Contact information

Team contact/captain _____

Phone _____

E-mail

Address _____

Would you like a Team Mentor?

Do you plan to raise money?

Are any team members interested in the YBC T-shirt Art contest? _____ (*Due 3/10/14*)

Is this your entire team's first time participating in the YBC?

Will your team stay Friday night (4/25/14) at CEWC? _____ (\$16/person - 4 per room)

Number and gender of chaperones who need lodging?

Will your team want breakfast?

Will your team want box lunches? ______(*All Saturday meals are free of charge.*)

How many adults will come to the banquet?

(2 free per team; each additional adult costs \$16)

Total Amount Due \$_____

Registrants will receive a packet with: Event rules, state bird checklist, guide to soliciting pledges, guide to birding

Georgia, team mentor and training information, waiver form, ABA birding code of ethics, YBC T-shirt Art Contest information.

Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center is

located southeast of Covington, Ga., about an hour east of Atlanta.

From Atlanta, take I-20 east to exit 98. Drive south (right turn) on Ga. Highway 11 for about 12 miles, through the town of Mansfield. Turn left on Marben Farms Road at the large stone sign for the wildlife center. Turn right on Elliott Trail and follow signs to the **Charlie Elliott Conference Center Banquet Hall**. Lodge Room check-in begins at 3 p.m. Friday in meeting room. Check-out is 10 a.m. Saturday.

The Environmental Resources Network Inc. (T.E.R.N.) is the primary sponsor of this event.



Sponsors also include the Atlanta Audubon Society and the Georgia Ornithological Society.

> Please address questions to: Tim Keyes (912) 262-3191 tim.keyes@dnr.state.ga.us

9TH ANNUAL YOUTH BIRDING COMPETITION

CHARLIE ELLIOTT WILDLIFE CENTER APRIL 25-26, 2014





WILDLIFE RESOURCES DIVISION

WHAT IS THE YOUTH BIRDING COMPETITION?

A 24-hour birding competition in which teams (representing your school, Scout troop, 4-H club, science club, etc. ...) compete with other teams their age to count as many species of birds as they can in Georgia. Start Friday evening finding owls and other nocturnal species, go birding Saturday until 5 p.m., and attend an Awards Banquet and Live Animal Show at Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center afterward. You can go birding at the Wildlife Center or travel the state; just get to the finish line by 5 p.m. Saturday with your bird checklist!

WHO CAN COMPETE?

Anyone from K through 12th grade can form teams within four age divisions: primary (K-2nd), elementary (3rd-5th grade), middle (6th-8th grade) and high school (9th-12th grade).

DO I NEED TO BE AN EXPERT?

No! We will do our best to link your team with an experienced mentor who can meet with you to help hone your bird identification skills before the event. We will also offer several training days throughout the winter and spring to help you prepare for the big event.

WHO DOES IT BENEFIT?

Your team can raise money for your favorite DNR Nongame project or other conservation organization. Registration packets will include funding tips and a list of projects and organizations you may want to support.

FREE

- Fun and educational day outside!
- Awards
- Live wildlife show
- T-shirt
- Breakfast & lunch (if you are in the vicinity of Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center)

WIN PRIZES - by age division

- Most birds seen
- Most money raised
- Best rookie team
- T-shirt Art prizes

OPTIONAL EXTRAS

- \$16/person to stay overnight based on full room occupancy
- \$16/person extra banquet tickets
- Please make checks out to: Charlie Elliott Conference Center

Send registration to:

Tim Keyes One Conservation Way Brunswick GA 31520

For lodging reservations & payment, call Alesia Rast at (770) 784-3152.

Register early to take advantage of the mentor and other training programs! Registration deadline is March 31, 2014. No lodging changes or refunds after April 3, 2014.

REGISTER NOW:	
Team Name (Be creative!)	
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Team Members	
1	_M/F
Age T-shirt size	
2	_M/F
Age T-shirt size	
3	_M/F
Age T-shirt size	<u></u>
4	_M/F
Age T-shirt size	
5	_M/F
Age T-shirt size	
(Teams can consist of 2-5 people.))

AGE DIVISION (circle one). If mixed ages, select division of oldest participant.

Div. A – Primary School (K-2nd grade)

Div. B – Elem. School (grades 3-5)

Div. C – Middle School (grades 6-8)

Div. D – High School (grades 9-12)