

Preliminary Planning:  
ChicoryLane Symposium – Day 2  
Multiple Session Field Day  
(Saturday, May 16, 2026)  
(version: March 11, 2026)

## Overview

- 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
- 6 sessions
  - Some overlapping
- Most sessions involve a Walk
  - Walk will assume a designated path through selected terrain appropriate for the session topic
    - Path worked out by session leader(s) prior to session
  - Durations of walks: 2 hours total for session, with 90 minutes for actual walk
  - Length of walk: ~0.5 – 0.75 miles (~800 – 1200 yds)
- Subgroups
  - Number of subgroups determined by total number of registrants for session
  - 25 Participants is regarded as subgroup target size
  - Some sessions will involve multiple subgroups
    - Assume ~3 no-shows from registrations
    - E.g., 54 registrants => 2 subgroups of ~25 each
    - E.g., 84 registrants => 3 subgroups of ~25 each
  - Goal for subgroup
    - All participants will experience (or have the opportunity to experience) the full path for the session
    - All participants will have approximately equal time with each subleader, for sessions with multiple leaders
    - To realize these goals, a simplified Latin Square (LS) strategy will be used
      - For multiple larger, multileader groups, the overall path will be divided into 2 or 3 different areas each of which may be ~300-500 yards long
      - Each area will have a designated subleader
        - Subleader remains in that area
          - Simplification: LS model assumes subleaders also rotate through all areas

- Subleader may wander the entire area, speak at his/her chosen location(s) within, etc.
- Subgroups rotate through the subareas at designated intervals (i.e., ~30 or 45 minutes)
- Support
  - Each subgroup will have a subgroup wrangler who stays with the subgroup for the entire session
  - Helps with the initial division of the overall group into two or three subgroups, depending on numbers
  - Leads the subgroup to the initial assigned area and to subsequent areas at the appropriate time(s)
  - Each session subleader will have an assigned volunteer
  - Volunteer keeps track of the time for each interval for the subgroup within an area
  - Volunteer keeps the leader aware of time remaining for the group in the particular area
  - Volunteer stays with the subleader during startup for next subgroup

## Details

- The 6 sessions scheduled for Saturday include:
  - 2 3-subgroup sessions
    - Native Shrub Walk
    - Insects Walk
  - 3 2-subgroup
    - Bird Walk
    - Herbaceous Plants Walk
    - Woodcock Walk
  - 1 single Group Q&A
- 3-Subgroups walk
  - Need 6 volunteers
    - 3 Subgroup wranglers
    - 3 Leader volunteers
      - (Desirable but not essential?)
  - Since these two walks occur at 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM, only one hour after the end of the first, perhaps the same set of volunteers could support both walks?
- 2-Subgroup walks
  - Need 4 volunteers

- 2 Subgroup wranglers
  - 2 Leader volunteers
    - (The two groups can switch leaders when they meet ~half-way along the path, desirable but not essential?)
- Since two of the three sessions overlap (3:00 PM), will need at least two volunteer teams
- Since the third session is the first one at 8:00 AM, may need a third if neither of the afternoon teams can be present for the whole day (or the two ends of it)
- Volunteer needs
  - Minimum:  $10 = 6 + 2 \times 2$
  - Maximum:  $24 = 2 \times 6 + 3 \times 4$
  - Desirable :  $14 = 6 + 2 \times 4$

### Session Particulars

- 8:00 AM: Bird Walk (55 Registered)
  - Leader: Doug Wentzel
    - Co-Leader: Julia Plummer
  - Subgroup Volunteers
    - SG1: Suzy Yetter
    - SG2: Liz Heness
- 10:00 AM: Native Shrub Walk (84 Registered)
  - Leader: Doug Tallamy
    - Co-Leader1: James Leshner
    - Co-Leader2: ???
  - Subgroup Volunteers
    - SGV1: Eric Oliver
    - SGV2: Donnan Stoicovy
    - SGV3: Kelly Anderson
  - Leader Volunteers
    - LV1: Fernanda Lodeiro
    - LV2: Kevin Anderson
    - LV3: Kristen Carroll
- 1:00 PM Insect Walk (73 Registered)
  - Leader: Bella Petitta
    - Co-Leader1: Nina Devine
    - Co-Leader2: Valeria Lee

- Subgroup Volunteers (Same Volunteer teams as Shrub Walk?)
  - SGV1: Fernanda Lodeiro
  - SGV2: Kevin Anderson
  - SGV3: Kristen Carroll
- Leader Volunteers
  - LV1: Eric Oliver
  - LV2: Donnan Stoicovy
  - LV3: Kelly Anderson
- 1:30 PM: ChicoryLane Q & A (30 Registered)
  - Respondents: CLF Board
    - Others: ???
- 3:00 PM: Herbaceous Plant Walk (55 Registered)
  - Leader: James Lesher
    - Co-Leader: Kathy Weaver
  - Subgroup Volunteers
    - SG1: Jim Flanagan
    - SG2: Amanda Pighetti-Marshal
- 3:00 PM: Woodcock Walk (47 Registered - Concurrent)
  - Leader: Adam Smith
    - Co-Leader: Mark Banker
  - Subgroup Volunteers
    - SG1: Mike Dombroskie
    - SG2: Carla Hime