



# Association of Friends of the Wichitas

## Monthly Bulletin

### March 2010



*Sandhills are flying overhead, heading North, Spring is nearly here!*

#### JANUARY & FEBRUARY NOTES



The Eagles were here but so was the weather. The tours that were able to go out were very successful but some of them

did not make it to the back country. The hardy leaders, assists and drivers who kept up the schedule of tours did a great job. At least one weekend saw 6 Bald Eagles one day and 6 Golden's the next. Tour goers were treated to the sight of Golden's just playing in the thermal currents!

The Historical Sites Orientation Tour went well and we couldn't have picked better weather for it. Those who stayed for potluck lunch, tech day and a little bit of Dutch Oven Dessert Cooking left well fed and happy! Warm Dutch Oven cobblers, cakes, pies and bread putting sent everyone home ready for a nap!



*I must explain that this month also brought me the hardship of changing computers which leads to having to reload all the documents, templates and all that goes with, including the worry over losing some important stuff. So everything is late this month and not in the standard format...apologies to all and if I missed a membership renewal or card please let me know! Oh, by the way, I am looking for someone will to consider taking the job of Secretary later this fall.*

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

The March business meeting will be held at the Lawton Public Library and will feature Jeff Rupert, Refuge Manager, as speaker. He will be bringing us up to date on the CCP Process. The monthly meeting is the third Wednesday of the month at 7PM. Everyone is welcome to attend. If you can help us locate speakers for future meetings please contact Donna Phillips at the Visitor Center

#### NEED HELP!

History tours, and the Saturday Stars tour have room for assists, please contact Donna Phillips if you can volunteer. There will be experienced leaders to help you learn the processes. We are always seeking help for the tours as well as more drivers. Please dig deep inside to see if you can afford to share some time to help others learn more about the special place called the Wichita Mountains Refuge.

On April 25<sup>th</sup> the Norman Little River Zoo is hosting a Kids for Kindness Earth Day Festival. They have asked us to bring a table display and be available to answer questions about the refuge, camping and hiking as well as FOW. Let Donna know if you would like to participate. The group will probably carpool to Norman and it is an all day event.

As we are required to have at least one person on each tour certified in CPR and First Aid we will be having our annual class for members. Donna will be contacting an instructor and announcing a date soon.

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

##### Contact information:

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Orville Ducheneaux, President  
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FOW will provide tour leaders, assistants or drivers with a nametag contact: Paula Irwin at (580) 355-6029. Uniforms for tours are a light blue shirt. FOW patches can be purchased for the sleeve.

Don't forget you can present your membership card for a discount at the Visitor Center bookstore.