



Association of Friends of the Wichitas Monthly Bulletin October, 2007



1907-2007: The Centennial Celebration of both
Oklahoma Statehood and the return of the Buffalo to the Wichitas

September Notes

*The Bugling Elk Tour Orientation and every tour since has been a grand success this year. The Elk seem determined to be seen and even more determined to be heard. The forage has made these beautiful creatures even more impressive this year and every tour group has been well satisfied. If you have not gone on a tour you might want to go out early in the morning near Prairie Dog Town or Rush Lake and just listen!

*The Frank and Mae Rush Award guidelines can be found on the website and nominations are open for this year's award/s. If you know a deserving person in the field of Environmental Education, please send in a nomination.

*This month's business meeting featured a DVD of Jack Abernathy and the Wolf Hunts and a Bank Robbery movie made in 1907 in Cache. The DVD is available at the refuge bookstore.

UPCOMING EVENTS

*Buffalo Auction will be October 25th and will be a big event this year. Watch the local news for a list of events surrounding the sale. If you want to help at the FOW booth contact Donna Phillips. Some of the events planned for the day are presentations by the Buffalo Soldiers, a visit by Teddy Roosevelt, Native American Dancers, etc. FOW will be selling bison lapel pins for \$2.00 as well as our regular items: t-shirts, belt buckles, hats, patches, and memberships.

*A leader for the October 30th Elk Tour and assists for the Stars tours on the 12 & 13 are also needed.

*October 26 is the appreciation luncheon for the refuge staff which is sponsored by FOW. Members are welcome to attend but must notify Donna Phillips at the Visitor Center no later than October 12th so the appropriate amount of food may be ordered.

*If you love great photos then you will want to attend the October business meeting. Kenny Seals will be presenting information about photographing wildlife. He has exhibited numerous times at the Visitor Center and has photos for sale in the bookstore.

*Field Trip grants are available for schools. They are \$50 grants to help with transporting classes to the refuge. Applications are available on the website.



*The Kiosks which were funded by FOW are now in place at the trailheads for Little Baldy, Lost Lake, Elk Mountain and Treasure Lake trail heads. They will soon have maps and information beneficial to hikers. The carpentry students at Treasure Lake did a great job with them.

FOW IS ON THE WEB!

A chance to "GO GREEN" is available the bulletin and calendar are on our website. I will notify members when the bulletin and calendar are available on the web. If you are interested in taking advantage of this please send us a message through: friendsofthewichitas.org

General Information

Uniforms for drivers, tour leaders and assistants are light blue "denim" type shirts. You may purchase a FOW patch for the sleeve and after you have completed 50 hours of service the refuge will provide a volunteer patch for the other sleeve. You will need to sign a volunteer agreement with Dana Mallow at the Visitor Center.

If you are helping in any way on the tours you will be provided a nametag. Call Paula Irwin at (580) 355-6029 and she will order one for you.

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