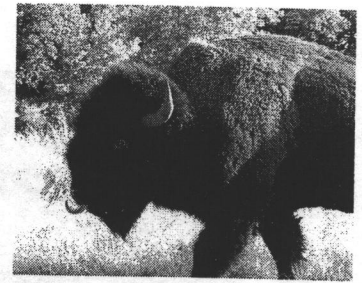




Association of Friends of the Wichitas

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December: Time to begin to look overhead for those that are passing thru and stay only a moment.

November Notes

If you have an interest in plants and want to extend your knowledge, Cameron University is a source you want to consider. The Biology Department has catalogued an extensive collection and it is available to the public. The presentation at the November meeting was informative.

At this month's meeting the budget for next year was approved.

Future meetings will include:

- January: Derrick Beaver, Taxidermist
- February: Chip Kimball, Journey to Africa
- March: Jeff Rupert, Bison Management

PLEASE NOTE: All monthly business meetings are open to all members—the more who are present the more we can accomplish!

This year's staff appreciation luncheon was certainly well attended by Refuge Staff and enjoyed by all.

We have donated a collection of FOW items and a membership form to Cameron's United Way auction to be held December 3, 10AM to 4 PM in the Student Union.

We will also be providing a lunch for the Fish and Wildlife Regional Fire Conference to be held on the Refuge, December 3rd. This is a 3 day event that begins in OKC.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Christmas Party: At the Environmental Educaiton Center at Quannah Parker Lake: Saturday December 13th at 6 PM—if you want to help with decorations come at 4:30, as traditional the party will include a potluck followed by a gift exchange in the "Dirty Santa" style—bring a gift to put under the tree: value, at least \$10. Come for an evening of fun and fellowship. January brings the "In Search of Eagles" tours and the sign-up sheet will be available at the Christmas Party, or call Donna Phillips to volunteer.

- While it is not a FOW event Bill Sparks is looking for some hikers who might assist him in leading a hike for some novice hikers on Sunday December 14th. If you are interested in helping to make sure this is a pleasant experience for them please call Bill.
- FOW is sponsoring a Scope class in preparation for the Eagle Tours. It will be held on December 27th, leaving from the Visitor Center. If interested and/or planning

on attending call Bill for details: home (580) 536-1141 and cell (580) 585-2195

February 28th will be the History Tour Orientation in the morning followed by Tech Day activities in the afternoon. If you live at a distance, this is an opportunity to enjoy two events in the same day.

- ❖ Also a non FOW sponsored event but you are invited to attend: Katherine Hunt will be exhibiting photos at the VC in December and January and she will be having an opening reception Friday December 5th from 3:30 to 5:30. 15% of sales will be donated to FOW.

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.

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