

Necedah National Wildlife Refuge

2012 Public Programs & Special Events

This year we are happy to have the Friends as a Co-Sponsor for all events and programs. In September we listed all of the possibilities for events and public programs. Anything that made it onto the yearly calendar had a staff and Friend who were willing to champion the event and work on the preparation for that event well ahead of time. We would also like to invite you to help us on our event committees that will meet prior to special events to help organize and structure the upcoming event. We still have the need for the program and event staffing help the day of a program or event as usual. Under each listed item is information about when and what help we are looking for. We always appreciate the help and support you provide the refuge. If you are interested and available please indicate if you would like to work on the committee, the day of the event, or both. Include anything specific you would like to help with, the times you are available, and the best way to contact you. Thank you!

January:

- **Friday, January 27: Snowshoe Birding**
 - 4-7pm Naturalist Led Snowshoeing & Birding Hike (*all skill levels welcome*)
 - **Event Staffing:** Arrive 3:30 for set up – 7-8pm cleanup.

Contributor	People needed	Items needed	Total # of People Needed
Staff	Dan	Educator	5-7
Friends/Volunteers	4-6	Bookstore, Front Desk coverage, refreshments, helping with snowshoes, birding help, photographer, possible hike leader if we need to split the group up.	

- **Saturday, January 28: Story Time Snowshoe**
 - 2-5pm Fireplace Tales and Snowshoe Hike (*all skill levels welcome*)
 - **Event Staffing:** Arrive 1:30 for set up – 5-6pm cleanup.

Contributor	People needed	Items needed	Total # of People Needed
Staff	Dan	Educator	5-7
Friends/Volunteers	4-6	Bookstore, Front Desk coverage, refreshments, helping with snowshoes, photographer, possible hike leader if we need to split the group up.	

February:

- **Saturday, February 11: Sweetheart Snowshoe**
 - 7pm Snowshoe with your Valentine, Naturalist Led & Optional Poetry Reading
 - **Event Staffing:** Arrive 6:30 - 9-10pm clean up

Contributor	People needed	Items needed	Total # of People Needed
Staff	Dan	Educator	5-7
Friends/Volunteers	4-6	Bookstore, Front Desk coverage, refreshments, helping with snowshoes, photographer, possible hike leader if we need to split the group up. Poetry readings	

February Continued:

- **Saturday, February 25: Cabin Fever**

- 9am -3pm Indoor & Outdoor Activities to Beat the Winter Blues
- **Event Staffing:** Friday, Feb 24 1pm – set up – Saturday, Feb 25 8am to help open to 3-4pm for cleanup.
- The hope with this event is to get people to the refuge during the down time of the winter, engage them with something fun to do in the winter that somehow relates to nature. We want to also entice them to enjoy the outdoors. We currently have someone to demonstrate fly tying and wood carving (will need extra help if we have a good turnout), card making, and creating quilt squares to be made into a refuge quilt. The Friends are also going to purchase “Green Fire” to show during the day in the theater. If anyone else would like to help demonstrate anything like this, please feel free to contact Katie @ 608-565-4403. Other things we have thought of are things like snowshoe making, fur tanning or sewing, wood burning, knitting, etc. we hope anything that is demonstrated

Contributor	People needed	Items needed	Total # of People Needed
Staff	Katie, Diane	Hostesses /snowshoe leader	8-10
Friends/Volunteers	6-8	Bookstore, Front Desk, refreshments, helping with snowshoes, photographer, possible hike leader, people willing to demonstrate inside or outside hobbies related to outdoor recreation or nature	

March:

- **Friday, March 9: Owl Prowl**

- 7-9pm Great Horned Owls are Out & Active
- **Event Staffing:** Arrive 6:30, 9-10pm cleanup

Contributor	People needed	Items needed	Total # of People Needed
Staff	Dan	Educator	5-7
Friends/Volunteers	4-6	Bookstore, Front Desk, refreshments, helpers to guide people back to the VC, photographer, possible hike leader for larger groups	

- **Friday, March 30: Jr. Duck Judging**

- 8am-Noon Watch as the WI Jr. Duck Stamp is Chosen
- **Event Staffing:** Set up Thursday, March 29 1pm (**3-6 people**)
- **Event Staffing:** Set up Friday, March 30 7:30am 12-1 Lunch and clean up

Contributor	People needed	Items needed	Total # of People Needed
Staff	Dan + staff	Host	12-15
Friends/Volunteers	8-12	Bookstore, Front Desk, photographer, moving artwork, recording, Alternate Judges	

April:

- **Sunday, April 22: Earth Day Celebration**

- 1-3pm Open House
- **Event Committee** to Meet in February to determine afternoon activities
- Audrey would like to work on and include the bookstore.
- **Event Staff:** TBD depending on activities, but probably 4 would be helpful for staffing the center and assisting with activities.

Contributor	People needed	Items needed	Total # of People Needed
Staff	??	Host/Educator	2-6
Friends/Volunteers	2-6	Bookstore, Front Desk, photographer, Programs, hikes, art, stewardship project, etc.	

- **Saturday, April 28: Frog's Chorus**

- 7-9pm Learn Frog Calls and Enjoy an Evening Hike
- **Event Staffing:** Arrive 6:30 set-up 9-10 cleanup

Contributor	People needed	Items needed	Total # of People Needed
Staff	Dan?	Educator	5-7
Friends/Volunteers	4-6	Bookstore, Front Desk, refreshments, helpers to guide people back to the VC, photographer, possible hike leader for larger groups	

May:

- **Saturday, May 5: Jr. Duck Stamp Showcase**

- 7pm Art Contest Winners Honored & Gallery Opening

Contributor	People needed	Items needed	Total # of People Needed
Staff	Dan	Educator	3-5
Friends/Volunteers	2-4	Bookstore, Front Desk, refreshments, Greeters	

- **Saturday, May 12: Brunch with the Birds**

- 7am A Day of Birding Including: Hikes, Programs, Speakers, Workshops & a Big Sit
- **Event Committee:** Committee to meet once a month January – April, Tentatively the third week of each month (week of January 16, Feb. 13, & March 12. April TBD, possibly more than once). The committee will work on what will be offered that day, presenters, leaders, marketing, etc.
- **Event Staffing:** Arrive 6:30am – shifts may be available this day or specific assignments for the day to assist with how the event is structured. If you would like to help this day please just include what you would like to do (anything from leading a bird hike, counting birds, greeting people, talking on the radio, etc.)

Contributor	People needed	Items needed	Total # of People Needed
Event Staff	Dan, Katie	Educator	6-Unlimited: We welcome anyone interested
Friends/Volunteers	5-10	Bookstore, Front Desk, refreshments, program leaders, TBD	

June:

- **Saturday, June 2: Kids Fishing Day**

- 9am-2pm Learn to Fish Activities & Fishing Derby
- **Event Committee:** Committee to meet once a month January – April, Tentatively the fourth week of each month (week of January 23, Feb. 20, & March 19. April TBD, possibly more than once). The committee will work on what will be offered that day, presenters, leaders, marketing, etc.
- **Event Staffing:** Arrive 7:30am – shifts may be available this day or specific assignments for the day to assist with learning stations. If you would like to help this day please just include what you would like to do (anything from leading a station, helping take fish off of a hook, registering kids, greeting people, talking on the radio, etc.)
- ***Also:** if you know of someone who speaks fairly fluent Spanish we had a number of guests that did with one or two interpreters with them, but we did run into some language barriers. This may be helpful for this event.

Contributor	People needed	Items needed	Total # of People Needed
Staff	Dan, Katie	Educator	15+ Unlimited
Friends/Volunteers	15+	Bookstore, Front Desk, hot dog stand, fishing help, tying knots, fly fishing, lure demonstrations, minnow races, prizes, fish painting, ATV BEER goggles demo, etc	

- **Saturday, June 16: Refuge Wildlife Series**

- 1pm-2pm Black Bears (program presentation)
- **Event Staffing:** Arrive 12:30 – 2:30 cleanup

Contributor	People needed	Items needed	Total # of People Needed
Staff	Dan	Educator/presenter	2-4
Friends/Volunteers	2-3	Bookstore, Front Desk, greeters, adjust lights, help people to seats, etc.	

- **Saturday, June 23: Refuge Wildlife Series**

- 1pm-2pm Bobcats (program presentation)
- **Event Staffing:** Arrive 12:30 – 2:30 cleanup

Contributor	People needed	Items needed	Total # of People Needed
Staff	Dan	Educator/presenter	2-4
Friends/Volunteers	2-3	Bookstore, Front Desk, greeters, adjust lights, help people to seats, etc.	

July:

- **Friday, July 6: Butterflies & Blooms**

- 10am – 11:30am Children’s Discovery Time
- 1pm – 2:30pm Butterfly Viewing & Butterfly Gardening
- **Event Staffing:** arrive ½ hour before either program

Contributor	People needed	Items needed	Total # of People Needed
Staff	Dan/Katie/Intern	Educator/presenter	2-4
Friends/Volunteers	1-2	Bookstore, Front Desk, greeters, adjust lights, walk with group and help point out items, help with children’s craft or handouts	

July Continued:

- **Saturday, July 14: Wildflower Photography**

- 8am Tips and Tricks for Flower Photography in the Field
- **Event Staffing:** arrive ½ hour before program

Contributor	People needed	Items needed	Total # of People Needed
Staff	Dan/Katie/Intern	Educator/presenter	2-4
Friends/Volunteers	1-2	Bookstore, Front Desk, greeters, adjust lights, walk with group and help point out items, help with children's craft or handouts	

- **Friday, July 20: Very Hungry Caterpillars**

- 9-10am: Children's story time, butterfly viewing, & craft
- **Event Staffing:** arrive ½ hour before program

Contributor	People needed	Items needed	Total # of People Needed
Staff	Dan/Katie/Intern	Educator/presenter	2-4
Friends/Volunteers	1-2	Bookstore, Front Desk, greeters, adjust lights, walk with group and help point out items, help with children's craft or handouts	

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- **Monday-Friday, 23rd -27th: A World of Wonder Day Camp 8am – 3:30pm**

- Children ages 6-8 Registration Required, Limited Space
- **Event Committee:** Help plan and schedule the week of activities – Meeting in March – TBD
- **Event Staffing:** Help welcome with specific programs any day or to be the "Guest of the Day" to help with chaperoning and/or teaching while sharing your outdoor experiences with a child.

Contributor	People needed	Items needed	Total # of People Needed
Staff	Dan/Katie/Intern	Educator/presenter	1-2/day
Friends/Volunteers	1-2 per day	See above	

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- **Saturday, July 28: Karners & Art**

- 10am – 11:30am Children's Program
- 1pm – 2:30pm Karners & Artists, Techniques and Field Exploration
- **Event Staffing:** arrive ½ hour before program

Contributor	People needed	Items needed	Total # of People Needed
Staff	Dan/Katie/Intern	Educator/presenter	2-4
Friends/Volunteers	1-2	Bookstore, Front Desk, greeters, adjust lights, walk with group and help point out items, help with children's craft or handouts	

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August:

- **Saturday, August 4: Refuge Wildlife Series**

- 1pm-2pm Fisher
- **Event Staffing:** Arrive 12:30 – 2:30 cleanup

Contributor	People needed	Items needed	Total # of People Needed
Staff	Dan	Educator/presenter	2-4
Friends/Volunteers	2-3	Bookstore, Front Desk, greeters, adjust lights, help people to seats, etc.	

- **Monday – Friday, 6th-10th: Eco-Discovery Day Camp 8am – 3:30pm**

- Children ages 9-12 Registration Required, Limited Space
- **Event Committee:** Help plan and schedule the week of activities – Meeting in March – TBD
- **Event Staffing:** Help welcome with specific programs any day or to be the “Guest of the Day” to help with chaperoning and/or teaching while sharing your outdoor experiences with a child.

Contributor	People needed	Items needed	Total # of People Needed
Staff	Dan/Katie/Intern	Educator/presenter	1-2/day
Friends/Volunteers	1-2 per day	See above	

- **Saturday, August 11: Refuge Wildlife Series**

- 1pm-2pm Badgers
- **Event Staffing:** Arrive 12:30 – 2:30 cleanup

Contributor	People needed	Items needed	Total # of People Needed
Staff	Dan	Educator/presenter	2-4
Friends/Volunteers	2-3	Bookstore, Front Desk, greeters, adjust lights, help people to seats, etc.	

- **Saturday, August 25: Refuge Wildlife Series**

- 1pm-2pm River Otters
- **Event Staffing:** Arrive 12:30 – 2:30 cleanup

Contributor	People needed	Items needed	Total # of People Needed
Staff	Dan	Educator/presenter	2-4
Friends/Volunteers	2-3	Bookstore, Front Desk, greeters, adjust lights, help people to seats, etc.	

September:

- **Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 15-16: Youth Duck Hunt Workshop**
 - Registration Required
 - **Event Committee:** contacting mentors, mentors, programing, venue set up, etc. applications for goose permits, gear collection, site scouting. Committee Meeting TBD in June
 - **Event Staff:** Mentors, learn to hunt presenters, lunch/dinner servers, check in, gear check out, etc.

Contributor	People needed	Items needed	Total # of People Needed
Staff	Dan/Katie/Intern	Educator/presenter	10+
Friends/Volunteers	10-15	Mentors, presenters, logistics, registration, etc.	

- **Saturday, September 29: Duck Banding**
 - 6am-8am Migration Dependent, Registration Required
 - **Event Staff:** Arrive 5:30 AM – Date could vary

Contributor	People needed	Items needed	Total # of People Needed
Staff	Dave T & Don Pierce	Educator/presenter	1-2/day
Friends/Volunteers	1-2 per day	See above	

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October:

- **Monday – Sunday, October 8th -14th: National Wildlife Refuge Week**
 - Medium Medley and Weekend Art Show
 - **Event Committee:** Interested committee members would be encouraged to meet as early as this winter to determine marketing area, venders, space needs, themes, presenters, etc.
 - **Event Staff:** 2-5 people per day of that week.

- **Saturday, October 27: Boo Hike**
 - 5:30 – 8 pm Visit Creatures of the Night in a Non-spooky Way, Costumes Welcome
 - **Event Staff:** Arrive 5 pm – 8-9pm clean up

Contributor	People needed	Items needed	Total # of People Needed
Staff	Dan	Educator/presenter	4-7+
Friends/Volunteers	3-6	Extra hike leaders, refreshments, bookstore and desk coverage, extras on hike to lead any back early	

November:

- **Saturday, November 10: Night Hike**
 - 6:30 – 8 pm Evening Sights & Sounds of the Refuge
 - **Event Staff:** Arrive 5 pm – 8-9pm clean up

Contributor	People needed	Items needed	Total # of People Needed
Staff	Dan	Educator/presenter	4-7+ More if there will be spaghetti dinner
Friends/Volunteers	3-6	Extra hike leaders, refreshments, bookstore and desk coverage, extras on hike to lead any back early	