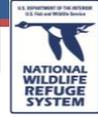




Necedah National Wildlife Refuge

2014 Public Programs & Special Events



Some Reservations Required ~ See Reverse

Join Naturalists at Necedah National Wildlife Refuge's Visitor Center

Can You Capture It? *FOCUS on Photography*



Discover outdoor photography techniques, share tips and tricks, discover new photography locations on the refuge, and share your favorite photos! Participants are invited to apply what they've learned outside during the following program. Bring your camera (film, DSLR, or point and shoot), extra batteries, and a sense of adventure! Free and open to the public. All skill levels welcome. 9:00am-9:45am

Snowshoe Habitat Hike



Are you ready for a fun winter adventure? Snowshoeing is a great activity for families of all ages. Explore the refuge this winter by snowshoeing and search for winter wildlife and tracks! Warm up with a cup of coffee or hot cocoa, while browsing the exhibits after the 1 mile hike. A limited number of snowshoes in adult and children's sizes are available to borrow. Limited snow will result in a winter hike. Free and open to the public. All skill levels welcome. 10:00am-11:00am



Ordinary Extraordinary Junco the Movie: A science film for all! March 8th & May 10th. 88 Minutes for General Audiences. Free and open to the public. 11:45am-1:15pm

Family Bird Walk



Grab your binoculars and camera for this 1 mile bird walk through prairies, oak savannas, and wetlands! Spring is a great time to search for migrating songbirds, waterfowl, swans, and cranes. New and experienced birders are welcome to practice their skills. A limited number of binoculars are available to borrow. Free and open to the public. 10:00am -11:00am

Pollinator Walk



Search for native pollinators found in habitats across the refuge, including the endangered Karner Blue Butterfly. Learn to "read" your flowers and decipher the colors that attract birds, the scents that attract moths, the shapes that attract flies, and even the nectar guides that attract bees and butterflies! Binoculars and camera encouraged. A limited number of binoculars are available to borrow. Be prepared to walk up to 1 mile. Free and open to the public. 10:00am-11:00am

Migratory Bird Walk



Fall is a great time to search for migrating waterfowl and raptors at the refuge. Join a refuge naturalist to see what birds are visiting. This is a great opportunity for new and experienced birders to practice their skills. Binoculars and camera encouraged. A limited number of binoculars are available to borrow. Be prepared to walk up to 1.5 miles. 10:00am-11:00am

Calendar at a Glance:

Can You Capture It & Snowshoe Habitat Hike

- January 11th
- February 15th
- March 8th

Registration Event: Winter Critters Girl Scout Day 9am-2pm

February 8th

Can You Capture It & Family Bird Walk

- April 12th
- May 10th

Can You Capture It & Pollinator Walk

- June 14th
- July 12th
- August 9th

Registration Event: Eco Explorers Day Camps 9am-3pm

Session I: July 29-31st
Session II: August 5-7

Registration Event: Youth Duck Hunt Workshop 9am-3pm

August 30th

Can You Capture It & Migratory Bird Walk

- September 13th
- October 11th
- November 15th

Registration Event: Boy Scout Merit Badge Day 9am-2pm

November 8th

Can You Capture It & Snowshoe Habitat Hike

- December 13th



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2014 Registration Required Programming



Winter Critters Girl Scout Day: Saturday, February 8th ~ 9:00am – 2:00pm



Calling all Brownie and Junior Girl Scouts! Celebrate winter and discover the critters that call the refuge home! Scouts will spend the day exploring, snowshoeing, and investigating as they learn about migration, hibernation, and adaptations of WI animals. Brownies will earn their *Hiker Badge* and Juniors will earn their *Animal Habitats Badge*. Badges not provided. **Registration required.**

Eco Explorers Day Camp Session I & II: July 29th-31st & August 5th-7th ~ 9:00am-3:00pm each day



Students entering grades 1 – 6 are invited for 3 days of fun, exploration, and outdoor adventure at the refuge! Campers will be introduced to wildlife and habitats found at the refuge, and will have an opportunity to explore nature through hands-on experiences from hiking to wildlife photography! Campers will be divided into 2 age groups, upper and lower elementary. **Registration required.**

Youth Duck Hunt Workshop (Mentor and Me): Saturday, August 30th ~ 9:00am – 3:00pm



Youth, ages 9-15, will prepare to hunt waterfowl in this 1 day workshop. Work with experienced hunters to learn waterfowl ID, duck calling, decoy placement, and participate in an afternoon of trapshooting. Youth are encouraged to invite their favorite adult to attend. **Registration required.**

Merit Badge Day – Boy Scouts: Saturday, November 8th ~ 9:00am – 2:00pm



Boy Scouts in need of earning their Fish and Wildlife Management and Environmental Science merit badges are invited to sign-up for this workshop. Scouts will have an opportunity to spend the day with wildlife and conservation professionals, as they participate in a series of hands-on activities designed to fulfill merit badge requirements. Don't miss out on your chance to fulfill these Eagle Scout requirements. *Merit badges and blue cards not provided. Registration required.*

SCHEDULING FIELD TRIPS and YOUTH PROGRAMS

General Field Trip Program Information:

Necedah NWR offers free field trip programs year-round. All field trip programs are located at the Visitor Center and actively involve teachers, adult volunteers, and students in investigating the diverse habitats and wildlife at the refuge. These hands-on, multi-disciplinary, standard-based programs are designed to immerse students in nature during any season. Amazing outdoor experiences await your class, camp, or youth group. Inquire about programs specific to your age group and organization. **Reservations required.**

Scout Program Information:

Necedah NWR offers free hands-on programming for scout groups that are designed to meet badge requirements. The refuge is a great place to explore with your troop! *Badges not provided. Reservations required.*

Registrations, Reservations & Questions:

Education Coordinator
(608)565-4412
Necedah@fws.gov



Civic Program and Tour Information:

Does your group plan seasonal outings to learn about the area? Need to change your meeting location and experience the outdoors? Necedah NWR offers lecture style programs as well as interpretive hikes and tours for organized groups wishing to visit the refuge. **Reservations required.**

Directions: Located off of Highway 21 four miles west of Necedah or 18 miles east of Tomah. Turn north onto Headquarters Road and follow signs two miles to the visitor center. Visitor Center Hours: 9:00am-4:00pm Monday - Saturday. Closed Federal holidays, Christmas Eve, & New Year's Eve. More information can also be found online at: <http://www.fws.gov/refuge/necedah/>

Activities: The listed events are free and open to the public, some require registration. All activities take place at the Visitor Center. Activities are subject to change. Contact the refuge at (608) 565-2551 or necedah@fws.gov for more information.

Thank You! All events are supported by the Friends of the Necedah National Wildlife Refuge Inc. Your membership and participation is appreciated.

