

2008 Centennial Events

Lower Klamath National Wildlife Refuge

The public is invited to join the Klamath Basin Refuge staff, friends and volunteers to enjoy a monthly series of special events to celebrate the 100th birthday of Lower Klamath National Wildlife Refuge. For additional information, reservations and updates contact us at (530) 667-2231 or at fws.gov/klamathbasinrefuges.

July 19 Clear Lake NWR

Refuge employees will lead a bus tour to Clear Lake Refuge, established in 1911. Participants should call (530) 667-2231 for reservations and plan to meet at 8:30 am at the Tule Lake Refuge visitor center. Clear Lake is home to nesting American White Pelicans, Pronghorn, Sage Grouse and other sagebrush adapted species. Management Programs will be discussed and there will be wildlife viewing opportunities in this extensive juniper sagebrush habitat.

After a sack lunch at nearby Boles Creek there will be a discussion of the connection of this area to the Applegate Trail, the surrender of Captain Jack in 1872, and other history of this area. Participants should bring binoculars, extra drinking water, a sack lunch, mosquito repellent, snacks, sunscreen, sturdy shoes and a light jacket. Spotting scopes will be provided for use of participants. The tour is expected to be completed by about 3:30 pm when participants will arrive back at the refuge visitor center.

August 8 Employee and Friends Centennial Celebration

Events open to the public will include an old fashioned picnic. Invitees may obtain a stamped envelope with a special cancellation and cache highlighting the Refuge Centennial. The celebration will include morning bus tours of the Refuge and other momentos commemorating the nation's first waterfowl refuge. Past employees, friends and supporters of the Klamath Basin Refuges will be invited to this celebration of the Refuge's Centennial Day. More information about this event will be available shortly.

September 27 Youth Hunter Appreciation Day

This event will be cosponsored by the Klamath Basin Wildlife Refuges and the Cal-Ore Wetlands and Waterfowl Council. It will feature a complementary lunch for youth hunters and adult companions. There will be a free raffle, along with hunting related exhibits and handouts about the Klamath Basin Refuges.

October 19 Visitor Center Open House

Expert birdwatchers, a world renowned taxidermist and a nature photography equipment specialist will demonstrate their skills, equipment and techniques in a series of short talks conducted during the morning and repeated in the afternoon. This event will be held at the Tule Lake Refuge visitor center. Contact the Refuge at (530) 667-2231 for a schedule which will be available early in September.

November 15 Migration Peak Field Trip

For all levels of birdwatchers – This field trip will focus on both waterfowl and raptor identification. Mid-November normally coincides with the peak of the fall waterfowl migration with the possibility of observing 15 to 20 species of ducks, geese and swans. It is also a good time to observe raptors with the possibility of observing 8-10 species in a single day.

December 13 Mid-winter wildlife on Lower Klamath Refuge

This tour will be the week prior to the annual Klamath Falls Christmas Bird Count. Observers will count species and numbers of birds on Lower Klamath Refuge and nearby. This event will be an opportunity for people to learn how bird counts are done on refuges and in other locations throughout the country.