



Association of Friends of the Wichitas

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Time to stop and smell (or at least look at) the flowers!

April Notes

- *The Jr. Duck Stamp Contest entries are on display at the VC. Once again we were proud to do our part by adding to the prizes for this year's winners.
- *The Spring Wilderness Hikes have gone well and the weather has been cooperative. Thanks to all who have given of their time to lead, assist and drive for these tours!
- *Field trip grants are still available to school groups the application is on the website.
- *Thanks to Orville, Richard and Karen who once again gave their time to represent FOW and the refuge at the Anadarko Family Fair. They had a great time and a lot of folks visited the booth.
- *Thanks to Orville who presented a video and demonstration of turkey calling at this month's business meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS

***Wildflower Walks are upcoming and the orientation and members-only tour will be on May 3rd at 10 AM. Everyone is welcome but the bus will leave the VC parking lot at 10 sharp. The tour will stop in several areas for wildflower viewing and short walks.**

*** May's business meeting will feature Jim Coe who will bring us information on the flora of the area. Everyone is welcome at all business meetings and your attendance is appreciated!**

*First Aid/CPR Training: Will be given on May 3rd at 1:30 PM. This will be after the Wildflower Tour Orientation at Headquarters. There will be a "finger-food/ snack" potluck just before the training. If you need a "serious lunch" you may bring it but Orville has promised chili!

*The Refuge has received some funding for re-roofing and renovation of the EE building. Work will be beginning in the near future.

*****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 tour 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 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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