



**The Bluebird Society of Pennsylvania**  
**24th Annual Conference**  
**April 19 and 20, 2024**  
**Antiochian Village Conference Center**  
**140 Church Camp Trail, Bolivar, PA 15923**

Pre-registration is required as the conference center requires two weeks notice for meals. Register by using the enclosed form and mailing it to BSP, PO Box 756, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055 or online at the [thebsp.org](http://thebsp.org). Online payments will incur a 3% service charge. This year's conference is different in that BSP will be collecting your payment for the overnight stay and meals. Commuter rates are available and vary depending on which meals you select.

**Friday April 19, 2024**

3:00 - 5:30 pm — Check in and registration at the main conference center lobby to pick up your room key and conference materials. Please note: No smoking is allowed in rooms. A \$200 cleaning charge will be assessed.

5:30 - 6:30 pm — Friday night dinner in our reserved meeting room near the Amphitheater for full conference participants and commuters who have selected the Friday dinner option.

7:00 - 8:00 pm — Laura Jackson presents *Birds in My Backyard*. Having applied her love of gardening to create a native plant refuge for birds of Pennsylvania, Laura's presentation features photos of various native plants throughout the seasons as well as excellent photos of birds and a comprehensive discussion on what birds need to survive and thrive.

8:15 - 9:30 — An informal session: *Tips to Share*. Learn how to use QR codes when monitoring trails. Learn how to use a Sandmarc phone extender to better see inside nest boxes. Visit the BSP store. Preview auction items.

**Saturday, April 20, 2024**

7:30 - 8:30 am — Breakfast in the dining room for full conference participants and commuters who have selected this option.

8:00 - 9:00 am — Check in at the registration desk to pick up conference materials.

9:00 - 9:30 am — BSP Annual Meeting. BSP awards presented.

9:30 - 10:30 am — Dean Rust, BSP president, presents "*The Ecology and Management of the Eastern Bluebird*." Author of *The Beloved and Charismatic Bluebird*, Dean shares his extensive knowledge and wonderful photos.

10:30 - 11:00 am — Break. Visit the BSP store.

11:00 am - noon — Luke DeGroot, of the Powdermill Avian Research Center, part of the Carnegie Museum of Natural History, presents his research and discusses bird banding, analyzing bird health, migration and Motus tracking, longevity, and how environmental conservation supports native birds.

Noon - 1:15 Lunch and break

1:30 - 3:00 pm — Live auction. Silent auction winners announced.

3:00 - 4:00 pm — Andrea Kautz, research entomologist at Powdermill Nature Reserve, shares *The Importance of Insects in Our Ecosystem*. Insects are the mainstay of the bluebird diet.

4:00 - 4:30 — Drawing for the President's Basket and closing remarks. The 2024 conference adjourns.



*Antiochian Village Conference Center* is just off of Rt. 711 about 18 miles north of the Donegal exit of the Pennsylvania turnpike and about an hour east of Pittsburgh. If you haven't visited this part of Pennsylvania before, there is a lot to see and do. The town of Ligonier features unique shops, cozy restaurants and cafes, and historic Ft. Ligonier. To learn more, visit <https://www.golaurelhighlands.com> and <https://www.antiochianvillage.org>.

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