



# Association of Friends of the Wichitas

## Monthly Bulletin March, 2008



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Nature's babies are a sure sign of Spring's approach!

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### February Notes

\*Who would have guessed that we could have a February PICNIC ! Tech day was all about good food with everyone pitching in to both cook and eat! We had everything from chicken enchiladas, sausage and rice to possum cake and pecan pie. Yes we had a beautiful AND delicious PECAN PIE cooked over charcoal! Nobody left hungry. It seemed like everyone who came had a good time. We hope to do Dutch Oven cooking again in the future.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**\*History Tours are upcoming. The orientation/ members only tour is March 1<sup>st</sup> at the VC. The bus will leave the parking lot at at 2 PM sharp.**

**\* March Business Meeting: Will feature a speaker from Lifeflight. It will be at the Lawton Library, March 19<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM.**

\*"We have scheduled a members-only hike Monday, March 17. Meet at the Sunset kiosk (first parking area) at 10:00 a.m. Bring snacks and drinks and allow five hours. This will be a three to four hour very strenuous hike. We will hike from Sunset through the boulder valley then over Mt. Lincoln. There will be a lot of climbing up and over rocks so do not attempt this hike if you have knee problems. Needless to say, proper footwear is essential. In the event of wet weather we will take an alternate hike. Please call Helen at 248-6728 if you are planning on attending."

\*There will be a recognition banquet for all active volunteers at the VC on March 1<sup>st</sup> at 6 PM. If you have participated in tours, sales or other events in

2007 you will receive an invitation to attend...keep that date open!

\*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.

\*First Aid/CPR Training: Will be given on May 3<sup>rd</sup> by Mark Ellis of the Refuge staff at 1:30 PM. This will be after the Wildflower Tour Orientation. Please let Donna Phillips know if you plan on attending by calling the visitor center or emailing through the FOW website.

### 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.

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**Don't forget your membership card entitles you to a discount at the Visitor Center Bookstore. Show your card and get a discount on your bookstore purchases**

#### **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](http://friendsofthewichitas.org)