

Willamette Valley NWRC Refuge Update for February 2021 Friends Board Meeting

- 1) **Winter Planting Continues on Private Lands – Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program....** Partner's for Fish and Wildlife Program (PFW) staff are in the home stretch of this winter's shrub and tree planting. Approximately 70,000 native tree and shrub species (comprising 17 different species) are being planted on seven private lands sites permanently protected by conservation easements (managed by our USDA-NRCS partners) across the Willamette Valley Focus Area. This work is being delivered by a mix of locally hired contractors and agency and partner staff and will benefit numerous species of conservation concern including a myriad of migratory birds and northern red-legged frogs.



Partners for Fish and Wildlife program plant trees all winter long. Mike Renfrow and Tyrone Acensio, Engineering Equipment Operators with PFW, plant trees at RCB near McMinnville, OR.



The crew from Domes Timber Services plants more trees for PFW in Muddy Valley, near McMinnville, OR.

2) **Ankeny Refuge Bilingual Preschool Program – Visitors Services Program....** Do you know any preschoolers? Our monthly bilingual preschool programs at Ankeny National Wildlife Refuge started in January and will be going through May! The programs are free, designed to keep you safe during these unprecedented times, and will introduce your little ones to everything from beavers to migration! You'll even make your own wetland, explore animal adaptations, and pretend to be a bird. Sign your family or quarantine bubble up for a private time slot on either the last Thursday or Saturday of each month. To reserve your time slot, go to the Sign Up Genius page: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e084dacad2aa0ff2-ankeney>.

All programs will be outside (rain or shine) and masks and distance are our jam! The first three months we'll be at Eagle Marsh and then we'll be at the new Ankeny Hill Nature Center. For more information and details, see the attached flyer.

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Bilingual Preschool Program

Willamette Valley National Wildlife Refuge Complex

<p style="text-align: center;">PRESCHOOL PROGRAM FREE!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Science activities for kids 3-5 years old</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><small>(These activities are for the whole family to come and enjoy together with your kiddos)</small></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Program Schedule:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">January 28 & 30 <i>Wetlands, Best Lands</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">February 25 & 27 <i>Amazing Animal Adaptations</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">March 25 & 27 <i>Migration Nation</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">April 29 & May 1 <i>Beaver Behaviors</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">May 27 & 29 <i>Birds of Prey</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><small>Last Thursday and Saturday of every month</small></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PROGRAMA PREESCOLAR ¡GRATIS!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Actividades de ciencias para niños de 3-5 años</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><small>(Estas actividades son para toda la familia para que disfruten juntos con sus niños)</small></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Fechas del Programa:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Enero 28 y 30 <i>Humedales Especiales</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Febrero 25 y 27 <i>Asombrosas Adaptaciones de los Animales</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Marzo 25 y 27 <i>Nación Migratoria</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Abril 29 y Mayo 1 <i>Comportamientos del Castor</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mayo 27 y 29 <i>Aves de Presa</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><small>Último jueves y sábado de cada mes</small></p>
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LOS ESPACIOS SON LIMITADOS, REGISTRA TU FAMILIA O GRUPO DE CUARENTENA PARA SU HORARIO EXCLUSIVO






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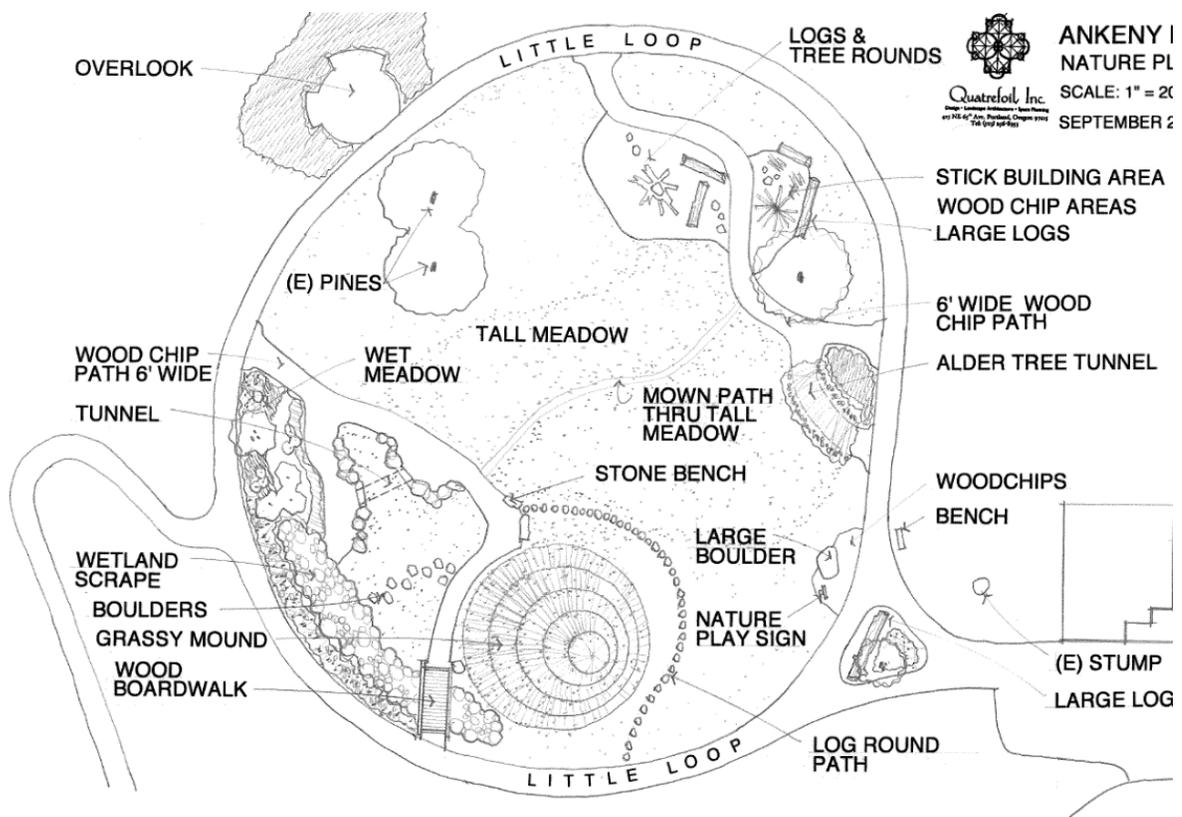


- 3) **Nature Explore Area, Ankeny Hill Nature Center – Visitor Services Programs.....**Do you have childhood memories of jumping off of logs, digging in the dirt and looking for bugs under rocks? Playing in nature is natural and not always easy to come by for kids today. We are in the process of creating a Nature Explore Area adjacent to the Ankeny Hill Nature Center at Ankeny National Wildlife Refuge. Nature is the best playground and we have the opportunity to create just that!

The Nature Explore Area will be complete with a fort building area with tree limbs, oak rounds for hopping, a wetland scrape for exploring, tall grasses to run in, a grassy hill to roll down, and a tunnel to scamper through. Kids will come up with their own games and that is part of the design. Creative, unstructured play leads to learning and connection.

The Refuge is currently obtaining bids for this project. Quatrefoil Inc. worked with the WVNWR to create the design you see below.

Also, the new website for AHNC is live thanks to Mike Williams at Salem Audubon. Go ahead, tell your friends, and visit the amazing website. <https://www.ankenhillnaturecenter.org>



- 4) **WWFD -- Visitor Services Program.....**What are doing during the first two weeks of March? From March 1st-14th **Winter Wildlife Field Days**, the biggest event at W.L. Finley NWR, will be taking place virtually. This event is so big we needed to expand it to 14 days! You, your family and friends, your neighbors and all of their neighbors are invited to this annual event. This year's theme is *Naturaleza En Su Vecindario*. Information is on the sheet below or check our website, or give Sam a call at 541-760-3036. Check out the raccoon patch! We will be with you in a month.....virtually for this event.

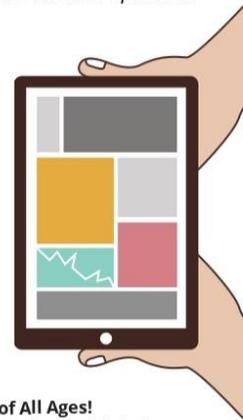


WINTER WILDLIFE FIELD DAYS



March / Marzo 1 - 14

Where: Anywhere you want to be!
Dónde: ¡Donde usted quiera!



FREE! For "Kids" of All Ages!
¡Gratis! ¡Para "Niños" de Todas las Edades!

NATURE IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

NATURALEZA EN SU VECINDARIO

Same Fun Activities...
NOW VIRTUAL!

Las Mismas Actividades
Divertidas... **¡Ahora Virtuales!**

www.WinterWildlifeFieldDay.org

For more information
Para más información
541-760-3036

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Obtenga un Parche de Explorador de Vida Silvestre:



- Self-guided nature explorations
- Step-by-step science at home
- Bingo and other games
- Nature crafts, videos, and activities galore!
- Exploraciones autoguiadas en la naturaleza
- Ciencia en casa, paso-a-paso
- Bingo y otros juegos
- Manualidades, videos y muchas actividades!



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