



# After School Program Fall 2012



CONSERVATION STARTS HERE - Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge wants to strengthen our community and educate students on both books and ecology. Dr. Seuss and Squaw Creek are teaming up to show our **Second, Third, and Fourth Graders** the Seuss Side of nature. This six week program begins September 13<sup>th</sup>. Students will be bused from school to Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge to start their Thursday programs at 3:45 pm. These classes will wrap up by 5:15 and students will be bused back to the school parking lot around 5:30. Be prepared to learn and get dirty. Please call the refuge with questions you may have regarding our program (660) 442-3187.

## Sept 13<sup>th</sup> MY, OH MY—A BUTTERFLY! Monarch Tagging

Dash through the fields and capture some of Missouri's most beautiful insects. Then learn about their amazing adaptations and the distances they can travel. Squaw Creek is working closely with the University of Kansas to learn more about these small wonders please help us as we unravel the mystery.

## September 20<sup>th</sup> – Thadwick the Big-Hearted Moose

The Deer are HERE! Did you know there was a time when you couldn't find one white-tailed in Northwest Missouri? This program is all about the refuge's largest mammal. Don't worry we can sure see them now, and we'll tell you why.

## September 27<sup>th</sup> – The Big Brag

Sometimes it's easy to exaggerate when we want someone's attention. During this program we'll meet two characters that are professional exaggerators as they brag about their enhanced Nature Senses! Squaw Creek invites you to explore our refuge with your own amazing nature senses. Bring your hiking shoes we're going on a fun filled hiking adventure, and that's no exaggeration!

## October 4<sup>th</sup> – Gertrude McFuzz

Fancy feathers are not just for flying but Squaw Creek NWR was made just for MIGRATION! In fact, our refuge was built just for birds that like to travel. Let's take a closer look at some of our migratory friends as fancy birds like Gertrude rest here on their long journey south.

## October 11<sup>th</sup> – A Long Winter's Nap

Last week we learned about animals that leave the refuge when it starts to get cold. What about the animals who decide to stay? Many of our refuge animals spend most of the Fall preparing for the Winter. During this program we'll follow the Cat in the Hat as we learn all about hibernation and other ways animals survive in the cold.

## October 18<sup>th</sup> – I Love the Nightlife

What happens when the gates close at the refuge? Join the Cat in the Hat as we find out what goes bump in the night. We'll find glowing eyes, hooting and howling, and the flap-flap-flap of unseen wings. We love the nightlife and I bet, after this class, you will to!

**\*Bonus Fun:** You're invited on a Bump in the Night Refuge Hayride on Oct 27<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 p.m. Bring your warmest cloths and a big blanket as we set out to get a better look at refuge nightlife. (Please contact us at 660/442-3187 to reserve your seat or to check on rescheduling info due to adverse weather).

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PERMISSION TO RIDE THE SCHOOL BUS TO SQUAW CREEK NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE- for the Spotlight on Literacy Program Dates:

9/13, 9/20, 9/27, 10/4, 10/11, & 10/18

I give my child \_\_\_\_\_ permission to ride the school bus provided for the After School Program happening at Squaw Creek Wildlife Refuge on the dates listed above. Bus leaves directly from school and returns to the school parking lot at 5:30 pm.

In case of adverse weather and program cancellation refuge employees will contact parents/guardian on the date of cancelled program. Cancellation is unlikely but may occur. Please provide valid phone contact for the hours of 11:00-2:00pm:

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent/Guardian Signature

This series of programs is promoted by the Mound City Public Library and the Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge. Sponsor groups include the Friends of the Library, the South Holt Kiwanis Club, and the Wildlife Refuge. Contact information: Amanda Griffin @ the Wildlife Refuge (660) 442-5754.