



The Assembly will be held at the **Quality Inn and Suites Bellville** located at 1000 Comfort Plaza Drive, Bellville, OH (exit 165 off of I-71). This outstanding location features hotel-wide wireless internet service, luxurious rooms and accommodations. For those who need over-night accommodations, we have arranged a special rate of \$93.46 per night (non-smoking, 2 queen beds) or \$101.96 (non-smoking, king bed).

We have also arranged special rates with the Comfort Inn/Splash Harbor: \$110.49 per night (non-smoking, 2 queen beds) or \$118.99 per night (non-smoking, king bed).

To get this rate you must book directly with the hotel by September 19. For reservations call either (419) 886-7000 (Quality Inn) or (419) 866-4000 (Comfort Inn/Splash Harbor) and ask for the special rate for the Audubon Ohio State Assembly.

The Comfort Inn is across the street from the Quality Inn and features an indoor water park that will be particularly attractive to families with children.

Lunch and dinner will be at the nearby Dutch Heritage Restaurant, a five-minute walk from both hotels.

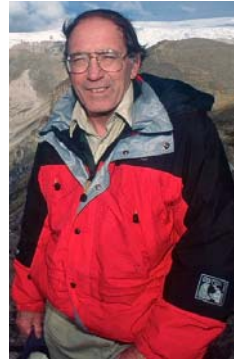
Featured Speakers

Meals and Speakers included in Registration Fee



Saturday Luncheon Keynote—Ted Eubanks: Born in the Galveston-Houston area of Texas, Ted grew up with an early attachment to nature. In 1992 he founded Fermata, Inc. and since then has been engaged in studying and promoting experiential tourism and outdoor recreation as sustainable approaches to community revitalization and conservation.

Saturday Dinner Keynote—Dr. Lonnie Thompson: Distinguished University Professor in the School of Earth Sciences at The Ohio State University, he has achieved global recognition for his paleoclimatological studies of ice core samples taken from areas as diverse as the tropics and mountain top glaciers. Dr. Thompson was awarded the National Medal of Science in 2007.



Featured Workshop Leader Sharon Stiteler ('The Bird Chick')—After being given a Peterson Field Guide at age 7, she made it her goal to be paid to go bird watching. Now running one of the hottest birding blogs on the web, Birdchick.com, her writing has appeared in the Wall Street Journal and New York Times. When not birding, she is a part-time beekeeper and park ranger.



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Audubon Ohio Presents

The 2008 State Assembly

*"Conservation is for
Everyone!"*

**October 18-19, 2008
Bellville, Ohio**



Barred Owl

Photo by J. Tinianow

Birding With A Purpose...

- If you love to watch birds, or just spend time outdoors...
- If you want to learn more and give your passion added meaning...

Then Audubon Ohio's State Assembly is for you!



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Network with your fellow birders!

Join us in Bellville on **October 18 and 19, 2008** for outings, workshops, keynote addresses, and exhibits as you mingle with birders and nature lovers, experts and novices alike, from all over Ohio and beyond. You won't want to miss this **"Bird Conservation Event of the Year!"**

Schedule of Assembly Events

SATURDAY:

- Assembly featuring a variety of conservation sessions
- Luncheon featuring Keynote Speaker Ted Eubanks
- Dinner Featuring Keynote Speaker Dr. Lonnie Thompson

SUNDAY OUTINGS:

- Ohio Bird Sanctuary
- Funk Bottoms Wildlife Area
- Bike to Butler and beyond
- Explore the Bellville bike path

Workshop Sessions

TRACK ONE: PROTECTING IBAS

- Birds on Their Winter and Summer Habitats
- Attracting and Using Volunteers
- Working With Land Conservancies

TRACK TWO: INVOLVING YOUNG PEOPLE

- The Ohio Young Birders Club
- Nature Journaling and Blogging
- Everyone Can Help Fight Global Warming

TRACK THREE: RESTORATION

- Managing Runoff at Home and Work
- Protecting Water, Our Liquid Gold
- Plants and Habitat Restoration

Schedule:

Workshops begin at 10 am and run to 5:15 on Saturday

Keynote addresses are at lunch (Eubanks) and dinner (Thompson)

Free Optional Outings for registrants on Sunday (space may be limited, so register early)

Lunch and Dinner will be at the Dutch Heritage Restaurant

As a bonus for attendees, the **Nature Store** from **Aullwood Audubon Center and Farm** will be at the Assembly with field guides and books, CDs, clothing, bird feeders, Audubon merchandise, eco-friendly products and more.



Audubon Ohio's newly-released book, *Important Bird Areas of Ohio*, will also be available for purchase at the Assembly.

Choose A Field Trip On Sunday

We are offering four optional outings this year. The outings are open to all Assembly participants and are provided at no extra charge, but space may be limited, and donations to the sponsoring organizations will be welcomed. If you want to go on an outing, please indicate which outing on your registration form. The outings are provided at no extra charge, but donations will be welcomed.

Ohio Bird Sanctuary

Black Swamp Bird Observatory

Tour the Ohio bird sanctuary in nearby Mansfield. See birds in rehabilitation and hike through forested acres during the peak of fall colors. The Ohio Bird Sanctuary is one of the leading bird rehab facilities in Ohio.

Leaders: Kim and Kenn Kaufman

Funk Bottoms Wildlife Area

Ohio Ornithological Society

Explore this massive wetlands complex that is only about 30 minutes from the Assembly location. We'll be looking for two rare and beautiful skulkers, Le Conte's and Nelson's sharp-tailed sparrows. Limited to 20 participants, so register early. Leaders: Jim McCormac and Ethan Kistler

Bike and Bird to Butler

Greater Mohican Audubon Society

Bike to Butler and beyond - a four-hour bike trip along the B&O bike path from Bellville with plenty of stops along the way for birding. Bring your own bike or rent from GMAS for \$25. If you need to rent, please notify us at Ohio@Audubon.org. Leaders: Gary Cowell and Randy Carmel

Walk or Roll the Valley

Greater Mohican Audubon Society

Walk or roll on the wheelchair-accessible B&O bike path out of Bellville with a true birding celebrity - Greg Miller, whose exploits were documented in the popular book, *The Big Year*. This four-hour trip will show off the Mohican Hills in their prime fall colors. Leader: Greg Miller

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REGISTRATION FORM DEADLINE: October 3, 2008

Mark Box	EVENT	PRICE PER PERSON	PER-
	SATURDAY WORKSHOPS & MEALS INCLUDING LUNCH AND DINNER WITH KEYNOTES	\$95.00	
	*STUDENT RATE FOR: SATURDAY WORKSHOPS & MEALS (AS LISTED ABOVE)	\$75.00	
	**CHILD RATE FOR: SATURDAY WORKSHOPS & MEALS (AS LISTED ABOVE)	\$25.00	
	Optional Sunday Outings		
	Ohio Bird Sanctuary		
	Funk Bottoms Wildlife Area		
	Bike and Bird to Butler		
	Walk or Roll the Valley		

TOTAL FOR ALL REGISTRANTS \$

*STUDENT RATE: Ages 12-22 & over 18 w/college ID
**CHILD RATE: Ages 11 and under

Name(s) _____

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