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Ogden, Iowa, July 21, 1923.

Dear Fellow Members of the I.O.U.:-

Our membership has been growing until we now have seventy members in our organization. We should have one hundred the first year and I am sure we can reach this goal if we, each one of us, bring this to the attention of all of our friends who are interested in birds.

It is my desire, and, I am sure, of all of you, that we might meet together and talk over our experiences and observations of the year and, better still, take a field trip together.

Two opportunities to do this will be offered us this summer. The Wild Life School at McGregor, which is held annually, is a delightful place to spend a vacation and become acquainted with the wild life of our State. Dr. Leroy Titus Weeks, who is one of our Executive Council, will be one of the Faculty again this year and all members who can should hear him as he is worth going across the state to hear. The dates for this meeting are August 5th to 17th, and reservations should be made with the Secretary of the Wild Life School at McGregor.

Then we have in Boone County a 600 acre State Park known as the Ledges State Park, which is beautifully situated along the Des Moines River and the custodian in charge is Mr. Carl Fritz Henning, one of our old ornithologists and also one of our members.

The Camp Fire Girls have an all summer camp there in charge of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Nelson of Des Moines. It is an excellent Camp, located five miles south of Boone and ten miles south of Ogden. We are invited to spend two days at the Ledges in camp with the Nelsons and the charges for board and lodging will be the same as that made to the Camp Fire Girls -- we to furnish our blanket and individual dishes such as knife, fork, and spoon cup, saucer and plate.

The dates August 11th to 13th are open to us and it is earnestly hoped that as many of you as can, will attend here during this period, beginning Saturday noon, August 11, two meals on Saturday, all day Sunday, breakfast Monday and all forenoon. The next contingent of girls will arrive at noon on Monday and we must vacate for them. This will give us two full days with two evenings in camp and we have made arrangements to have an evening of pictures of Our Common Birds. These slides are made from photographs of birds at home, taken by Dr. A. A. Allen of Cornell University, Editor of the Childrens' Department of Bird-Lore. They are unusual and well worth seeing, and are loaned by the courtesy of the Extension Division of Iowa University.

It is hoped to secure a speaker for the second evening, but we are not able to make a definite announcement at this time.

We hope that every member in Ames, Des Moines and Boone, as well as all members in this part of the state, will attend this meeting at the Ledges. The expense will be \$1.50 a day for board, lodging and program. Please make your reservations early with Mr. Carl Fritz Henning of Boone, who will be in touch with the Nelsons at the Camp.

Those of you who can not go to McGregor be sure to go to the Ledges -- but be sure to go to one place and let us have a good time together.

Yours for a better I.O.U.

W. M. R o s e n,
President.