

*Celebrating...*

# *National Wildlife Refuge Week*



SHERBURNE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

# WILDLIFE FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2016

10 A.M. TO 3 P.M.

OAK SAVANNA LEARNING CENTER



## FREE EVENT

HORSE WAGON RIDES

NATURE CRAFTS AND GAMES

CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES

### FEATURED PROGRAMS:

11 a.m. Audubon Center of the North Woods, Featuring Live Animals!

1 p.m. Sparky Stensaas, Photo Naturalist, Wildlife Photography Tips & Tricks

Turn over for more event information!



Event Address: 16797 289<sup>th</sup> Ave NW, Zimmerman, MN / located 5 miles west of Highway 169

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# A Little More about Featured Presentations

given inside the Oak Savanna Learning Center



**11 a.m.** The Audubon Center of the North Woods will present on the “Northwoods Niche.” The audience will explore specific adaptations and the ways animals interact with both the living and non-living components of their Eastern Deciduous Forest habitat. Participants will meet and learn about four different live animals including a salamander, snake, porcupine, and hawk.



**1 p.m.** Sparky Stensaas is a renowned photographer, author, and naturalist from the north woods of Minnesota. He is also the co-owner of Kollath-Stensaas Publishing. During his presentation, “Wildlife Photography Tips and Tricks,” he will disclose his best-kept secrets for getting the perfect shot! The audience will be endlessly amazed by his photographs and ability to capture wildlife in such candid, inspiring moments.

## Booths and Activities

**Archery** – Try some target practice with MN Bowhunters.

**Bluebird Recovery Program of Minnesota** – Learn about bluebirds and how to create bird-friendly habitats.

**Eagle’s Nest Nature Store** – T-shirts, hats, books, games, puzzles, and more. Be sure to buy your Duck Stamp today!

**Explore the Refuge on Your Own** – Several service roads will be open to vehicles, 8 am - 3 pm.

**Face Painting** – Let us give you a new look for festival day.

**Friends of Sherburne NWR** – Learn how the Friends support refuge educational programs—and how you can, too.

**Food and Hospitality** – Enjoy brats, hot dogs, and pop for a small fee. Celebrate the 51<sup>st</sup> birthday of the refuge with free cake at 12:45 pm.

**Habitat Management** – See the tools and equipment the refuge uses to manage refuge lands.

**Handke Nature Explore Center** – Staff from Elk River Schools Early Childhood Program will tell you about this wonderful resource and their programs there while your child enjoys a nature activity.

**Horse Drawn Wagon Rides** – 10:30 am – 3:00 pm Take a wagon ride through the oak savanna to learn about this special habitat, its wildlife, and plants. Interpreted wagon rides start at about 10:30 am.

**Meet & Greet Live Animals**– Meet and learn about live animals from staff of the Audubon Center of the North Woods. Not offered during presentation.

**MN Herpetological Society** – Get a close-up experience with a variety of Minnesota’s reptiles and amphibians.

**MN Master Naturalists**– Ask a Master Naturalist about something you see in your area, or learn more about their program.

**National Wild Turkey Federation – Jakes BB Shooting Range** – Kids can try their hand at shooting in a safe environment.

**Refuge Booth** – Learn how you can get involved with the refuge through volunteering, recreation, and events.

**Nature Crafts** – Be creative. A hands-on activity for all ages. Make it and then take it home.

**Kids’ Photography Context Exhibit**– View amazing photos taken at the refuge by kids in grades K-12.

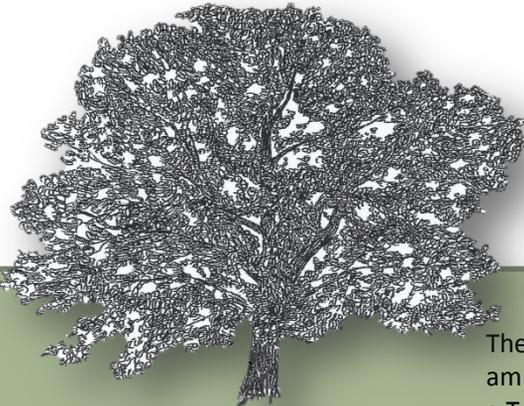
**Pollination Station** – Learn about bees and other pollinators and why they are important to us.

**Prairie Seeds & Tea** – Learn to identify wildflowers and their seeds, plus taste a sweet treat.

**Silent Auction** – Support the Friends of Sherburne by bidding on many great donated items. Located in the learning center. Bidding closes at 2:30 pm.

**Turn in Poachers Wall of Shame Trailer** – See the effects of poaching on Minnesota’s fish and game.

**Wildlife Discovery** – Test your skill at wildlife identification with furs, feathers, and bones to help.



## Savanna Sunrise 5K Relay/Run/Walk

The Friends of Sherburne is sponsoring a 5K Relay Trail Run that starts at 7 am next to the festival grounds. Register by September 7 to be guaranteed a T-shirt. For registration, fees, and information visit [savannasunriserelay.com](http://savannasunriserelay.com)