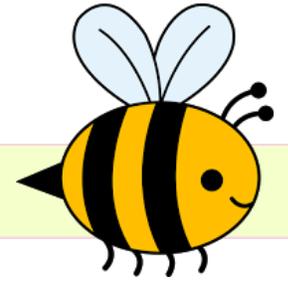


# Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge



Volunteer Newsletter

August 2015

## What's New?

With summer coming to an end, our Youth Conservation Corps members have left the refuge and are heading back to school. The team of 5 high school students accomplished a lot this summer. A couple of the larger project they were able to complete include, the boardwalk along the Marsh Meander trail, cleaning up the Canadian Goose Club, painting the kiosks along the auto tour, and boundary posting at Willard Spur. Thanks to all the staff who worked with the crew. Non of these projects could have been completed without your expert knowledge and teaching skills. The Refuge looks great which reflects the hard work the crew put in this summer!



YCC Crew



Refuge Staff and Secretary Jewel

## Thumbs -Up!

Thumbs-up to Salt Lake City for being selected as the 25th city to participate in First Lady Michelle Obama's "Let's Move! Outside" initiative. DOI Secretary Sally Jewel made the announcement Thursday, Aug. 6th, along the banks of the Jordan River in Salt Lake City. Refuge Staff, our three SCAs and our YCC crew were invited to participate in the day's events. Not only were participants able to meet the Secretary, but they volunteered alongside her, removing invasive plants from the park as well.



SCA Sara helping band a pelican

## Refuge Roundup

This has been a busy month on the refuge. The past few of Saturdays Howard has been coordinating night time duck banding at the refuge. This process involves airboats, nets, and a crew of duck wranglers. The duck banding crew was made up of refuge staff and volunteers. Staff on the crew included, Karl, Greg, Josh, Alyssa, Jen, Sara, and Howard. Volunteers Barbara, Susan Snyder and Doug Murray from the Ogden Nature Center also joined in on the fun. Thus far the duck banding crew has been able to capture a total of 157 ducks 31 of which were cinnamon teal. Awesome job crew! Also happening at the refuge was the banding of pelicans. Sara and Howard along with the Utah DWR, were banding pelicans and putting satellite transmitters on them. The Utah DWR is working on a study tracking the movements and locations of pelicans in Utah.



## Volunteer Opportunities

### Teaching Season Starts in September

Teaching season is right around the corner, and our Environmental Education staff would like to invite any and all volunteers to join our education team. Anyone interested in helping teach any of our EE programs should contact Alyssa Stegmaier at 435.734.6452.



### 2015 Amateur Photo Contest

Don't forget the deadline to enter the annual amateur photo contest is approaching. There are 9 categories this year including bird life, other wildlife, animal behavior, landscape/habitat, sunrise/sunset, creative nature, recreation/education, bird babies, and youth. All entries must be submitted to the Refuge via e-mail at [bearriver@fws.gov](mailto:bearriver@fws.gov), or drop them off at the education center. **Entries must be received by August 29**

### Mark Your Calendars and Save the Dates!

- ◆ Aug. 29th: Last day to enter a photo in our photo contest
- ◆ Free Summer films Saturdays. thru Aug. 29th at 1:00pm
- ◆ Free Sat. Refuge Tours: Every Sat. through Aug. 29th



FYI: There are many fires occurring across the nation and we have been set at a Preparedness Level 5, which is the highest level we can reach. Many of our staff have been called out on these fires. Kathi, Andrea, Doug, Josh and Erik are all out on fires for the next two weeks. If you have any questions or concerns please contact any member of the staff.

A Special **Thumbs-Up** and **"We'll Miss You"** to Paul and Carolyn Cardile, who helped in the Bookstore, the front desk and other various areas on the Refuge this summer! Paul worked hard in the Bookstore adding his own touch, and provided top-notch service to our visitors. Carolyn helped at the front desk providing information about the refuge to visitors. She was also able to help drive the van for our Saturday Refuge Tours. Both are heading back to their home in Texas and will be greatly missed.

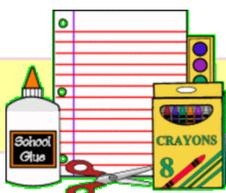
### Creature Feature: N. Pintail

- One of the earliest nesting ducks in North America
- Nest by making a scrape on the ground in brush or grass, lined with grass and down



### Back-to-School Belly Busters

1. What's the King of all school supplies?
2. What kind of tree does a math teacher climb?



1: The ruler, 2: Geometry