

Calendar of Events

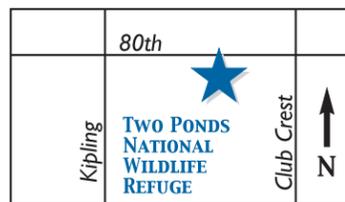
TWO PONDS TUESDAY
(volunteer day at the Refuge)
Every Second Tuesday of Every Month at 8:00 a.m.

August Monthly Board Meeting
Call 303-423-8555 for time and location.

September 12-14
Arvada harvest Festival

Two Ponds Preservation Foundation

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Ripples on the Pond

Newsletter of the Two Ponds Preservation Foundation

August 2008

Still Flying High

In 2008, over 400 students throughout the state participated in the Colorado Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program. Jeriel Chalk, a home-schooled student in Johnstown and a repeat contest winner, took top honors by winning the "Best of Show" in Colorado. Jeriel's artwork was selected from over 400 entries from across Colorado. Her ink washed rendition of a Northern Pintail, entitled "Evening Glide," represented Colorado at the National Competition in Washington, D.C. Entries from Colorado were judged by a panel of waterfowl enthusiasts, biologists and professional visual and wildlife artists. Recognition for all participants and prizes for the top 36 drawings in each of four age groups (K-3, 4-6, 7-9, and 10-12) are awarded each year. Stephen Guerten, our Regional Director for the Service, served as keynote speaker and gave an outstanding speech! The award presentations were made at a reception at the Arvada Center for the Arts and Humanities.

For those not familiar with this wonderful contest - the Federal Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program is an environmental educational contest designed for all public, private, and home schooled students in grades K-12 to learn more about waterfowl and habitat conservation through science and art. Incorporating scientific and wildlife management principles into visual arts curriculum helps create an active awareness of the critical need to protect, preserve and enhance our wetland habitat for waterfowl, migratory songbirds, and the hundreds of other plants and animals that depend on wetlands for their survival. In addition, every entry translates into increased funding for wetlands and waterfowl conservation the following year.

Special thanks again to Two Ponds Preservation Foundation, Personal Benefit Services, Meiningers Art Supplies, Redistribution Center, U.S. Allegiance Inc., Friends of The Front Range, Colorado Division of Wildlife, Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World, REI and Leanin'



Jr. Duck Stamps Contest Award Winners.

Tree for their support and sponsorship. Without them, this program would not be what it is today for Colorado.

Once again, the success of this year's outstanding program demonstrates how many people of all ages throughout Colorado care about conservation and actively work to apply that awareness. For those teachers, parents, and students interested in participating in this program in the future, it is never too early to begin. Students and teachers can obtain entry forms and learn more about this fun and educational program by visiting <http://www.fws.gov/duckstamps/junior/junior.htm> or by calling the Colorado Junior Duck Stamp State Coordinator, Seth Beres, at #(303)289-0867 for details.

We would love to have more kids from throughout Arvada and beyond to participate next year.

So take wing - and spread the word!

Two Ponds Tuesdays

Over a year ago, interest in volunteering at Two Ponds National Wildlife Refuge increased dramatically following a front page article in the Arvada Press newspaper featuring the Refuge and calling for volunteer help. That article generated a lot of enthusiasm and support. The volunteers that have come forward have been a great help and are allowing us to accomplish things at Two Ponds that would not otherwise have been done.

Specifically, volunteers have recently helped install a new motion sensor, fix signage, secure proper bridge footings on a ditch crossing structure, tend the prairie garden, maintain the Refuge grounds, and remove invasive plants to promote weed control efforts. Many of these same volunteers helped us staff our annual Trail's Day event in June and continue to be invaluable to us all year.

Future volunteer projects are likely to focus on weed control efforts throughout the Refuge with an emphasis on the prairie restoration project underway and scheduled for seeding in the fall. Two Ponds Tuesday volunteers meet the second Tuesday of each month at 8:00, at the Refuge parking lot just off 80th Avenue.

All are welcome to join in!



Volunteer Roger Bodette and Neil Skau, inspecting new motion sensor.

Visit us soon!
<http://twoponds.fws.gov>
Phone (303) 289-0867

Refuge Hours: West side: Open year round, dawn to dusk.
East side: May-Sept. T-F: 8am-4pm;
Sat. 8am-7pm; Sun. - Mon. CLOSED