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**Let's Get Together**

Welcome Spring's (impending) arrival with a Regional Family Summit event.

Regional Events can be as unique as you and your region. Recent events have been [as simple as a hike or can include several events and an overnight.](#)

If you're interested in hosting a Regional Event, please contact Rosanne Mistretta [rmistretta@abingtonfriends.net](mailto:rmistretta@abingtonfriends.net) or (215) 266-5046.

Heather DeSha and Rosanne Mistretta will guide you in setting up and promoting a wonderful event for Summiteers in your area!

**Housing Update for the 2011 Summit**



Good news about housing at the YMCA of the Ozarks for the 2011 Family Nature Summit! The Y has made several more hotel rooms and loft rooms available. They have also set aside space for tent camping and RV camping for our group.

After reviewing what was released to us by the YMCA, we've been able to accommodate a good percentage of people in the rooms as requested. If your housing was settled, you have been contacted already.

There are a few people left on the waiting list and we are working through some final options. We will be in touch with you shortly.

Currently, we have the following options available:

**Tent Camping (10 sites)**

- Shower room and bathrooms are available in nearby North Hall
- Includes all meals and the various activities available at the Y
- Cost: \$444 for adults and \$90 for children. This covers food and activity fee at the Y for the 7 days and 6 nights of the Summit.

**RV Camping (3 sites)**

- Includes all meals and the various activities available at the Y
- Located near the ranch area
- Cost: \$444 for adults and \$90 for children. This covers food and activity fee at the Y for the 7 days and 6 nights of the Summit.

If you are not currently registered, but would like to be contacted if space opens up (outside of what is listed above), please contact us at [info@familysummits.org](mailto:info@familysummits.org) or 949-743-2567 please fill out the first page of the registration form and let us know your housing preference.

We're looking forward to a fantastic Summit in the Ozarks this year and we very much appreciate your patience and flexibility in working through the housing issues.

If you have questions, please contact the Family Summits office at [info@familysummits.org](mailto:info@familysummits.org) or 949-743-2567.

**Must Read Books for the Ozarks**

*"Outside of a dog, a book is a man's best friend. Inside of a dog, it's too dark to read."* - Groucho Marx

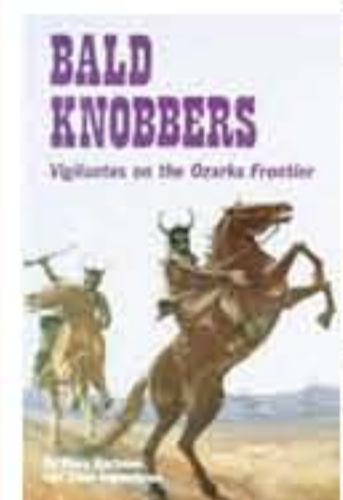
Gear up for the 2011 Summit in the Ozarks with some [great reads about the Ozarks' cultural and natural history](#). Kathy Blank and Marla Krasinsky will be the volunteer leaders for the 2011 Summit Book Club. They have scoured the book shelves, and while there were many worthy selections, they have decided on:



**'A Country Year Living the Questions' by Sue Hubbell**

A note from volunteer co-leader Kathy Blank: "I have read the Sue Hubbell Book and think it is just what we like for The Summit. It is autobiographical of the

author, who raises bees to sustain herself when her husband leaves and the children are raised. She describes the changing seasons and resources available to herself and the bees through the year, giving nature lovers a first hand view of that part of the country."



**'Bald Knobbers: Vigilantes on the Ozarks Frontier' by Mary Hartman and Elmo Ingenthron.**

Two parts history, three parts action, 'Bald Knobbers' tells the story of a vigilante group in the Ozarks. The vigilantes lead a violent, eight year long campaign for law and order in the region's border area during the Civil War. This book provides a glimpse at some

little known American history, complete with Winchester rifles, lynchings, and murder.

The Book Club volunteers want to highlight one other book. Volunteer co-leader Kathy Blank says: "For those who enjoy books on CD: 'The Painted House' by John Grisham is the story of a seven year old boy's view of life on a cotton farm with migrant labor during the picking season. I could not wait to get back in my car where the CDs were waiting for my next errand."

\* Pictures courtesy of [www.longitudebooks.com](http://www.longitudebooks.com) and [www.epelican.com](http://www.epelican.com)

**Call for Craig Tufts Scholarships Nominations**



Do you know someone between eight and eighteen who would love to learn, discover, and grow at this year's Summit? Encourage them to [apply for the Craig Tufts Scholarship Award](#).

The Craig Tufts Educational Scholarship Fund was established in memory of Craig Tufts, chief naturalist of National Wildlife Federation. Each year the Fund grants an award to one youth to attend the Summit. The Fund

provides travel, room and board and program fees for the award winner and an accompanying parent or guardian.

If you know a child who might be a good applicant, please encourage them to apply. Complete details are available on our website, but here are the basics:

- WHO: Kids who love nature, ages 8 to 18
- WHAT: 2nd Annual Craig Tufts Scholarship Award, for the Summit in the Ozarks, August 1 - 7, 2011
- HOW: Applicants submit an original essay about their experiences in the natural world
- WHEN: Apply by March 31st at 5pm

We are honored that the family of Craig Tufts is offering this [opportunity for a young person to participate in the Summit for free](#). Last year, this scholarship introduced two avid nature lovers to the wonders of hands-on exploration at the Summit. Please encourage potential applicants you know to apply by March 31st!