



## Join Us for Free, Fun Programs! *Parker River National Wildlife Refuge* November, 2016

### REGISTRATION & CAPACITY:

All refuge programs are FREE, but space may be limited. Preregistration is required for all programs, unless otherwise indicated. Please call (978) 465-5753. Please Note: If a program requires preregistration, your registration is not confirmed unless and until you receive a phone call or voice mail message from a member of the refuge staff.

Programs conducted in the auditorium are limited to 85 attendees. Seats are filled on a first come, first served basis. Admission of additional attendees will stop when capacity has been reached.

Please note that outdoor programs may be cancelled if there is inclement weather and/or insufficient registration. Visit us on the web for more information: [http://www.fws.gov/refuge/parker\\_river/](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/parker_river/) or call Refuge Headquarters. The refuge visitor center is located at 6 Plum Island Turnpike, Newburyport,

### Behind the Scenes Refuge Tour of Parker River NWR

*Held on the following days: Friday, November 4th @ 9:30 am, Saturday, November 5th @ 9:30 am; Sunday, November 6th @ 1:00 pm; Saturday, November 12th @ 9:30 am; Sunday, November 13th @ 1:00 pm; Friday, November 18th @ 9:30 am, Sunday, November 20th @ 1:00 pm, Saturday, November 26th @ 9:30 am; and Sunday, November 27th @ 1:00 pm*

Join a refuge ranger for a behind the scenes tour of Parker River National Wildlife Refuge. Tour will be conducted via refuge van, with several brief "drive by" stops along the way. The tour will present an "up close and personal" look at the refuge through the multiple lenses of the cultural history of Plum Island and the Great Marsh, native wildlife and their habitats, and the role of refuge management in the conservation of these precious natural resources. Participants may be driven along areas on the refuge otherwise closed to the public. This guided two hour program is most appropriate for older teens and adults. Binoculars and/or a camera are recommended, but not required. Meet the ranger in the lobby of the refuge visitor center 15 minutes prior to the program start time. Each session is limited to 14 participants; no more than 4 individuals per sign-up. Again, this is a vehicle - based tour, with limited stops on the Refuge. **Advance registration is required for this program, as enrollment is limited. Be advised that individual tours may be subject to cancellation. \*Please note: Those who call and leave messages after hours, your registration is not confirmed until you receive a confirmation call from a Refuge staff member. Please call (978) 465-5753; to register for this program.**

### Great Bay National Wildlife Refuge - Behind the Scenes Tour!

*Tuesday, November 8th, Saturday, November 19th and Tuesday, November 22nd from 9:00 am - 12:30 pm*

Join a refuge ranger for a behind the scenes tour of Great Bay National Wildlife Refuge, located in Newington, NH. Participants will have an opportunity to visit areas of the refuge that are not normally open to the public. See a diversity of wildlife habitats while learning how the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is managing this very special landscape for conservation. Consider bringing along binoculars and a camera.

The tour is limited to 10 participants; no more than 4 individuals per sign-up. This is a vehicle-based tour, with limited stops on the refuge. **Meet the ranger in the lobby of the Parker River NWR visitor center in Newburyport no later than 9:00 am OR in the Great Bay NWR parking lot in Newington, NH no later than 9:45 am. (Indicate location you prefer at time of registration.) Preregistration is required for this program, as enrollment is limited. Be advised that individual tours may be subject to cancellation. \*Please note: Those who call and leave messages after hours, your registration is not confirmed until you receive a confirmation call from a refuge staff member. Please call (978) 465-5753 to register for this program. Preregistration required.** For directions to the refuge, click on this link: [http://www.fws.gov/refuge/Great\\_Bay/visit/plan\\_your\\_visit.html](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/Great_Bay/visit/plan_your_visit.html)

## **Preschool Nature Explorers**

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Preschool Nature Explorers -- On these Mondays in November: 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>; each session from 10:00 - 11:15 am This is a continuing series of hands-on nature classes for 4 and 5 year old children (and their caregivers). Sign up for individual sessions or the entire series! All fall sessions will be held at the refuge visitor center. The theme of these classes will be "events in nature" Children will be encouraged to make observations and explore nature. Part of each session will be held outdoors, so dress appropriately (including rain gear and boots if necessary). Each class will include reading a picture book, a game or song, and a nature-related craft/project to bring home. Each class session will be limited to 12 children. Parents/caregivers must remain with their children during the session. Preregistration is required

## **Special Evening Film Presentation: The Messenger**

***Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm***

See this award-winning film about songbird conservation in the refuge visitor center auditorium for FREE! Here's the film's description: 'For thousands of years, songbirds were regarded by mankind as messengers from the gods. Today, these creatures – woven inextricably into the fabric of our environment – are vanishing at an alarming rate. Under threat from climate change, pesticides and more, populations of hundreds of species have dipped dramatically. As scientists, activists and bird enthusiasts investigate this phenomenon, amazing secrets of the bird world come to light for the first time in this acclaimed and visually thrilling documentary. Find out what's killing our songbirds, and what can be done about it. As in ancient times, songbirds may once again be carrying a message to humans – one that we ignore at our own peril.' (Documentary; Run Time: 1 hour, 29 minutes)

## **Kids' Conservation Cinema**

***Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> @ 1:30 pm***

On certain Sunday afternoons through March, the refuge will be screening FREE, child-friendly films that feature a wildlife and/or environmental theme. All films will be projected on the big screen in the refuge visitor center's awesome auditorium. No preregistration; simply show up! All movies begin at 1:30 pm. Here is what we have scheduled for the month of November:

### ***Legend of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga'Hoole***

The film follows Soren, a young owl enthralled by his father's epic stories of the Guardians of Ga'Hoole, a mythic band of winged warriors who had fought a great battle to save all of owlkind from the evil Pure Ones. While Soren dreams of someday joining his heroes, his older brother, Kludd, scoffs at the notion, and yearns to hunt, fly and steal his father's favor from his younger sibling. But Kludd's jealousy has terrible consequences--causing both owlets to fall from their treetop home and right into the talons of the Pure Ones. Now it is up to Soren to make a daring escape with the help of other brave young owls. Together they soar across the sea and through

the mist to find the Great Tree, home of the legendary Guardians--Soren's only hope of defeating the Pure Ones and saving the owl kingdoms. (Rated PG, Run Time: 1 hour, 37 mins.)