

# Patuxent Research Refuge Public Programs August 2015



## REGISTRATION

All programs are **FREE**, however, donations to **The Friends of Patuxent** are greatly **appreciated!** Note: These public programs are designed for individuals/families. Programs DO require advance reservations and may be subject to changes or cancellation due to weather or low participation. Please call **301-497-5887** to make your reservation.

Please notify the refuge of any special needs so that you may be accommodated. To view program listings online visit <http://www.fws.gov/refuge/Patuxent/visit/PublicPrograms.html>.

## Programs Held at the National Wildlife Visitor Center

The Visitor Center is located on Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Rt. 197



### Whooping Crane Observatory Tour

*Sunday, Aug. 9<sup>th</sup>, 1:00-2:30pm, Ages 14+*

Enjoy a guided tour to the Whooping Crane Observatory at the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center to observe a pair of graceful and endangered adult whooping cranes. Find out more about the Whooping Crane population recovery program. Arrive early, as tour will leave on time. Space is very limited. Registration is required.

### Symbiosis: Dynamic Duos!

*Tuesday, Aug. 11<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am-12:00pm, Ages 8-10*

Discover fascinating ways plants and animals work together in order to survive through interactive games and activities. You can even find some of these dynamic duos in your own backyard! Registration is required.

### Fireflies and Night Skies

*Tuesday, Aug. 11<sup>th</sup>, 8:15-9:45pm, Ages 5+*

Discover nighttime phenomena that's lighting up, flitting about and sounding off on the refuge! Learn about nighttime critters and observe some wild summer constellations at this evening talk on the lawn of the Visitor Center. Bring a folding chair and a sense of curiosity. Registration is required.



### Nature Tots: Slithering Snakes

*Wednesday, Aug. 12<sup>th</sup>, 10-11:00am & 1-2:00pm, Ages 3-4*

Hssss! What's that noise in the grass? That ripple in the water? Introduce your preschooler to one of nature's most mysterious predators. Registration is required.

### Amazing Adaptations

*Friday, Aug. 21<sup>st</sup>, 10:00-11:00am, Ages 5-7*

Reptiles, amphibians, birds, fish, insects and mammals, oh my! Learn what makes these animals different and how adaptations help them survive in this fun hands-on interpretive program. Registration is required.

### Based on Books- Skunks!

*Monday, Aug. 24<sup>th</sup>, 10:30-11:45am, Ages 4-5*

Each program in this series begins with a beautifully illustrated children's story about wildlife. Discover more about nature with puppets, props, and activities. Registration is required.

### Specialty Kid's Tram

*Friday, Aug. 28<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am-11:10am, Ages 3-9*

Join a refuge volunteer for a special kid's themed wildlife tram tour! Visit the various habitats of the refuge. Look, listen and learn about the plants and animals that live there. Registration is required.

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### Special Artist Demonstration at Hollingsworth Art Gallery

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Sat. Aug. 15<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-3:00pm



August's Hollingsworth Art Gallery Artist, Vernon Sears, will be demonstrating the use of oil pastels as a medium for wildlife artwork. All ages are welcome to stop by to see him work! Great for beginning wildlife artists. No registration necessary.

## Programs Held at the North Tract

The North Tract is located on Rt. 198 between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Rt. 32.

### Adventure Scavenger Hunt

*Saturday, Aug. 15<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am-1:00pm, All Ages*

Using clues and locations, families and groups will explore the contact station grounds and nearby trails to hunt for sculptured stones, mystery objects, plants and animals. A camera or cell phone that takes pictures is recommended. Arrive anytime between 9am and 1pm to begin your hunt and plan for about an hour of fun! Registration is required along with approximate arrival time. Please call 301-497-5887 to make your reservation.

# Wildlife Conservation and Recreation Day!



Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
10am-2pm  
At North Tract  
FREE! For All Ages!



Explore and enjoy being in nature through children's crafts, family adventure scavenger hunts, live animals, fishing, archery, firearm and dog retrieving demonstrations.

No registration necessary.