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Dear Junior Naturalist:

Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge has been proud to have you participate in the 2009 Junior Naturalist Program. We have been greatly encouraged by your enthusiasm toward our area's wildlife and can't believe our summer is almost over! But don't fret; we have some get-togethers right around the corner! Three upcoming events will give everyone a chance to catch-up and enjoy the refuge during the cooler months.

Please join us for the following:

- 1.) **Oregon Parade:** Saturday, September 12th, 2009 will be the Holt County Parade! Once again we will be having a wonderful time as we parade down the (much shorter than Mound City's) Oregon Parade Route. The parade starts at 2:00 so we will need to meet at the School Parking Lot by at least 1:30. We'll bring refreshments; just remember to wear your new shirts and your bright smile!
- 2.) **Monarch Butterfly Tagging:** Monday September 14th & Saturday September 19th 2009. – Outdoor Classroom. Jr. Naturalists will assist the University of Kansas in their efforts to better understand the migration patterns of the Monarch Butterfly. Beginning at 9:30 am, on both days, naturalist will spend the day capturing and tagging these beautiful butterflies on their way to Mexico. Two educational sessions will be held at 9:30 am and 1:00 pm covering the specifics of our mission as well as the complex flight pattern of this very small insect. These short classes will immediately be followed by a trip to the 'field' in an attempt to capture and tag 500 butterflies. Last year's efforts yielded a find of 12 monarchs traveling over 1500 miles from our refuge to Mexico. Feel free to join us for any of these sessions or even help out all day (we will really need it to capture 500 butterflies)!
- 3.) **Fishing Day:** Saturday, October 10th, 2009 at 1:00 – Outdoor Classroom. Squaw Creek will be celebrating it's newest water feature with a one-of-a-kind fishing experience. We'll start with a brief fishing program and spend the day sinking worms. Children will learn the art baiting a hook, casting a line and even taste in the bounty.
- 4.) **Jr. Naturalist Hayride:** Thursday, October 15th, 2009 at 6:00 pm – Refuge Headquarters Building. Bring your warmest cloths and a big blanket as we set out to get a better look at one of Northwest Missouri's largest Mammals: The Whitetail Deer. We'll be counting as many deer as possible and even calling in some owls so be prepared for some serious deer excitement and rest your eyes for this upcoming evening adventure. **(Please contact us at (660) 442-3187 or my personal number (660) 572-0267 to reserve your seat on the hayride or to check on rescheduling info in case of adverse weather).**
- 5.) **Eagle Days:** December 5th & 6th all day event! This wonderful event is always held during the first weekend of December and is really the highlight of our year. Please join us as we enjoy the peak of our waterfowl migration and the 400 plus eagles that follow. We will have live eagle shows, guided bus tours, games, and even a chance to meet Puddles our refuge mascot.
- 6.) **Movie Night:** December 12th at 5:30 pm – Refuge Headquarters building. Just because the weather's cold doesn't mean we can't have fun at the refuge. Join us for popcorn and a movie on the big screen.

Jr. Naturalist activities and events are always accessible on the recreation and education page of our website (www.fws.gov/midwest/squawcreek/naturalist). Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge is proud to call you Jr. Naturalist and we hope to see you soon!



Sincerely,

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