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## May 16<sup>th</sup> Tule Lake Migratory Bird Festival Features Family Fun!

Airboat rides through Tule Lake Marsh, wild bird banding, children's wildlife activities and guided bus trips to local wildlife refuges are just a few of the free family events featured at the Tule Lake Migratory Bird Festival on May 16<sup>th</sup>. The 8<sup>th</sup> annual Tule Lake Bird Festival will be held at the Klamath Basin Wildlife Refuges visitor center from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm. The center is located 5 miles west of Tulelake, California on Hill Road.

As in previous years, free airboat tours of Tule lake Marsh are expected to be the most popular event at the festival. **Call early for reservations at (530) 667-2231.** Other featured events include bird banding demonstrations, educational programs with live hawks and owls, children's wildlife art instruction, bird mask making, and wildlife crafts and games. The Klamath Blues Society will provide live music through the lunch hour.

### Events requiring advanced reservations include:

- Airboat rides through Tule Lake Marsh – Conducted between 10:00 and 2:30 at half hour intervals
- Lower Klamath Refuge guided wildlife discovery bus tour – 9:30 to 11:30
- Tule Lake Refuge historic CCC camp tours – 1:30 to 2:30 and 2:45 to 3:45
- Tule Lake Walking Wetlands Tour with Refuge Manager Ron Cole 1:00 to 2:30.

Festival vendors will offer handmade crafts as well as variety of wildlife art and photography. Snacks, drinks, and both breakfast and lunch entrees will be sold at a nominal cost

Live entertainment will be provided before and after lunch. For additional information on this event visit the web site "[fws.gov/klamathbasinrefuges](http://fws.gov/klamathbasinrefuges)", or call the Visitor Center at the phone number listed above.

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**Photo sent separately**

**Caption: Free airboat rides through Tule Lake Marsh will be offered as part of the May 16<sup>th</sup> Festival.**