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## 2007 "Ding" Darling Days

### FACT SHEET

**Dates:** Oct. 8-14, running concurrently with the  
**75<sup>th</sup> Federal Duck Stamp Contest**

**Place:** J. N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife  
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### Headline Events:

- ◆ Ivory-Billed Woodpecker Researchers Bobby Harrison and Dr. Jerry Jackson debate the sightings, Wednesday, Oct. 10
- ◆ On-Location Bird Photo Workshop with Bobby Harrison, Thursday, Oct. 11
- ◆ Family Fun Day, this year moved to a Sunday, Oct. 14
- ◆ Birding Tram Tours to Bunche Beach, Tuesday, Oct. 9, and Friday, Oct. 12
- ◆ Florida Junior Duck Stamp Awards, Saturday, Oct. 13

### Family Fun Day Events, Sunday, Oct. 14:

- ◆ Live Animal Presentations
- ◆ Free Refuge Tram Tours
- ◆ Butterfly House
- ◆ Live Bat Presentation
- ◆ 2006-2007 Federal Duck Stamp Talk & Signing
- ◆ Children's Conservation Cartoon Contest Awards
- ◆ Free hot dogs and soda
- ◆ Kids crafts and games
- ◆ Conservation exhibits

### Week-long Recurring Activities:

- ◆ Refuge birding tours
- ◆ Refuge biking tours
- ◆ Tarpon Bay nature cruises
- ◆ Guided kayak tours
- ◆ Sunset paddles
- ◆ Heritage deck talks

**Hosted by:** “Ding” Darling Wildlife Society



**About the Society:** “Ding” Darling Wildlife Society, a non-profit Friends of the Refuge organization, supports environmental education, and services at J.N. “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge. It depends on membership fees and private contributions and is grateful to those who help fund projects such as the Education Center, internships, interpretative signage, research, student education, and informational literature.

**To Become a Friend of the Refuge:** Visit [www.dingdarlingsociety.org](http://www.dingdarlingsociety.org) or call 239-472-1100 ext. 233.

**Event Partners:** Tarpon Bay Explorers, the Refuge’s licensed recreation concessions operator. Visit [www.tarponbayexplorers.com](http://www.tarponbayexplorers.com) or call 239-472-8900.