

Explore Nature Participants
Saturday, May 8, 2021, 9AM-12PM
North Park, Denham Springs, LA



*Highlighting the event is the thriving **Purple Martin colony at North Park.** Because May is the peak nesting time, these native birds will be active and on full display for all to see. Krista Adams, a certified Master Naturalist, will be available to share information and helpful tips of being a successful Purple Martin landlord.*



***Audubon Louisiana**, state office of the **National Audubon Society**, will share information on bird banding and its importance in studying and identifying individual birds.*



***Louisiana Master Naturalists of Greater Baton Rouge** will present information regarding birds and will have bird photography on display. In addition, they will have information about the **LMNGBR** program.*



Capital Area Beekeepers Association will provide information on the honeybee and explain how they play a crucial part in our world. Make sure to stop by and see their contained “observation hive” in action. Several types of honey will be available for tasting.



Joining the event for this first time this year is **Wings of Hope Wildlife Sanctuary**. Come meet Harriet the Harris’s Hawk, Archie the Screech Owl, and other resident birds that live at Wings of Hope.



Livingston Parish Library will bring the library to this event! Their Bookmobile will be parked onsite full of nature inspired books for all to view. Library card holders will be able to check out books too. If Livingston parish residents do not have a library card, they can get one at the event. REMEMBER – the children’s scavenger hunt begins at the bookmobile.



Denham Springs Garden Club will provide free bird seed at their booth and gardening information.



Livingston Parish Master Gardener will share information about native gardening and will provide tips on creating the ultimate backyard wildlife habitat.



*Joining the event for this first time this year are **the Louisiana Amphibian and Reptile Enthusiasts (L.A.R.E.)** who will have live reptiles and amphibians on display.*



The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries will attend and share the importance of bats in Louisiana and the world through displays, games and prizes.



Live Oak High School's Environmental Club will showcase their art talents by providing free face painting and other kid friendly activities.



Student artwork will be on display from Live Oak High School and local elementary schools.



***Tractor Supply**, a sponsor of Purple Martin housing to our local schools, will have volunteers on hand to make sure everyone stays hydrated by providing bottled water during our event.*