



November 29, 2011

Old Saybrook Land Trust Board Meeting*

6:00 - 7:00 pm, Pasbeshauke Pavilion, 155 College Street Extension, Old Saybrook (located at the end of Main Street on the Connecticut River)

*Board meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday each month normally from 6:30- 7:30pm at Old Saybrook Parks and Recreation Building on Sheffield Street. **All are open to the public.**

November 27, 2011

7th Annual Thanksgiving Weekend Walk

1:00-3:30pm **Directions:** Meet at the I-95 park and ride in Old Lyme (exit 70). We will carpool to the site. **Everyone is welcomed!**

Wear: walking shoes, layers. Bring water, walking stick, and PLEASE, no dogs.

Weather permitting, this year we will walk along the shoreline of Long Island Sound in Old Lyme, from White Sands Beach to Griswold Point and back. This will be a great opportunity to enjoy an off-season beach stroll, with natural history narration and some speculation about sea level rise. Judy Preston (Tidewater Institute) and Barbara Guenther will once again lead the walk.

If the weather is too challenging for a November beach walk, we'll head inland, and upland, to the Champlain Farms Preserve, also in Old Lyme. This site affords a more protected walk through the woods, with access to hills, ledges and small streams.

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"BATS: Where Have They Gone?"

7:00-8:00pm, Pasbeshauke Pavilion 155 College Street Extension, Old Saybrook (located at the end of Main Street on the Connecticut River)

Maureen Heidtmann, bat rehabilitator and specialist, will share with us how bats play a vital role in our local ecosystem and the overall health of our planet. Unfortunately, they are dying off by the thousands in the caves where they hibernate. The cause of death is a mysterious disease known as White-nose Syndrome (WNS). The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection has recently done a public bat survey and Maureen will present new information on bat numbers and the disease. Connecticut's bats need our help.

Old Saybrook Land Trust Sponsors a Nature Club for Children in Grades K-6

In recognition of the benefits of connecting children with nature and the fun of being outside, the Old Saybrook Land Trust is undertaking sponsorship of a new nature club, **OAK** (Outdoor Adventure Kids), for Old Saybrook's children in grades K-6.

OAK is a family oriented group which invites children to become naturalists and stewards of the earth while exploring the town's trail system. Old Saybrook is fortunate to have a trail system that provides access to beautiful, protected open space. Our guided hikes encourage children and their families to discover the natural beauty of the woods and some of the unique features of each trail. Club members will receive an activity book which includes trail maps, animal tracking tips and games. Of special interest in the book is the guide to letterboxing in Great Cedars West Conservation Area. OSLT will offer **OAK** members 4 seasonal events during the 2011-12 school year.

A **membership application form** is on the next page (scroll down).



OAK Application



If you'd like your child to become an official member of OAK (Outdoor Adventure Kids), an Old Saybrook Land Trust (OSLT) and Old Saybrook school system sponsored outdoor club for students grades K-6 and their families, please fill out this application form. Mail the form and a check for \$5.00 per child (\$20.00 maximum per family*) payable to Old Saybrook Land Trust to: *Old Saybrook Land Trust, P.O. Box 109, Old Saybrook, CT 06475.* Your child will receive an activity book at their school and you can expect invitations to OAK activities and other OSLT events throughout the school year.

Your donation is tax deductible and helps the OSLT maintain our trails and properties. Thank you.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone number: _____

E-mail address: _____

Child Name: _____ Age: _____ School: _____

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Comments or questions:

* for scholarship information, please contact the Old Saybrook Land Trust