



Association of Friends of the Wichitas

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Babies everywhere and velvet covered antlers begin to show!

May Notes

****An Apology:** My fingers and my brain did NOT work together well last month and I put the wrong addresses on the questionnaires. We are asking, once again, that you fill one out and return it to us. PLEASE help us out by providing input and PLEASE forgive my error!*

* First Aid training went well. It was a long day but the training was excellent! Thanks to John Albright for volunteering his skills. If you took the class your card will be sent to Donna Phillips and she will distribute them.

* Wildflower Orientation and Tours have gone very well this year. It has been a very nice spring with lots of color. Helen's love of the subject shines through.

* Everyone present at this month's business meeting enjoyed Jim Coe's presentation on the trees of Southwest Oklahoma.

* Work on the bridge at Sunset should be completed soon.

UPCOMING EVENTS

***Wildlife Tour Orientation will be on June 7th at 6:30 AM. If you have not taken the opportunity to go on an early morning tour you should plan for this one. Morning tours are always special. The bus will pull out of the VC parking lot at 6:30 AM be on time, bring your thermos of coffee and a snack! It is a bus tour of the loop and will last at least 3 hours.**

*** In response to the questionnaires we did get back we are going to try to have the June business meeting immediately following the tour at the Environmental Education building at Quanah Parker Lake. The bus will take members there for the meeting directly following the Wildlife tour.**

* On July 4th the refuge is offering a special tour opportunity. The tour will leave the Visitor Center and go up Mt. Scott arriving after dark for viewing fireworks. Reservations will be taken the second week in June.

***WE NEED YOU!

Officer elections are coming up in August and we need to find members willing to step up and take on some leadership. If you are willing to try, current officers will be glad to advise, assist or just get out of the way. Please let us know if you would consider holding office.

Work will begin soon on revamping our lesson plans and information packets. We have at least one willing volunteer and we need more. Please contact Donna or Lori to volunteer.

A questionnaire for volunteers is enclosed we really do need your input. We know that there are needs we can meet better and things we need to change...every voice is important. Please take the time to respond!

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 D'Ana 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.
- You also need to see Lori or D'Ana at the VC and fill out a volunteer form.

OFFICERS

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