

2019 AMI Conference



September 15 - 17
Roaring River State Park



Let your Resources **ROAR** at the 2019 Association of Missouri Interpreters conference at Roaring River State Park. In addition to great concurrent sessions, there will be fantastic field sessions, great food, and the return of the Interpreter's Quiz. Make plans to attend this event to increase your interpretive skills and learn more from fellow interpreters across the state.

CALL FOR PAPERS!

We hope that you consider giving a presentation at this AMI Conference. It is an important part of the professional development and networking that takes place each year. **Presentations should fit the theme of "Let your Resources Roar"**. Examples can include History Interpretation, Nature Interpretation, Tips & Tricks, Volunteers, Supervision, and Multi-Media.

Please send the following information to Janice Greene at JaniceGreene@MissouriState.edu by August 15th.

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| 1) Name | 4) Presentation Title |
| 2) Email | 5) 50-word description |
| 3) Site & Organization | 6) Program needs |

This year's conference will provide a 'Proceedings' to all attendees so presenters will need to supply presentation and handouts prior to the conference.

2019 Tentative Conference Schedule

Saturday, September 14th
Pre-Conference Field Sessions

Sunday, September 15th
Conference Opening (early afternoon)
and Keynote Speaker
Concurrent Sessions
Evening Pizza / Activity

Monday, September 16th
Off-site Field Sessions
(full & half day)
Scholarship Auction (evening)

Tuesday, September 17th
Concurrent Sessions
Business Meeting
AMI Interpreters Quiz
Awards Banquet (evening)

2019 AMI Conference Committee

Tim Smith - Chair
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Lodging & Meetings



Accommodations will be at the park's

Emory Melton Inn & Conference Center

24667 MO-112, Cassville, MO 65625.

Lodging Options include rooms, cabins, campsites, or *Camp Smokey (group camp). Reservations for rooms, cabins and campsites are made through the Inn by going to: www.roaringriverstatepark.org OR calling 417/847-2330. Rooms at the Inn are \$69/night for regular rooms

(2 per room) and \$89/night for suites (2 per room) Cabins are \$89/night (4 per cabin). **Ask for Stephanie and mention AMI.** Rooms are going fast.

***Camp Smokey** accommodations are made with your AMI Registration and are \$5/night. Camp Smokey will be available starting Sunday, September 15th. You will need your own bedding and toiletries at Camp Smokey.

Sunday KEYNOTE SPEAKER

John Cunning

John says his work in parks started when he was four years old when his family visited the Grand Canyon. He picked up litter in the picnic area and could trade a bag of litter for ice-cream. Throughout his 34-year career with Missouri State Parks, he worked as a historic site manager, a museum director, and as director for the Resource Management and Interpretation Program. In 2013, John was awarded AMI's Outstanding Professional Interpreter in and NAI Region 6's Distinguished Professional



Interpreter. John has helped plan and has been a trainer at the annual Spring Interpreter School for many years. He has presented living history programs as a snake oil salesman in an 1870s medicine show, guided countless historic building tours, interpreted Tom Benton's capitol mural to Chinese diplomats, and interpreted interpretation to elected and appointed officials. And he loved just about every minute of it.

Now retired, John started a consulting business (Heritage Interpretation Services LLC), works part-time with an estate sale management company, and is planning a few motorcycle trips.



Let's Make the AMI Auction Roar!

The AMI Scholarship Auction is a tried and true tradition for our annual conference, **but this year we are going to change it up.** YOU are the reason it is so successful each year! Your donations fill our tables with awesome goodies that your fellow interpreters quickly seize through the live and silent auctions. **This year we are going to limit YOU to four (4) good quality items.** YOU are the reason we can offer students assistance with their educations and your fellow interpreters with continuing education and career enrichment. Help us make the auction more profitable and a better experience for everyone.

Fewer items means a shorter auction too. Don't forget to budget and bring money for the auction; it's going to a great cause!

Have you been wondering what four items to donate to the AMI Scholarship Auction? Well, have no fear...we have these suggestions!

1. Items handmade by YOU. If you made it, we want it!
2. Wine, craft beer, or unique flavors from your local establishments.

3. Vacation Packages or tickets to attractions, camping packages, tickets to a museum or aquarium...you name it, we like it.
4. Nice puppets, interpretive props, electronic equipment; items interpreters on a budget otherwise can't afford.
5. Photography or artwork from our great state.
6. Unique items that make great gifts.
7. Historical reproductions like a flint and steel kit.
8. Pelts, skulls, field guides, and items that reflect your part of the state or your site.

If any of these ideas spark an idea of what to bring (or even send with friends or coworker if you can't attend), please find attached the donation form/tag. Filling this out prior to conference arrival will help streamline registration and donation drop-off!



All items benefit students & professional development.

Please complete the attached form for each auction item that you bring.



2019 AMI Field Sessions

Let Your Resources Roar!



PRE-CONFERENCE FIELD SESSIONS September 14, 2019.

Each field session has a maximum and minimum number of participants. Please indicate 1st and 2nd choices.

1. Wilderness Backpacking

(Big Piney Wilderness Area)

High level of exertion

Overnight experience

Whether you are a beginner or a veteran backpacker get ready to explore Piney Creek Wilderness Area in SW Missouri. Its combination of glades, forests, steep rocky hillsides, and narrow drainages offers unusual beauty and a measure of solitude for wilderness lovers. Along with hiking during the day you will experience one night of tent camping in the wilderness. This backpacking field trip does include stream crossings, moderate to difficult terrain and elevation changes. More information will be sent out regarding meeting location and supply needs.



- Leaves Noon Saturday & Returns 10:00 am Sunday
- Maximum of 10; Minimum of 5
- Cost \$15

NOTE: Sessions #3 & #4 can be done in tandem. It is possible to do both Projects and still be able to attend session #5.

3. Project WILD About ELK

(Emory Melton Inn - Roaring River State Park)

Moderate level of exertion

This a terrific curriculum and activity guide for elk in Missouri. You will be trained in and receive a special elk guide that follows the Project WILD's mission to help students learn how to think. An elk traveling trunk will further stoke those program ideas.



HALF DAY SESSION - MORNING

- 9:00 am to noon
- Maximum of 25; Minimum of 10
- Cost \$15

2. Wonders of Wildlife Museum

(Springfield)

Minimal level of exertion

This is your chance to visit one of the newest premier wildlife museums in North America. Participants will get to explore the aquarium and museum, and have a look behind the scenes with aquarium or WOW personnel. This museum features wildlife from around the world. Lunch is provided by the WOW Museum.



ALL DAY SESSION

- 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
- Maximum of 25; Minimum of 10
- Cost \$40

4. Project Flying WILD

(Emory Melton Inn - Roaring River State Park)

Minimal level of exertion

Join us to learn about and take home this unique three-part curriculum guide all about birds! Each section targets a specific group: educators, volunteers, and middle school students. This material multi-discipline; it gives you and young people the ability to assist or create bird-related festivals.



HALF DAY SESSION - AFTERNOON

- 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
- Maximum of 25; Minimum of 10
- Cost \$15

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5. Eureka Springs Adventure

(Eureka Springs, Arkansas)

Moderate level of exertion

Experience the sights, sounds, and taste of Eureka Springs, Arkansas. We will arrive in time to eat dinner at one of the area restaurants. At 7:00 pm be prepared to see orbs and unusual sights as we take a ghost tour of the famous Crescent Hotel.

Be prepared for walking on uneven surfaces.

EVENING SESSION

- Leaves and returns to Emory Melton Inn
- 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm
- Maximum of 25; Minimum of 10
- Cost \$40 (\$15 for dinner and \$25 for the tour)



CONFERENCE FIELD SESSIONS September 16, 2019

Most Field Sessions are FREE, with Full Registration. Nominal cost for Springfield/Greene County Parks and NW AR Mountain Biking, all lunches are on your own. Please indicate 1st, 2nd and 3rd choices.

1. Springfield Botanical Gardens

(Springfield)

Minimal level of exertion

FEE of \$7 for Box Lunch.

The Springfield Botanical Gardens experience will show how our resources roar through the efforts of volunteers.



Session

includes docent-guided immersion into Missouri's first all-native butterfly house, a trip back in time with the Grey-Campbell Farmstead, a guided stroll in the Japanese Garden, and an interpretive ride around many of the gardens in a solar-powered tram. Comfortable walking shoes are encouraged as we will walk a little over one mile. Mobility accommodations may be available with advanced notice. Boxed lunches will be provided by Park Board Catering.

- Leave 7:30 am – return by 5:00 pm
- Maximum of 25; Minimum of 10



2. Shoal Creek Education

(Joplin)

Moderate level of exertion

Start your day with a refreshing boat trip down Shoal Creek while you enjoy the sights and sounds of water and wildlife from the Tipton Ford Access. Your adventure continues as you visit the Shoal Creek Conservation Education Center and learn about the challenges

of taking over a facility and getting it up and running. You will also explore a rare ecosystem, a Chert Glade and what makes it so unique. If time

permits you may also visit Wildcat Glade Natural Area, and discover other Joplin natural wonders such as Mother Nature's Gap and Grand Falls. To top off your journey, lunch will be on your own, as we dine on local cuisine and may even dine in an old train car.

- Leave 7:30 am – return by 5:00 pm
- Maximum of 12; Minimum of 6



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3. Mtn Biking in NW Arkansas (Bentonville, AR)

Moderate level of exertion

OPTION: \$50 for Mtn bike rental; FREE if you bring your own Mtn bike.

Get ready to shred some trail in Northwest Arkansas! Phat Tire Bike shop



will be providing rental bikes for a guided mountain bike experience. After lunch, we will learn more about what mountain biking means to the community of northwest Arkansas. Previous bike riding experience is recommended. Lunch on your own.

- Leave 8:00 am – return at 5:00 pm

- Maximum of 25; Minimum of 10

NOTE: The following 2 sessions are being repeated twice so that you can do one in the morning and the other in the afternoon.

4.1 Dye Tracing (This Session is FULL)

4.2 Dye Tracing (afternoon: 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm) (Roaring River State Park)

Moderate level of exertion

Have you ever wondered how they find the recharge area of a spring?

Here is your chance to learn. You will have the opportunity to help with dye injections as part of an ongoing project to delineate a recharge area / watershed of



Roaring River Spring. This will involve actual dye injections, the safety requirements required, and how results are collected and analyzed. There may be some off-trail hiking of up to half a mile in the rugged Ozark terrain. Lunch is on your own.

- Maximum of 8; Minimum of 3

5.1 Cave Mapping (morning: 8:30 am - noon)

5.2 Cave Mapping (This Session is FULL) (Roaring River State Park)

High level of exertion

Are you interested in how to map a cave? In this field trip the Cave Research Foundation will be crawling into and mapping Moonshiners Cave here at Roaring River State Park. In addition to learning cave mapping techniques, participants will also be shown how the Cave Research Foundation inventories cave biology and other resources while mapping the caves. This is a very strenuous and extreme field trip. Lunch is on your own.



- Maximum of 8; Minimum of 3

6. Ozark Mountain State Park (Branson)

Moderate level of exertion

Ozark Mountain State Park is one of Missouri's newest state parks. This park has a large glade habitat and the remnants of the town of Garber. As we hike the established trails, we will learn the challenges of management and preservation with a new park. Beware, there may be an encounter from a real



Baldknobber who roams these rugged hills. If time permits, we will visit local Branson Visitor Center on the way back.

Lunch is on your own.

- Leave by 8:00 am -- Return by 5:00 pm

- Maximum of 25; Minimum is 10

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7. Milking History

(Diamond & Monett)

Minimal level of exertion

Did you realize you could get milk from a peanut? Yes it is possible! On the field trip to George Washington Carver

National Monument after a visit to the visitor center and tour of the park; you will learn how to get milk from



a peanut! You will follow this up with a trip to the Monett Historical Society and museum in a restored bank build. They will discuss the history of Monett as well as what it took to restore this historical building.

Lunch will be on your own,

- Leave 8:00 am – return 5:00 pm

- Maximum of 25; Minimum of 5

8. Barry County History

(Cassville)

Moderate level of exertion

Barry County has a rich and colorful history. Barry County History Museum is home to the Field's Photo Archive. Includes a video of the "Mountain Maid". Local oral histories. One room school, sheds, agriculture museum, fire engine, train, lots of local history. Learn about how the historical society acquired these historic photos, how they care for them, and how they utilize them to educate the local community.



- Leave 8:30 am – return by noon

- Maximum of 25; Minimum of 5



Be a Volunteer at the Conference

Being a volunteer is a good way to give back and help everyone have a memorable conference. There are several volunteer opportunities for you to choose from this year. They include:

- Session Moderator
- Sunday Evening Assistant
- Van Driver
- Registration Assistant
- Scholarship Auction
- Field Session Leader
- A-Visual Assistant
- Hospitality Room

When you register for the conference please consider signing up as a volunteer.

Your service will be appreciated.



Interested in Vending?

Vending opportunities will be available during the Conference. For more details on being a vendor contact Kathy Miller at kathyscreations@att.net or 417-598-9991.



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Pre-Conference - September 14



Registration deadline: August 31, 2019

Name: _____

Job Title: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____

E-mail: _____

Email completed form to:

John Miller

AMI Registration Chair

Email: miller.john.d@att.net

Once confirmed, you will be sent an invoice for credit card payment.

Full Registration: (includes membership renewal for upcoming year, banquet & some meals)

Pre-registration deadline is August 22 2019--after that you must register at the Workshop (\$10 higher fee)

- Regular Registration (AMI Member or Non-Member) \$100.00
- AMI Life Member Registration..... \$ 85.00
- Student Registration..... \$ 70.00

Banquet Preference: Vegetarian Vegan Gluten-free Other: _____

One Day Registration

- One Day Registration ONLY (does not include Banquet) DATE _____ \$45.00
- Individual Banquet Ticket (indicate diet preference above) \$25.00

Banquet Guest:

- I am bringing a guest. Any diet preferences (See above): _____ \$25.00

Lodging at Camp Smokey \$5/night Need to supply your own bedding and toiletries

Indicate which nights: ___ Sunday ___ Monday ___ Tuesday #Nights X \$5 = _____

Pre-Conference Field Trips & Programs: (September 14 Indicate 1st, 2nd, & 3rd choices)

- _____ 1. Wilderness Backpacking \$15.00
- _____ 2. Wonders of Wildlife Museum & Aquarium..... \$40.00
- _____ 3. Project WILD about ELK \$15.00
- _____ 4. Project FLYING WILD \$15.00
- _____ 5. Eureka Springs & Ghost Tour \$40.00

Conference Field Studies: (September 16. Please Indicate 1st, 2nd, & 3rd choices)

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| _____ 1. Springfield Botanical Gardens \$7 | _____ 5.1 Cave Mapping (morning) FREE | <i>If you select session #1 or #3 please indicate cost here.</i> |
| FULL 2. Shoal Creek Education FULL | FULL 5.2 Cave Mapping (afternoon) FULL | |
| _____ 3. Mt. Biking in NW AR <small>\$0 if bringing a Mtn Bike
\$50 if need bike rental</small> | _____ 6. Ozark Mtn State Park FREE | |
| FULL 4.1 Dye Tracing (morning) FULL | _____ 7. Milking History FREE | |
| _____ 4.2 Dye Tracing (afternoon) FREE | _____ 8. Barry County History FREE | |

Dues for the Current Year: (Only if you wish to renew membership and will not be attending the conference.)

- \$15 Individual \$125 Lifetime \$50 Facility

Total

Volunteers Needed: (Let us know if you can help with these functions at the Conference.)

- Have a Vehicle that holds _____ people Session Moderator Auction Registration
- A-V Equipment Van Driver Hospitality Room Field Trip Leader Sunday Evening Campfire