



Association of Friends of the Wichitas

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Celebrate Winter Birds!

December Notes

*No tours in December. There were two Elk Hunts on the refuge. There are stories to be heard about the big 7x7 bull that was taken. Each time I hear it, he gets bigger! The stats are not ready on the elk hunt yet.

This year's deer hunt: 100 permits were issued, 91 paid the fee and 79 actually participated. 42 of the 79 permits were filled with a 53% success rate. There were 25 out of 37 filled buck permits with a 67% success rate and the largest rack was 21 points. 16 of 42 doe permits were filled with a 38% success rate.

* This year's Christmas party was once again a success. It looked like Santa was just going to be "nice" for awhile, but "dirty Santa" finally earned his name and from that point on, no gift was "safe" til it had exchanged hands several times. The food was great the fellowship good and we had lots of fun. So take advantage of the after Christmas sales to put away your "dirty Santa" gift for next year...

*Jane Benson was kind enough to send me some photos she had taken this year and I am sharing one with you on the calendar. If you have photo's to share, feel free to get in touch with me. I am glad to use them. The only problem I have ever had was getting one member's photo album to open up for me.

UPCOMING EVENTS

*This year's In Search of Eagle's tour orientation will be December 5th. It will be leaving from the new visitor center parking lot at 1PM. We are hoping to have a good turn out.



*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.

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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Note: The photos on this page are clip art, but bald eagles and golden eagles are the two commonly see on tours, as well as a variety of hawks such as the redtail on the left.