

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Function Statement

Scope:

The Education Committee is responsible for a large variety of efforts in reaching out to both adults and children. Examples of these activities include community outreach, instruction and presentations, beginning birder activities, and family friendly and youth activities.

Composition:

Chair

The committee chair is a volunteer position that coordinates the efforts of lead volunteers in each area, and provides support if needed or requested. The Chair will serve as the primary contact to the general public by fielding inquiries and directing the inquirer to the appropriate lead volunteer (s). The chair may coordinate education related activities as requested by the board or conduct targeted outreach to organizations and community groups to stimulate an interest in birding and SAS.

Lead Volunteer

The lead volunteer coordinates all activities related to their respective area, including forming an assistant volunteer team that provides educational programs and activities to SAS members and the general community.

Key Functional Areas and Lead Volunteers:

Beginning Birders' Activities – Cathie Lazier

Organizes assistant volunteers to lead field activities for beginning birders

Family Friendly Trips and Kids' and Teens' Christmas Bird Count – Maureen Geiger

Organizes assistant volunteers to lead field activities for family and youth activities.

Family Nature Walks at Effie Yeaw Nature Center (EYNC) – Sue Darst

Organizes assistant volunteers to lead nature walks at EYNC.

Liaison to EYNC – committee chair

Explores opportunities to develop collaborative and mutually beneficial programs

Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC)- Cathie LaZier

Schedules as many field trips as possible over the 4-day period and enter results in the GBBC database.

Community Outreach – Bill Bianco

Organizes assistant volunteers for SAS booths and tables at several community events throughout the year.

Presentations/Class Instruction and Speakers – committee chair (pending identification of a lead)

The lead volunteer;

- Arranges talks and PowerPoint presentations (developed by Sacramento Audubon member) in elementary schools, community centers, garden clubs, and other organizations and groups, intended to educate and build enthusiasm for birding for youth and adults in the Sacramento region.
- Offers presentations about birds and birding, as represented in examples below;
 - Common Birds around Sacramento
 - Cool things that birds do
 - Birds' courtship behavior
 - Parenting Strategies among birds
 - Why birds do that
- Works with Audubon volunteer speakers to develop more PowerPoint presentations

