

Young Birder Virtual Camp

Fall Migration Pre-camp work and course requirements

- □ Register via camp link on the program page to attend the virtual camp and pay your registration fee.
- Please login to <u>Google classroom</u> with a personal gmail/gsuite account. Do NOT use your school account to login to Hog Island's google classroom. Classroom code will be given after camp registration, closer to the camp date.
- □ Answer the introduction question on Google classroom before the first day of camp.
- □ Complete <u>free eBird online course</u> (if you are new to eBird) and <u>register for an eBird</u> <u>account</u>. Please have your eBird username ready to share on the first day of camp.
- □ <u>Create a free Zoom account</u>, this will be used for live webinars and videos.
- □ **Fill out pre-camp survey.** (This would ask what binoculars do they have, what computer equipment, camera equipment, etc. Also ask about familiarity with eBird, bird identification, Zoom and Google classroom.) The link will be emailed after you register.
- Basic Materials Needed for Course: Paper, pencil/pen, binoculars, field guide (optional), camera (or camera phone) where you can upload photos online, computer to access google classroom and eBird.

Pre-camp Information:

Each camper will need the ability to go birding each day. Please make sure you select areas to bird that are safe and socially distanced. At times you may need to have a place where you can go outside to sketch and take notes. We will be using a field journal in this class so make sure you have a notebook/paper and pencil to complete some of the activities. We will have a group Bio Blitz project so if you're not familiar with Bio Blitzes, please read up before the camp week. You may want to download the iNaturalist app to help with identifying non-avian animals and plants. Due to this program running concurrently with the school year, we will focus primarily on projects that happen over the weekend dates.

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eBird - FREE online course - must be completed by all participants: <u>https://academy.allaboutbirds.org/product/ebird-essentials/</u> Sign-up for an account: <u>https://ebird.org/</u> - we will use the eBird checklists as a way to share what we are seeing

Audubon Bird App - <u>https://www.audubon.org/app</u>

iNaturalist - https://www.inaturalist.org/

Bio Blitz Information - https://www.nationalgeographic.org/encyclopedia/bioblitz/