



## VABBA2 Summer Rally Weekend Schedule

Thanks for registering to participate in one of our Atlas rally weekends! We're excited to have you join us in these beautiful, rural areas of the Commonwealth. Here is our line-up of events for weekend rallies...

### **Friday Afternoon – Arrival & Check-In at State Park\*, 430-6pm**

For those of you who will be staying at the designated State Park during the rally, I will be leaving copies of the weekend itinerary at the front desk for you to grab at check-in.

\*Staying at the state park is not required. You're welcome to stay at nearby hotels, but be sure to review when/where you need to meet up for weekend events.

### **Friday Evening - Orientation Meeting in State Park Conference room, 630-730pm**

This is a 'must-attend' event! On Friday evening, Dr. Peele will hold an orientation meeting to hand out volunteer information packets, including group assignment. Then you will meet with your group leader to discuss logistics for Saturday and Sunday birding. If you cannot make this meeting, but would like to participate in Saturday and Sunday, please let us know asap. \*\*\*Snacks/refreshments will be provided at this event.\*\*\*

### **Saturday – Day One of Blockbusting**

This will be our longest day of blockbusting. Groups will meet at a designated state park picnic pavilion (unless otherwise arranged with group leader).

- **6-630am:** Meet up with your assigned group at state park to consolidate cars, pick up snacks and water from rally organizers.

Participants should plan to be in the field most of the day under the guidance of their group leader. Note! This means bringing along your own lunch items, as these rural areas have few options for lunch!

### **Saturday evening, Group Dinner hosted by VABBA2 project, 6pm, Location TBD.**

Address and details will be provided at rally orientation.

### **Sunday – Day Two of Blockbusting**

This second day of surveying will be similar to Saturday, except that your group may wrap-up earlier than Saturday to allow for return travel homeward. Please communicate any travel needs with your group leader, so they can adjust carpooling as needed.

**What to bring:** Dress for the field (comfy shoes, hat, long pants, etc.). Please bring personal water bottle (we'll have water to refill your bottles), binoculars, field notebook and/or smartphone for data collection.

Note! Don't forget your raingear! We will be holding this event, rain or shine, so do not be deterred by weather. If it rains, then we'll dash out in between showers. The birds will still be active and so shall we!

Thanks so much for your interest in the Atlas project. Please feel free to email with questions ahead of the event. We look forward to seeing you for our 2019 Atlas rallies!