might encounter. There, with the help of mentors Robert Smart and Stewart Keith, he spotted for those world-class birders a Resplendent Quetzal. They might have been impressed but it took

another trip to Costa Rica in 2005 for Karl to finally identify his all-time favorite bird, the Spangled-cheeked Tanager. Perhaps that tanager is his personal favorite because tanagers are his favorite group of birds.

Detroit Audubon was fortunate enough to have Karl on its Board for over 20 years. Karl maintained the Rare Bird Alert for 20 years, served as Board Secretary and as Chairperson of the Field Trip Committee. As Chairperson, Karl shared his unique gifts on field trips to various sites such as Arizona, South Carolina, Texas, Mexico, Churchill in Manitoba and the Galapagos Islands. More locally, Karl has a special affection for Point Pelee, Erie Marsh Preserve and Pointe Mouillee (though Karl sighs that Mouillee's size makes it a special challenge). Incidentally, if you press Karl to name a favorite Michigan bird, he names the Spruce Grouse (which Karl advises is best seen at Whitefish Point) but then Karl quickly adds a runner-up, the Hawk Owl (for which Sault Ste Marie is a good spot).

So Karl has experienced a lot. He has seen species since declared extinct (the Cozumel Thrasher is one), he has backpacked for three weeks amidst civil strife in New Guinea and he has ventured out with Al Wormington, who Karl declares the best birder in this region. Karl was also fortunate enough to marry Martine, a French national who accommodated his bird lust by agreeing to honeymoon in Senegal.

But challenges remain in Karl's future – life birds such as the Horned Guan and the Congo Peacock. Karl is working on a website and raising 12 year old Kristine. That's enough to keep any man busy.

So Detroit Audubon thanks Karl for his many years of service and wishes him well with all those worthwhile projects.

## COTTAGE AND LAKEFRONT LIVING SHOW FEBRUARY 26 - MARCH 1 NOVI, MICHIGAN

Detroit Audubon will have a booth at this show. We would welcome anyone that would be interested in being behind the scenes - that is, to man our booth for a couple of hours. This would include selling some items and talking to people who might stop by to share bird stories. It really is fun because you get to pick whomever you want to work with and then you're free to see the whole show at your leisure.

Hours are:

- Thursday or Friday from 2:00 pm to 9:30 pm
- Saturday from 10:00 am until 9:00 pm
- Sunday from 10:00 am until 5:00 pm

If you can spare a couple of hours, please call our office at 248-354-4960 and talk to Bev.

## FEATHERED TALES

By Bev Stevenson



**Dorothy Bynum**, who lives in Southgate near Trenton and Eureka Roads, was excited to see a Great Blue Heron in her back yard welcoming in the New Year!

On January 7, **Judy Shatter** was pleasantly surprised by a Yellow-bellied Sapsucker in her yard in Redford, around 6 Mile and Beech Daly.

## PLEASE E-MAIL US!

If you would like to receive notices about membership meetings, field trips, and other time sensitive material, please send your e-mail address to [detas@bignet.net](mailto:detas@bignet.net). Simply type the word "subscribe" in the subject line. Please include at least your name in the message area of your e-mail. We will only send out a few e-mails a month and you can ask to be removed at any time. E-mail will help save postage and paper costs -- and will allow us to give you speedy notification of events.

# DAS ANNUAL PROGRAM REGISTRATION FORM

YOUR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

## PROGRAM FEES:

\$5.00 PER PERSON OVER AGE 12 - # OF TICKETS: \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL SINGLE(S) FEE \$: \_\_\_\_\_

CHILD AGE 12 AND UNDER FREE - # OF TICKETS: \_\_\_\_\_

FAMILY OF 3 OR MORE - \$15.00 - # OF TICKETS: \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL FAMILY FEE \$: \_\_\_\_\_

## LUNCH FEE - We will have a variety of sub-style sandwiches, drinks and chips all for \$7.00:

NUMBER OF LUNCHES: \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL LUNCH FEE \$: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL REGISTRATION FEE (PROGRAM & LUNCH) \$: \_\_\_\_\_

## PAYMENT TYPE:

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