



Southwest Michigan Team Birdathon

March 20, 2024

Hello Birdwatchers:

The 35th Annual Birdathon is scheduled for Saturday, May 18th, 2024. Currently, we plan to go back to the original format with all teams birding within Berrien County, a finish line at Sarett Nature Center, dinner, and awards ceremony to end the evening.

The event will start at midnight on May 18th and go to 7:00 pm. All teams must have a minimum of three members. Team members must stick together when actively birding but can travel in separate vehicles if they choose. The finish line is at Sarett Nature Center, at 7:00 pm with your checklist turned in by 7:05 pm at the latest. We will have an in-person awards ceremony and dinner at the end of the night.

Participating teams are encouraged to use this event as a fundraiser for a nature center, conservation organization, or other similar groups—*but this is not required for participation.*

Included with this letter is an entry blank, official rules, Birdathon checklist, and a pledge sheet. The entry fee is \$35 per participant (\$37 for XXL shirt please). Cost includes event t-shirt and dinner. Your options for t-shirt sizes are small, medium, large, XL, and XXL. Please make checks payable to: "Sarett Nature Center" and mail to: Mike Mahler, Sarett Nature Center, 2300 Benton Center Rd., Benton Harbor, MI 49022.

The entry deadline to guarantee shirts for your team is Saturday, April 20th, 2024. Any entries received after this date will not be guaranteed a t-shirt!

Sincerely,

Mike Mahler
Sarett Naturalist