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Clyde Shepherd
NATURE PRESERVE

managed by South Peachtree
Creek Nature Preserve, Inc.

Directions to the Preserve:

The Clyde Shepherd Nature Preserve is a 28-acre wildlife sanctuary with the entrance located on Pine Bluff Drive in Decatur. Take Medlock Road to Medlock School and turn right onto Wood Trail Lane. Continue past the stop sign at Harrington Drive. The entrance to the Preserve is one block straight ahead.

Visit our website: cshpherdpreserve.org

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Winter rains have brought back the beaver pond and wetland wildlife, although severe drought continues. During our recent workdays, volunteers removed invasive plants, mulched trails, and hung bird and bat boxes. We'll have several new Scout projects in 2008, including improvements to the boardwalk and some additions along the interpretive trail.

Please join us for the upcoming Sunset Serenade and the monthly workdays. CSNP welcomes visitors of all ages to the Nature Preserve from dawn to dusk, but please help us maintain and protect this 28-acre wildlife sanctuary by:

- Picking up litter and placing all garbage in the trash cans provided.
- Keeping dogs and other pets leashed at all times.
- Avoiding shouting or making loud noises that might disturb wildlife.
- Supervising children and setting an example for them by staying on the trails.
- Remembering the importance of respecting this natural setting by leaving all trees and plants alone (no picking, pruning, or defacing of any kind).
- Participating in our monthly volunteer workdays.

Thank you!
Madeline Reamy

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND THE THIRD ANNUAL SUNSET SERENADE SATURDAY, MAY 3, 7-10 P.M.

Join us for an evening of music, dance and moonlight walks at a beautiful, 28-acre nature preserve complete with a beaver pond, wetlands, wooded trails, rock outcrops and more.

Old Enough to Know Better, a great acoustic band that covers many genres of music, will be performing. Band members include Allison Adams, Britt Dean, Doug Oster, and Larry Shultz. Songs range from doo wop, bluegrass, old English, and rock 'n' roll to pop favorites. The band is well known around Atlanta and frequently performs at Atlanta's Red Light Café and Decatur's Java Monkey.

The cost for this fun(d)-raising event for the Clyde Shepherd Nature Preserve is \$15 per person that includes wine, beer, soft drinks and appetizers. Be sure to bring a blanket or chairs.

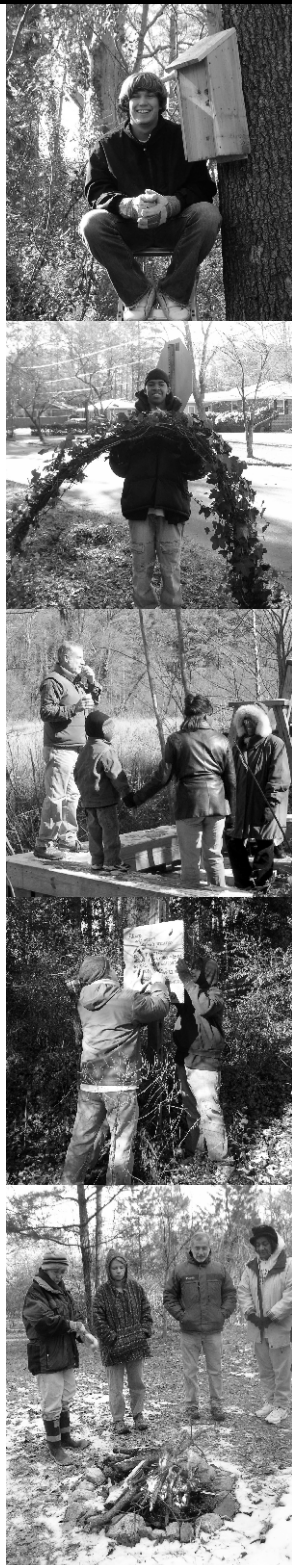
WILDLIFE WONDERS

CSNP is visited by many kinds of hawks including Red-tailed, Red-shouldered, Coopers, and Sharp-shinned hawks. Red-tailed and Red-shouldered are larger hawks and eat small mammals, snakes, and other birds. The Coopers and Sharp-shinned hawks are smaller and difficult to tell apart and they eat primarily small birds such as warblers and sparrows.

A pair of Red-shouldered hawks has called the Preserve home for the last five years and the pair has raised several broods, with as many as four nestlings in one year. Hearing their familiar call and watching them build a nest and raise their young has become an annual event for many of our regular visitors and we look forward to another successful nesting season in 2008. For more information on the wildlife at CSNP, visit our web site at www.cshepherdpreserve.org.



Photo by Henry Ohme



Hands on Atlanta's
MLK Day at CSNP
on January 21.
Photos by Elizabeth Fitch.
See article on p.2.

VOLUNTEER NEEDS

Volunteers are always needed for workdays, but we also currently are looking for volunteers to assist with publicity, special events, and programs. Please contact Elizabeth Fitch, CSNP volunteer coordinator, at csnp.volunteers@gmail.com if you are interested in becoming more involved.

Consider Helping on the 2008 Volunteer Workdays

Please join us to help remove nonnative invasive plants, mulch trails, develop gardens, and in the process make new friends. All are welcome! Please note that children must be accompanied and supervised by an adult.

- Sunday, April 6: 9-12
- Saturday, May 3, 9-12
- Sunday, June 1: 9-12
- Saturday, July 12: 9-12
- Sunday, August 3: 9-12
- Saturday, Sept. 6: 9-12
- Sunday, Oct. 5: 9-12
- Saturday, November 8: 9-12
- Sunday, December 7: 1-4

Elizabeth Fitch

MARTIN LUTHER KING SERVICE DAY WITH HANDS ON ATLANTA

On January 21, fifteen volunteers joined Clyde Shepherd Nature Preserve board members for a chilly Hands On Atlanta Martin Luther King Jr. Service Day. Volunteers from the Harland-Clarke Corporation as well as from the local community removed invasive plants, and hung signs and bat boxes. Lunch was generously provided by Harland-Clarke. Many thanks to everyone who came out to join us!

Elizabeth Fitch



RESEARCH GRANT FROM EMORY TO BENEFIT CSNP

CSNP Board member Dr. Chris Beck, senior lecturer in biology at Emory University, was awarded a research grant from the Emory Office of University-Community Partnerships to study seasonal wildlife changes in the wetlands at the Nature Preserve. The grant project funding includes \$2,000 for interpretive signage on native wildlife at CSNP. Plans for developing signage began several years ago, but vandalism of existing signs has been a concern and until now funds have not been available for new signs.

Other items to be purchased under the research grant will include weather station equipment, a sensor for water temperature, a sensor for water level, two remote motion-activated cameras with infrared flashes and a "frog logger" (an audio recorder on a timer for recording bird, insect and frog activity). The data collection will take place over the course of the year. Dr. Beck is working with classes and clubs at local schools to implement the research project. More information will be provided in upcoming newsletters.

Christopher Beck



Photo by Henry Ohme

SUPPORTER APPLICATION

Application Supporter

If you would like to become a supporter or if you already are a supporting member of the Clyde Shepherd Preserve, please consider a tax deductible donation. We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and donations are used directly for maintenance and improvements in the Preserve. We receive no financial assistance from DeKalb County and depend on our neighbors, local businesses, and grants for our funding. Please mail this application with your donation to:

Clyde Shepherd Nature Preserve
c/o South Peachtree Creek Nature Preserve, Inc.
P.O. Box 33247
Decatur, GA 30033

Name _____
Address _____
E-mail _____ Phone _____
Contribution: \$100 _____ \$50 _____ \$10 _____ Other _____

Would you be interested in volunteering for workdays and special events? Yes ___ No ___
Would you like to receive the newsletter only in your email box? Yes ___ No ___

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