



Association of Friends of the Wichitas

Monthly Bulletin

September 2009



A busy month for all---please volunteer!

August Notes

Tech Day was planned to learn about search and rescue---the helicopter and crew was waved off by the Lawton Tower so we did not get to



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be very friendly and curious. We had a wonderful lunch and a business meeting and lots of fellowship with other



The trip to Hagerman Refuge in Texas was a great experience...photos at the top...over 60 people came out to hear the presentation we gave explaining the history of the refuge, FOW and the Elk Tours. The group was so interested they immediately set about setting up a trip for their members, chartering a bus, getting hotel rooms and planning to tour the refuge! We will be seeing some of them in October on our "home turf". If you are interested in birding Hagerman should be on your "must-see" list.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Elk Tours are upcoming in September and October. We need help on several of the tours. Call Donna if you are interested in helping and she will get you scheduled. There are also Stars Tours and the Longhorn Sale. We need lots of folks to help. At the Longhorn Sale we have a booth selling sodas, water, shirts, etc and there is room for lots of helpers. Come to the orientation and learn to use the scopes!

Each of the tours has a Leader, 2 assists and a driver, so if you see less than 4 names listed on a tour some help is needed. Being an assist is a great way to learn and it is certainly fun to teach the public about our special place...Elk tours are unpredictable but wonderful experiences! As we have been saying the Bulls we have been seeing have huge antlers and we are already hearing bugling!

October 23rd the Friday after the Buffalo Sale we will be having an appreciation luncheon for the Refuge staff members. Our members are also invited to this lunch, of course we do let staff eat first, but if you would like to attend we need a head count so we can plan for all who are coming. We need this asap and no later than the 1st of October. Call Donna (number listed below) to put your name on the lunch list.

General Information

*Uniforms for drivers, tour leaders and assistants are light blue "denim" or polo type shirts FOW patches can be purchased 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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