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Travel to and from Cedar Point Biological Station, Keith Co., NE

Car: Cedar Point (CPBS) is 8 miles north of Ogallala, NE. From the Ogallala exit on I-80, take state highway 61 north, across the So. Platte River, over the railroad viaduct, then proceed through town, following the St. Hwy 61 and St. Hwy 26 north signs. The 45mph zone for 2 miles north of town is a speed trap. Two miles north of Ogallala, hwy 61 turns to the right, the road sign indicates "Arthur 26 mi." Follow 61 another few miles until you see Lake McConaughy in the distance on the left. The CPBS entrance is at the bottom of the last hill before you reach the L. McConaughy dam (Kingsley Dam); our sign is on the east side of the road. Turn in at the sign, going east, follow the dirt road around a curve and to the bottom of the hill, where you'll find a white gate that looks locked. Come through the white gate (it's not really locked), follow the road along Keystone Lake, keeping to the right, until you see a parking lot on the left and several buildings and a couple of mobile homes on the right. Someone will be in the main lodge waiting for you by Thursday noon.

Bus: Two buses a day arrive from both east and west and leave for both east and west, all at odd hours. If you plan to come by bus, just tell us when you expect to arrive. We'll pick you up in Ogallala.

Trains: Amtrak serves McCook, NE with trains arriving from the east and leaving westbound at 3:55AM, and arriving from the west and leaving eastbound at 1:53AM. If you plan to come by train, let us know and we will pick you up.

Air: Airline connections are in and out of North Platte. The schedule as of May 15 is as follows:

Thursday arrivals from east: 9:20 and 6:00 (from Lincoln)
Thursday arrivals from west: 12:56PM, 2:30PM, 8:40PM and 8:56PM (from Denver)
Sunday departures to east: 2:40PM and 8:50PM (for Lincoln)
Sunday departures to west: 4:54PM and 6:10PM (for Denver)

The airlines are Continental and Rocky Mountain. You may find it easier, especially on Sunday, to route yourself through Denver even if you are arriving from the east.

NOTE: It takes about an hour and 15 min to get from CPBS to the airport at North Platte, and the two places are in different time zones. One should plan to leave CPBS at least two and a half hours before plane time because of the time change.

Phone numbers: CPBS (May 15 - Aug 20, and Sept 24 (late evening) through Sept 28) 308/284-6501 (let it ring!)
UN-L (Janovy): 402/472-2754, 402/472-2720
Janovy home: 402/489-4369

Misc. info: Weather could be anything from spectacular to miserable, but it will most likely be cool, especially in the evening. Heavy rain is a slim possibility. Bring your own linens, sleeping bag, towels, etc. If you want to wade the Platte, bring some shoes that can get wet. Sandhills prairie calls for boots or heavy shoes. Bring a flashlight.

The road into CPBS is slippery and dangerous when wet and has a couple of blind corners/hills on it.

I.

OBFS ANNUAL MEETING

September 25-28, 1986 - Cedar Point Biological Station

September 25

Various times - arrive at CPBS, check in, housing assignment, etc.

6:00 PM - Social and welcome

6:30 PM - Dinner

7:30 PM - A few comments about Cedar Point (Janovy)

September 26

7:00 AM - Breakfast

8:00 AM - Business meeting

10:00 AM - Walking tour of CPBS

Noon - Lunch

1:00 PM - Tour of Arapaho Prairie

5:00 PM - Return to CPBS

6:00 PM - Dinner

7:00 PM - Business meeting, Directors' show-and-tell, etc.

10:00 PM - Sip 'n' Sizzle option

September 27

7:00 AM - Breakfast

8:00 AM - Business meeting

Noon - Lunch

1:00 PM - Tour of teaching areas, Lake McConaughy, sand pits, rivers, and other sacred places.

4:00 PM - Free time

6:00 PM - Dinner

7:00 PM - Business meeting

10:00 PM - Sip 'n' Sizzle option

September 28

7:00 AM - Breakfast

8:00 AM - Business meeting

Depart for airport as schedules require

OBFS Meeting, September 25-28, 1986 CEDAR POINT BIOLOGICAL STATION, NEBRASKA

*** Name _____

Address _____

Office phone _____

Organization _____

Address (if different from above) _____

Costs: \$60/person (meals, housing, local transportation)

Add \$15 if you are arriving by plane in North Platte or
by Amtrak in McCook.

Make checks payable to UN-L Cedar Point, ref acct 75-668-006-65

Approximate arrival time _____ arrival date _____

Method of travel: ___ car ___ plane ___ train ___ bus

If you are arriving by plane or train, please give us your arrival times,
flights, departure times, and flights.

Airline _____ flight # _____ arrival time/date _____

Airline _____ flight # _____ departure time/date _____

Amtrak arrival time/date _____

Amtrak departure time/date _____

Bus info: bring enough change to make a phone call and call CPBS at 284-6501
when you arrive in Ogallala

Please return this form by Friday, September 12, 1986, to:

John Janovy, Jr.
Director, CPBS
School of Biol Sci
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***Please list other members of your immediate family if they will be coming with you.
Housing arrangements will depend somewhat on attendance, gender distribution among
registrants, etc.

A. Dave Parmalee "retires" from University of Minnesota field station directorship--

We have recently heard from Dave Parmalee that he has "thrown in the towel at the University of Minnesota Forestry and Biological Station at Lake Itasca and at Cedar Creek Natural History Area. Dave, the immediate past president and long time energetic member of the OBFS plans to donate much of his time to his research specialty--the dynamics of the arctic avafauna. We wish Dave well on this future activities and hope that he can find time to join us at our annual meetings.

Don Siniff took the reins at Lake Itasca last month and John Tester took over Cedar Creek two years ago. We welcome both to the OBFS.

B. Annual Meeting-- AIBS

The University of Massachusetts, Amherst, is the site of the 37th Annual Meeting sponsored by the American Institute of Biological Sciences to be held 10-14 August 1986. General Chairman for the meeting will be Dr. Margaret Barr Bigelow, Professor of Botany at the university.

Field trips, contributed paper and poster sessions, workshops and symposia on such subjects as Systematics and Evolution of the Monocotyledons, the Ecology of the Connecticut River Valley, Recent Advances in Aquatic Fungi, and Problems in the Evolution and Systematics of the Cheilanthoid Ferns will be presented. The Plenary Address will be presented by Dr. Garrett Hardin, well-known ecologist and winner of this year's AIBS Distinguished Service Award. The following national scientific societies will be meeting with AIBS in 1986:

American Bryological and Lichenological Society
 American Fern Society
 Association for Tropical Biology
 Botanical Society of America
 Mycological Society of America

Registration fees before June 20: \$ 55.00 regular, \$ 25.00 student;
 after June 20: \$75.00 regular, \$ 40.00 student. To register and for more information see the February issue of BioScience or contact the Meetings Department, AIBS, 730 11th Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001
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