

Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge

Volunteer Newsletter

October 2015



What's New?

Bear River says goodbye to another highly valued staff member, Karen Simonton. Karen has been the Budget Analyst for the Refuge since 2007! She will be moving to Lakewood, Colorado as the Budget Analyst, in the Fisheries program, for the Regional Office. Karen has brought many smiles to the office with her optimistic attitude and contagious laugh. We are deeply saddened she is leaving, but excited for her new promotion, not too mention, she will be closer to her new grandbaby!



Volunteer Spotlight

Brady is our new student intern. He is outgoing, willing to learn and a hard worker. He is acquiring many skills that will help him in future situations interacting with different cultures. He has a love of wildlife and is beginning to learn all about birds! His favorite bird is the red-winged blackbird. He wants to be a paleontologist when he finishes school!



Meet the Tiniest Member of the Bear River Family!

Katie and Kyle are pleased to announce the birth of Bryce Philip Tumpane. Weighing in at 8.1 lbs and 20 inches long, Bryce arrived Tuesday, September 22nd, at 9:45 am. Mom and dad are doing well!



National Wildlife Refuge Week October 11th—17th!

Come celebrate National Wildlife Refuge Week with Bear River on Saturday, October 17th, from 10-3 pm. There will be free family fun crafts, coloring pages, and games! The Photo Awards Ceremony will begin at 1:00 p.m. Winners from our annual photo contest will be announced at the Photo Awards Ceremony.



Don't forget to stop on by the Refuge to vote for the Fan Favorite before Oct. 17th!



Upcoming Events & Volunteer Opportunities



- Oct. 11th-17th: National Wildlife Refuge Week!
- Oct. 17th: Photo Contest Awards Ceremony Saturday @ 1pm Open House
- Nov. 11th: Veteran's Day—CLOSED!
- Nov. 26th: Thanksgiving—CLOSED!
- Nov. 27th-28th: Turkey Day Open House 10-3pm!



Environmental Education

We had two successful weeks of teaching at Natural Resource Field Days! Jen and Alyssa were able to teach Migration Matters 80 times! Luckily, they have a few days to recover before teaching Box Elder School District. Beginning October 1st, Jen, Alyssa, Andrea, Les Talbot and Terry Barnes will begin teaching Mountain Wilds up at Hardware Ranch. They will be teaching the entire month of October, into the first week of November. We are definitely in the thick of teaching season! We appreciate all our volunteers, who cover the front desk duties during these events, keeping customer service our highest priority!



Hunt Blind Update

The ADA Hunt Blind is good to go for reservations and use this hunt season. Big thanks goes to Katie, Rod, Tim, Doug, Craig, Jen and the YCC Crew for getting this very popular and important visitor enhancement up and going. Woo Hoot!!!

Creature Feature: Little Brown Bat

- Small, with an overall body size of 2.5 - 4 inches long.
- Brown bats can weigh up to half an ounce, or half a slice of bread.
- Known to eat insects off of the fur of other types of animals, creating the illusion of blood-sucking animals.
- These bats will consume meals during flight with their very sharp molars!



Halloween Hoots!

1. Why did the game warden arrest the ghost?
2. Why did the headless horseman go into business?
3. What type of dog does every vampire have?



1. He didn't have a haunting license. 2. He wanted to get ahead in life. 3. A bloodhound!