



# Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge Summer Calendar of Events

*July, August, September 2013*

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As migration slows, Refuge wildlife focus on raising their young. Broods of wood ducks and hooded mergansers are commonly seen in the wetlands. Also, in summer, wetland basins dry out, allowing wetland plants such as water plantain and smartweed to grow and become the perfect food for migrating waterfowl that arrive on the Refuge later in the fall and winter.

## July

*Thurs 4<sup>th</sup>*

### **Fourth of July Holiday**

Wildlife Center OPEN

10:00am - 4:00pm



*Mon 15<sup>th</sup> - Fri 19<sup>th</sup>*

### **Creative Nature Camp**

**Ages 8-10yrs old**

*Registration required*

Education shelter & trails

8:30am - 12:00pm

*Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> - Fri 26<sup>th</sup>*

### **Creative Nature Camp**

**Ages 11-13yrs old**

*Registration required*

Education shelter & trails

8:30am - 12:00pm

## **Coming in Fall**

- Focus on Nature  
Photography weekend
- Creatures of the Night
- Teacher workshop

Check out our website for  
more information:

[www.fws.gov/tualatinriver/](http://www.fws.gov/tualatinriver/)

## August

No programs scheduled at this time,  
please visit one of the websites for  
current program information.

\*Check Wildlife Center for  
temporary trail closures.\*

## September

*Sat 21<sup>st</sup>*

### **What's Growing on the Refuge?**

Refuge trails

10:00am - 12:00pm

*Sat 28<sup>th</sup>*

### **Friends Annual Meeting**

**20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Time TBA

Riparian room & trail



## Program Descriptions

**Children's Creative Nature Camp:**  
**Ages 8-10 Monday-Friday, July 15th-19th, 8:30am-12:00pm - FULL**  
**Ages 11-13 Monday-Friday, July 22nd-26th, 8:30am-12:00pm**  
**\*\*Registration Required Cost: \$95 per child**

Youth are invited to spend a week at Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge, connecting with nature and exploring the outdoors with all five senses! This week long program, hosted by Friends of Tualatin River Refuge will feature high quality environmental education and arts activities, including photography, nature journaling, paper making, and wildlife crafts with local Northwest artist Karen White. Families will be able to follow along with a camp blog, featuring daily highlights. Creative Nature Camp is limited to 20 children each session. Additional information and applications are available at Friends of Tualatin River Refuge website, by email from [info@friendsoftualatinrefuge.org](mailto:info@friendsoftualatinrefuge.org), or you can pick one up at the Refuge's Wildlife Center.

### **What's Growing on the Refuge?**

Join Refuge Volunteer Botanist, Ginny Maffitt, for a free plant walk at the Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge. Discover what's blooming and how native plants are vital to healthy wildlife habitats. Be prepared to be outside. We encourage you to bring cameras, plant identification guides if you have them, and nature journals if you like.

Binoculars are always handy for those watchable wildlife moments. To register please contact:

[jenna\\_mendenhall@fws.gov](mailto:jenna_mendenhall@fws.gov) or 503-625-5944 x222 with your name, phone number, and the number of people in your group. Maximum group reservation size is 6.

### **Friends Annual Meeting**

This year marks the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Friends of the Refuge. For more information about the event, please visit the Friends of the Refuge website: <http://www.friendsoftualatinriver.org>



### **Connect with the Refuge...**

Fish and Wildlife Website

<http://www.fws.gov/tualatinriver>

Friends of the Refuge website

<http://www.friendsoftualatinriver.org>

Find us on Facebook!

<https://www.facebook.com/trnwr.friend>