

Refuge Outreach Events and Volunteer Call

Fall, 2015

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Upcoming volunteer opportunities:

1. Taste of Suffolk, Street Fair, Main Street, Suffolk

September 12, Saturday, 10:30a- 5:00p

Refuge staff will host a table with refuge brochures, program information, etc.

Volunteers needed

- Assist refuge staff speaking with visitors, giving basic refuge information.
- Someone needed (or more than one) to wear the “Blue Goose” costume. It was a big hit at last year’s event.

2. Red-cockaded Woodpecker re-introduction Program

Those interested in helping with the Red Cockaded Woodpecker re-introduction project this fall are to contact the refuge biologist, Don Schwab. Don is just putting together a work schedule for September and October. It may include some weekdays, nights, and weekends, depending on just when folks are available. He will also set up a training session to two in September. You can reach Don in the office, Monday-Friday between 8:00am and 4:00pm. The number is 757-986-3705. You can also drop him an email at Donald_Schwab@fws.gov.

3. Refuge Fall Fest, Refuge Headquarters, Suffolk

October 17, Saturday, 8:30a- 2:30p

There will be boat tours, guided walks, nature crafts, archery, and exhibits.

Volunteers needed to assist with

- Archery shoots (no experience necessary)
- boat tour check-ins,
- assist with guided walks,
- help with a table of nature craft or activities for the kids
- Make short appearances as “Blue Goose”

4. Dismal Swamp Canal Art Show, Dismal Swamp Canal Trail, Chesapeake

October 24, Saturday, probably 9:00am-ish to 4:00pm-ish

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Volunteers needed

- Assist refuge staff speaking with visitors, giving basic refuge information.
- Someone needed (or more than one) to wear the “Blue Goose” costume.

5. Chesapeake Christmas Parade

December 5, Saturday, 4:00p-8:30p

Volunteers needed

- Pack our bus or walk along. We will dress in red or green and be handing out candy to the crowd. Family groups welcome.
- Someone needed to wear the “Blue Goose” costume

6. Suffolk Christmas Parade

December 12, Saturday, 4:00p-8:30p

Volunteers needed

- Pack our bus or walk along. We will dress in red or green and be handing out candy to the crowd. Family groups welcome.
- Someone needed to wear the “Blue Goose” costume

7. Christmas Bird Count, Refuge

Wednesday, December 16, 8:00a-4:00p

Help us count every bird in the refuge-really! Volunteers need to lead teams or be a part of a team; experienced and new birders are welcome.