

# 2023 Annual Conference

April 28-29, Platte River State Park, Mallet Lodge, 14421 346th St., Louisville, Nebraska

**Note:** All vehicles that enter the park are required to have Nebraska State Park Permits. The fee is \$6 per day for Nebraska registered vehicles and \$12 for out of state. If registrant does not plan to purchase a yearly state park permit, BAN will pay for a daily pass. When entering the park, stop at the entry booth and tell the ranger you are there for the Bluebirds Across Nebraska conference. If no one is at the booth, proceed to the park office to receive a daily pass. Yearly state park permits are available online at outdoornebraska.gov or at the park.

#### Friday, April 28, dinner and entertainment

Cost \$25

5 p.m. Social Hour

**6 p.m. Dinner** - Roast beef, maple bourbon chicken, tossed salad, baby roasted potatoes, green beans almondine and roll or veggie lasagna and roll. Dessert also will be served.

**7 p.m. Entertainment** - Cherrie Beam-Callaway This presentation is made possible by Humanities Nebraska, the Nebraska Cultural Endowment and Bluebirds Across Nebraska.

### Saturday conference, April 29

Cost \$25 mail-in registrations, \$30 for walk-ins

8-9 a.m. Check-in

9 a.m.- 4 p.m. Speakers

Lunch included - Assorted wraps, potato salad, fresh fruit salad and a veggie tray.

# T-shirt sales available through registration form

Over the last few years, BAN members have requested the opportunity to buy BAN T-shirts. Since we are celebrating our 30th anniversary this year, BAN will be offering T-shirts for purchase.

Whether you are attending the conference or not, using the conference registration form is the only way to purchase a shirt. This is a onetime only opportunity to purchase the T-shirts. BAN is trying this approach to selling shirts so that there is not a large quantity of leftover shirts that never sell, as has happened in the past. By following this method, you can be assured you will receive the size shirt(s) you request.

The cost for each T-shirt is \$20. The shirts will

be available for pick up at the conference or by mail.

If being mailed, there is an additional \$8.50 charge to cover shipping. T-shirts that are to be mailed, will be sent the week following the conference.

Sizes available in this unisex shirt are Sm, Med, Lg, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL and 5XL. You can order as many shirts as you want in any of the sizes available. The

color of the shirts will be ash gray.









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### **Registration form**

Registration must be received by April 14. Please complete this form and return with full payment — check or money order payable to BAN — to Sandy Seibert, 2115 S. 114th St., Omaha, NE 68144.

Name(s):				
Address:	City:	S	tate:	Zip:
Phone: Email:				
		No. X price		Total
Friday, April 28 Dinner and entertainment (Roast beef, maple bourbon chicken, tossed salad, baby roasted potatoes, green beans almondine and roll or veggie lasagna and roll. Dessert also will be served.)				
Roast beef/Chicken			x \$25	\$
Vegetarian			x \$25	\$
Saturday, April 29 Admission (Assorted wraps, potato salad, fresh fruit salad Assorted wraps				\$
Veggie wrap			x \$25	\$
T-shirt sales			x \$20	\$
Postage fee per shirt (for those not at Payment must be included with registration; no refunds	tending)		x \$8.50	\$
Please indicate below the number of each size you are purchasing.				
SM LXL 2XL 3XL 4XL 5XL		Grand	l Total:	\$

Members bringing items for the morning break has always been a tradition of BAN conferences. We will gladly accept your donation of cinnamon rolls, cookies, cupcakes, brownies, etc.

You can help the volunteers with the setup of the conference by donating your raffle and auction items in advance. Items can be given or mailed to any officer. Items will also be accepted the day of the conference.

You can reserve RV/ tent sites through the Nebraska Game and Parks website at the following link or by scanning this QR code with your cellphone camera.



tinyurl.com/mwnm8zcz

Cabin facilities at Platte River SP are reserved this weekend; however, rooms are available at Peter Kiewit Lodge at nearby Mahoney State Park (2-night minimum stay). Call 402-944-2523 for information.

#### Nearby hotels include:

Holiday Inn Express, Gretna 402-504-3716 Super 8 Motel, Gretna 402-332-5188 Quality Inn & Suites, Omaha 402-764-9006

## Meet our 2023 conference speakers

Cherrie Beam-Callaway has recorded historic tales from

Nebraska families for 25 years. As a result, she doesn't lack interesting stories that reflect the diversity of the people and land across Nebraska. Speaking with an Irish brogue while dressed in period attire, Cherrie delivers spellbinding oneact plays that make audiences laugh and cry. This presentation is made possible



by Humanities Nebraska, the Nebraska Cultural Endowment and Bluebirds Across Nebraska as part of the Humanities Nebraska Speakers Bureau.

Ann Earley and Bob Siemer have been active in Missouri

nature organizations, including Missouri Native Plant Society and St. Louis Wild Ones, for the past 20 years. They also volunteer as master naturalists with the Missouri Prairie Foundation/Grow Native as well as the Missouri Bluebird Society and Missouri Botanical Garden. They became interested in bluebirds in 2008



while volunteering to monitor nest boxes in Forest Park in St. Louis.

Nebraska Wildlife Rehab is a nonprofit organization that

includes professional wildlife rehabilitators working under permits from the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. They provide medical management and care for injured, sick and orphaned wild, native Nebraska species and migratory birds with the goal of rehabilitating wildlife for reintroduction to the appropriate wild habitat. The organization

nization operates a state-of-the-art wildlife hospital and rehabilitation center in Omaha.

Stan Tekiela is a naturalist, wildlife photographer, columnist,



radio show host and writer of more than 130 field guides, nature appreciation books and wildlife audio CDs for nearly every U.S. state. Stan earned his Bachelor of Science degree in natural history from the University of Minnesota and has worked as a professional nuturalist for more than 35 years. A plethora of

information and nature photos can be found at his website, naturesmart.com.