



Wildlife Festival

A FREE Event Celebrating National Wildlife Refuge Week
at



Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge

Saturday – October 10, 2009

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Guided Tours

- 6:30 am **Sunrise Crane Watch** – Join us to see sandhill cranes leaving their night roost. We will meet at the school house then drive to the observation location.
- 10:30am-4pm **Horse Drawn Hay Ride** – Learn about wildlife and plants in the oak savanna on a guided hay ride.
- 10:15am & 1:30 pm **Wonders of the Wild** - Enjoy a short walk to see plants and animals that live in the nearby prairie, woods and wetlands. Meet at the bonfire near the school house.
- 12:10 pm & 1:50 pm **Wildlife On The Move** - Take a guided 1½ hour bus tour of the Wildlife Drive. See wildlife and wildflowers. Meet at school bus parked near the school house.

Presentations

- 11:00 am **Earthsongs and Earth Stories** – Songs and stories by Douglas Wood, award winning author of Old Turtle and other children’s books.
- 12:30 pm **Raptors of the Midwest** – See a live bald eagle, hawk, owl and falcon. Learn about their adaptations for successful hunting from the U of M Raptor Center staff.
- 2:00 pm **Raptors of the Midwest** - Same as above.

Food

- Hospitality Tent** – Hot chocolate, coffee, cider, cookies. - \$.25 each.
- Brat & Hot Dog Lunch** - Brat \$2.00 Hot Dog \$ 1.50 Pop \$.50 (11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.)
- Refuge Birthday Cake** - Celebrate the 44th birthday of Sherburne Refuge. Served at 1:00 p.m.

Activities: 10 am – 4 pm

- Scavenger Hunt** - Explore the festival area while solving riddles. Begin at hospitality tent.
- Wildlife Expo** - Test your skill at wildlife identification with furs, feathers and bones to help.
- Reptile Showcase** – Stop by and see turtles & snakes common to this area. MN Herpetological Soc.
- Prairie Seeds & Tea** - Learn to identify wildflowers and their seeds, plus taste a sweet treat.
- Optics for Wildlife Viewing** - Take a look at binoculars and scopes from National Camera.
- Face Painting** - Select a wildlife design to wear for the day. Located inside school house.
- Nature Crafts** – Be creative. A hands-on activity for all ages. Make it then take it home.
- Wildlife Coloring Contest** – Enter your drawing of any animal that lives on the refuge. All ages.
- Archery Workshop** - Try a bow and arrow under the guidance of the Rapids Archery Club.
- Air Rifle Workshop** – Try shooting an air rifle under the guidance of DNR firearms instructors.(8 yrs +)
- Friendly Fire** - See the equipment used for prescribed fires on refuge. Learn how fire benefits wildlife.
- Building for the Birds** – Take a look at nest boxes built for birds. Construction plans available.
- Partners for Fish & Wildlife** – Learn about restoring native habitat for wildlife on your land.
- Bonfire** - Share conversation, warmth, songs and marshmallows around a friendly campfire.
- Friends of Sherburne Gift Shop** – Sweatshirts, ball caps, plush birds, books and more.
- Silent Auction** – Over ten items. Located in hospitality tent. Bidding closes 3 p.m.
- Explore the Refuge On Your Own** - Several service roads will be open to vehicles 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Event Hosts: Friends of Sherburne & the Refuge.

For more information, or special accommodations, call 763-389-3323 x 13. TTY Federal Relay: 1-800-877-8339.
The Old School House is located 5.5 miles west of Hwy. 169 on Sherburne County Road 9.

