FROM OUR CALENDAR TO YOURS:

June 10, Friday, **Woodland Nature Hike:** Meet at 10:00 a.m. at the refuge pavilion for a one -mile hike on the Upland Trail (moderate difficulty). Appropriate for ages 8 and up. Led by refuge recreation assistant Jeremiah Hunter.

June 11, Saturday: **Life in the River** at the WV River & Rail Festival, St. Marys Public Marina from 10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m., St. Marys, WV. An up-close opportunity to see some of the river's critters and learn about their world (mussels, turtles, fish, and more). Appropriate for all ages. To help volunteer, contact Jeremiah Hunter at (304) 375-2923 ext. 117.

June 15, Wednesday: **Wild Wednesday - Meet a Tree.** Meet at the refuge pavilion adjacent to visitor parking lot at 2:00 p.m. Hike the Upland Trail and meet our forest friends in new and exciting ways. Wear old shoes (no sandals). Appropriate for ages 4-8 and parents. Led by refuge recreation assistant Jeremiah Hunter.

June 17, Friday: **Woodland Nature Hike:** Meet at 10:00 a.m. at the refuge pavilion for a one -mile hike on the Upland Trail (moderate difficulty). Appropriate for ages 8 and up. Led by refuge recreation assistant Jeremiah Hunter.

June 22, Wednesday: **Wild Wednesday - Habitat Hustle.** Meet at the refuge pavilion at 2:00 p.m. Learn habitat concepts and the needs of wildlife by playing fun games on the refuge lawn. Optional short nature hike to follow. Led by refuge recreation assistant Jeremiah Hunter.

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Friends of Ohio River Islands National Wildlife Refuge programs:

June: When Whip-poor-wills call on June 28. FORINWR plan to hear them at Bette Cain's home. Meet at the **West Virginia Welcome Center** between I-77 and Williamstown at **7:15 p.m. Tuesday June 28** in order to carpool. Bring a lawn chair.

July: We know wetlands are important to the ecosystem. So what is involved in restoration of a wetland? Why is earth moved and plantings made? The **Williamstown Wetlands** are finally getting the respect they deserve because of the efforts of the Williamstown Women's Club. Betsy Caltrider, Wetland Committee Chair, and friends will meet us at the viewing site at **7:00 p.m. Tuesday July 26** to give us the inside scoop. More details later.

August: Native plants provide food and habitat for native wildlife - not bobcats and bears perhaps but for so many invertebrates and birds, especially. A little more of a challenge than petunias but the rewards are many. FORINWR Board Member Kittie Clark will share her garden and tell how she got from there to here at **7:00 p.m. Tuesday August 30**. More details later.

And, the public is always invited!