

Audubon National Wildlife Refuge

** Calendar of Events * 2012 **

Duck Stamp Camp



Kids in grades K-12 are invited to learn about waterfowl and their habitats. The Refuge will supply a variety of photographs of ducks, geese, and swans, and kids can pick their favorite species to draw and enter in the Junior Duck Stamp Contest. All artwork supplies, including paper, colored pencils, watercolor paints, and charcoal will be provided for students. A wildlife movie will be shown while kids create their drawings. No pre-registration is necessary.

Date: Sunday, February 19, 2012 **Time:** 4:00pm – 6:00pm **Meet in Visitor Center**

Winter Snowshoe Hike

Bring the family and enjoy a snowshoe hike across the wintery landscape of Audubon Refuge. This is an opportunity to observe white-tailed deer, ring-necked pheasants, bald eagles, rough-legged hawks, and signs of wildlife. Warm up with a cup of coffee or hot cocoa while browsing through the exhibit hall after the hike. Wear warm winter clothing and boots – traditional snowshoes are provided. **Pre-registration is required** by calling 701/442-5474 ext. 117.

Date: Saturday, March 3, 2012 **Time:** 10:00am – 12:00pm **Meet in Visitor Center**



Junior Duck Stamp Contest

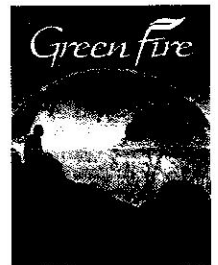


Participate in an educational program that teaches wetland habitat and waterfowl conservation to youth. Students in grades K-12 learn about a species of waterfowl and create artwork as an individual project at home, or in their classroom. Participants must submit their entry to Audubon Refuge by March 15. Artwork will be judged later in March, with a banquet honoring all 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in the spring. To learn more about the Junior Duck Stamp Program or to get contest guidelines and an entry form, visit <http://www.fws.gov/juniorduck>.

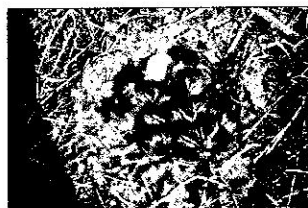
Film Viewing of 'Green Fire' and 'Neighborhood Coffee'

In celebration of Earth Day, the Audubon Refuge Partners Volunteers will host a 'neighborhood coffee' meet and greet in the visitor center. Participants can visit with refuge volunteers and browse through the exhibit hall prior to the community film viewing of 'Green Fire', a documentary film focusing on legendary environmentalist Aldo Leopold. *Green Fire* highlights Leopold's extraordinary career, tracing how he shaped and influenced the modern environmental movement. Free popcorn, conservation resource materials and native wildflower seed packets will be distributed. No pre-registration is necessary.

Date: Sunday, April 15, 2012 **Time:** 2:00pm – 4:00pm **Meet in Visitor Center**



Duck Nest Island Adventures – Pontoon Tour



Enjoy a pontoon ride to Lake Audubon's "Pancake Island" for an up-close look at duck nests and young ducklings. Participants will have the opportunity to candle eggs and learn about incubation. Life jackets, binoculars, and field identification guides are provided. Boat tour will be cancelled if winds exceed 15 mph. Wear sturdy shoes and be prepared to get your feet wet while walking through island grassland. **Pre-registration is required** by calling 701/442-5474 ext. 117. **Boat tour limit:** 18 visitors. **Date:** Wednesday, June 20, 2012 (back up day is June 22) **Time:** 9:00am

– 10:30am **Age:** Any **Meet at Boat Ramp located 1 mile in along auto tour route**

-ALL EVENTS ARE FREE OF CHARGE-

Audubon National Wildlife Refuge Opportunities

Audubon Refuge Visitor Center – An ideal place to begin your visit - an exhibit hall features displays about wetland and grassland habitat, migratory birds, nocturnal wildlife, John James Audubon, and Refuge history. The visitor center is open from 8:00am – 4:30pm, Monday – Friday, except Federal holidays, and from 10:00am-4:30pm on Saturdays and Sundays throughout June, July, and August.

Prairie Pond Store – Enhance your visit with wildlife and habitat educational materials or souvenirs of Audubon National Wildlife Refuge. The store is managed and operated by Audubon Refuge Partners, Inc., a group of volunteers who assist with refuge programs and activities.

Prairie Hiking Trail - A 1-mile self-guided trail begins on the north side of the visitor center. The trail winds through grasslands and along wetlands, allowing visitors to observe many species of native grasses and wildflowers, birds, and other animals. A wildlife checklist is available for reference.

South Shore Auto Tour Route – The 8-mile gravel tour route begins near the visitor center and winds along the scenic south shoreline of Lake Audubon. Highlights include views of the lake, prairie wetlands, grasslands, and a chance to observe many species of birds, mammals, and plants. Visitors are welcome to leave their vehicle and stroll through the prairie or along the wind-blown shoreline of Lake Audubon. A brochure corresponds with numbered signs along the auto tour route.

Wildlife Observation and Photography Blind – Enjoy peaceful moments observing or photographing waterfowl and shorebirds on a quiet bay of Lake Audubon. A westerly view from the blind offers a glimpse of a beautiful sunset over Lake Audubon.

Volunteering – Consider joining and/or making a donation to the 'Audubon Refuge Partners, Inc.' group of volunteers, who assist with providing wildlife-oriented environmental education, interpretation, and recreational experiences for people.

Hunting - Deer hunting and a late season upland bird (pheasant, grouse, and partridge) hunt are held on the refuge. A brochure that details special regulations is available. Opening dates in 2012 are as follows:

- Deer Bow – August 31
- Deer Gun – November 9
- Upland Bird – November 26
- Deer Muzzleloader– November 30

Ice Fishing - Ice fishing on the Refuge is permitted when ice covers the water. A brochure that details special regulations is available.

The office and visitor center is located 3 miles north of Coleharbor, ND on Highway 83 and 1 mile east.

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