Each year the Friends of Louisiana Wildlife Refuges, Inc. assist the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service with this annual event celebrating National Wildlife Refuge Week. The event gets a little bit bigger and attracts more people every year. We have as many as 5,000 people for the *Wild Things!* This FREE event is a great way to spread our mission and engage adults and children in activities related to the great outdoors.

The festivities are all made possible through the assistance from the dedicated volunteer corps. With many staffed locations for the event we will need your help to create the fun and free experience that is *Wild Things!*

We expect even bigger crowds this year and hope our volunteer effort will also increase. This is why we need you and your friends to sign up to help. Volunteers needed in all aspects of the event.

Let’s work together to make this the best *Wild Things* to date!

There are three shifts to choose from during the day, 9 AM – 11:30 AM, 11 AM – 1:30 PM, 1 PM – 4 PM. Thank you in advance for both your flexibility and assistance with *Wild Things* 2019. Take note of the attached sample position descriptions for October 12 and if you have any questions or a preferred duty location contact Refuge Ranger Becky Larkins to sign-up via phone at 985-882-2025 OR email at rebecca_larkins@fws.gov.

**CONCESSIONS**
Volunteers needed to staff FOOD TENTS and DRINK TENTS. Volunteers will take orders, give change, serve food and/or cook food OR serve bottled/canned drinks.

**FACEPAINTING STATION**
Volunteers needed to conduct facepainting station for children. Select designs will be chosen (nature themed) and all supplies (face paint, sponges, brushes, moist wipes, etc.) along with temporary tattoos are provided.

**CRAFTS**
Assist children/families in turning a upcycled items (paper towel rolls soda bottles, etc.) into nature-themed art. No craft experience required –Crafts are pre-cut and all that is required is to assist children/families in painting/assembling portion of the craft. Instructions and individual craft instructions will be provided that day.
BIRD HOUSE CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY
Need people with woodworking skills to help children assemble eastern bluebird birdhouse. Children will be utilizing hammers and will need to be supervised. We will have a number of slots available for safety reasons.

CASTING POND
Are you an angler who wants to share your techniques with a younger generation? Come instruct children and adults in the art of precision casting.

PARKING/GREETER
Come join the front line in welcoming people to the Wild Things and helping to facilitate a smooth parking experience. You will assist in directing cars to available parking spaces. Rove parking grounds looking for additional spaces from people who have left.

LITTER PICKUP/MAINTENANCE
Roam the grounds looking for litter. Empty full trash and/or recycling containers. Check and spot clean restrooms. Assist in directing people and answer questions.

HAY RIDE ASSISTANT
The hayride shuttle will move people around the event property. The assistant is responsible for opening and closing the trailer gate for the hayride shuttle. They will assist people on and off the trailer gate and ensure everyone is seated safely while the hay ride is moving.

PONTOON BOAT ASSISTANT
We will be offering pontoon boat rides throughout the event. We need volunteers to assist with loading and unloading passengers, as well as passing out life jackets and ensuring people stay off the dock until it is their time to board.

CANOE LINE ASSISTANT
We need people with canoeing experience to ensure safety on the water. They will assist folks with their canoe trip along Bayou Lacombe. We also need people, regardless of their canoeing experience, to help with: distributing of canoes, paddles and life jackets; assist people getting in and out of canoes; and ensuring people form a line for this first-come, first-serve activity.

VISITOR CENTER / INFORMATION TENT
Assist Visitor Center Volunteer Staff in several operations and rove visitor center to assist visitors. Information tent volunteers would pass out posters and programs and provide basic information on where activities are located.

PHOTO BOOTH ATTENDANT
Help kids select from an assortment of equipment, clothing, and props related to wildlife or a National Wildlife Refuge. May assist in taking photos but no camera or photography experience required - this is a “selfie” booth only! Camera! Action!

PHOTOGRAPHER ASSISTANT
This person would work side by side with a photographer. They would get parents to sign the photo release allowing the US Fish and Wildlife Service to use the photo of their family. We need these photo releases for any minors photographed.