



## U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Necedah National Wildlife Refuge

# 2008 Programs & Special Events

- February 8:**      **History of Agriculture & Natural Resources of Juneau and Adams County**. Craig Saxe, Wisconsin County Extension, will present a free program on the history of farming and natural resources in Juneau and Adams counties in the Ellen Allan Learning Center beginning at 7pm.
- February 8:**      **Artist-in-Residence**  
One to two artists will be selected for a two-week residency. Call or write for additional information on this annual program.
- March 7:**          **Oh Savanna**  
Richard King, Refuge Biologist, will present a program on savanna restoration. Landowners are encouraged to attend this free program held in the Ellen Allan Learning Center at 7pm.
- March 21:**        **Junior Duck Stamp Judging**  
Young artists compete for the title of Wisconsin Best of Show, which is entered in the national contest in Washington, D.C. First, Second, and Third place art work will be available for viewing by noon at the Ellen Allan Learning Center.
- April 20:**         **Refuge Open House – A Prairie Chicken Festival Event**  
Get a behind-the-scenes-tour of your National Wildlife Refuge beginning at 9:00am. For additional details visit [www.goldensandsrwd.org](http://www.goldensandsrwd.org) or call 608-565-2551.
- April 22-23:**     **Youth Conservation Days**  
Area schools are invited to participate in an all-day field trip into the refuge to learn natural and outdoor skills. Schools must register in advance.
- May 23:**          **Savanna Birds**  
Bob Russel, Biologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, will present a program on birds of the savanna in the Ellen Allan Learning Center at 7pm.
- May 24:**          **International Migratory Bird Day**  
Take part in a morning bird walk at 8am to celebrate the arrival of our feathered friends. Beginner, amateur, and professional birders are encouraged to participate in this free program. Begins at the Ellen Allan Learning Center.
- June 7:**           **Youth Fishing Day**  
A day filled with games, boat rides, and derbies promoting the sport of fishing for our youth. Event begins 9:00am at Eagles Nest Resort.

- July 12:**                    **Wild Berry Bash**  
Activities, programs, and guided walks will focus on the love of wild berries beginning at 10am at the Ellen Allan Learning Center. Berry picking season on the refuge is July 1 through August 15.
- August 1-3:**                **Whooping Crane Blind Tours**  
Watch from a blind as the 2008 whooping crane chicks train to fly behind ultra-light aircraft. Reservations required. Please call 608-565-2551.
- September 13:**            **Fungus Fruits Workshop**  
Learn about Wisconsin mushrooms by attending this free workshop. Beata Zimon, local mushroom hobbyist, will present this program beginning at 8am. Registration is required. Please call 608-565-4412.
- September 20:**            **Whooping Crane & Wildlife Festival**  
Celebrate the life of North America's tallest bird as well as other Wildlife at this all-day event. Main event located at the Necedah Lions Park. For additional information visit [www.whooping-crane-festival.com](http://www.whooping-crane-festival.com).
- October 4 – 11:**            **Refuge Week – Visit Your Refuge**  
Necedah National Wildlife Refuge welcomes you to explore your National Wildlife Refuge on foot or on bike.
- October 24:**                **Night Walk**  
Stare at stars, howl at wolves, or crawl among creatures of the night. Program begins at 6:30pm in the Ellen Allan Learning Center. May end at 9:00pm.
- November 8:**                **Critter Day**  
Join Refuge staff and volunteers from Friends of Necedah as we explore the life of critters found in and around your national wildlife refuge. This free event begins at 10:00 am in the Ellen Allan Learning Center.

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All programs and some special events are free and subject to change.  
For additional information email [Necedah@fws.gov](mailto:Necedah@fws.gov) or call 608-565-2551.

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Directions: Located off of Highway 21 four miles west of the Village of Necedah or 18 miles east of Tomah. Turn north onto Headquarters Road at the big brown sign. Follow Headquarters Road and follow signs to the Refuge Office parking lot.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is the principal federal agency responsible for conserving, protecting and enhancing fish, wildlife and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. The Service manages the 97-million-acre National Wildlife Refuge System, which encompasses 548 national wildlife refuges, thousands of small wetlands and other special management areas. It also operates 69 national fish hatcheries, 64 fishery resources offices and 81 ecological services field stations. The agency enforces federal wildlife laws, administers the Endangered Species Act, manages migratory bird populations, restores nationally significant fisheries, conserves and restores wildlife habitat such as wetlands, and helps foreign and Native American tribal governments with their conservation efforts. It also oversees the Federal Assistance program, which distributes hundreds of millions of dollars in excise taxes on fishing and hunting equipment to state fish and wildlife agencies.