



Wildlife Festival

A Free Event

Celebrating National Wildlife Refuge Week

At

Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge

Saturday – October 4, 2008

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.



Guided Tours

- 6:30 a.m. **Sunrise Crane Watch** – Join us to see sandhill cranes leaving their night roost. We will meet at the Old School House, then drive to the observation location.
- 10:30am-4pm **Horse Drawn Hay Ride** – Learn about wildlife and plants in the oak savanna on a guided hay ride.
- 11:00 a.m. **Wonders of the Wild** - Enjoy a short walk to see plants and animals that live in the nearby prairie, woods and wetlands. Meet at the bonfire near the school house.
- & 1:00 p.m.
- 11:00 a.m. **Wildlife On The Move** - Take a guided 1 ½ hour bus tour of the Wildlife Drive to see the wildlife and wildflowers of autumn. Meet at school bus parked near the school house.
- & 1:00 p.m.

Activities

- 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. **Scavenger Hunt** - Explore the festival area while solving riddles. Begin at hospitality tent.
- Wildlife Expo** - Test your skill at wildlife identification with furs, feathers and bones to help.
- Reptile Showcase** – Stop by and see turtles & snakes common to this area. MN Herpetological Society.
- Prairie Seeds & Tea** - Learn to identify wildflowers and their seeds, plus taste a sweet treat.
- Optics for Wildlife Viewing** - Take a look at binoculars and scopes from Natl. Camera Exchange.
- Face Painting** - Select a wildlife design to wear for the day. Located inside school house.
- Nature Crafts** – Be creative. A hands-on activity for all ages. Make it then take it home.
- Wildlife Drawing Contest** – Enter your drawing of any animal that lives on the refuge. All ages.
- Archery Workshop** - Try a bow and arrow under the guidance of the Rapids Archery Club.
- Air Rifle Workshop** – Try shooting an air rifle under the guidance of DNR firearms instructors.(8 yrs up)
- Friendly Fire** - See the equipment used for prescribed fires on refuge. Learn how fire benefits wildlife.
- Building for the Birds** – Take a look at nest boxes built for birds. Construction plans available.
- Bonfire** - Share conversation, warmth, songs and marshmallows around a friendly campfire.
- Friends of Sherburne Gift Shop** – Sweatshirts, ball caps, plush birds, books and more.
- Silent Auction** – Over ten items. Located in hospitality tent. Bidding closes 3 p.m.
- Explore the Refuge On Your Own.** - Several service roads will be open to vehicles 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Food

- Hospitality Tent** – Hot chocolate, coffee, cider, cookies. - \$.25 each.
- Brat & Hot Dog Lunch** - Brat \$1.50 Hot Dog \$ 1.00 Pop \$.50 (11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.)
- Refuge Birthday Cake** - Celebrate the 43rd birthday of Sherburne Refuge. Served at 1:00 p.m.

Presentations

- 11:00 a.m. **Raptors of the Midwest** – See a live bald eagle, hawk, owl and falcon. Learn about their adaptations for successful hunting from the University of Minnesota Raptor Center education staff.
- 12:30 p.m. **Raptors of the Midwest** - Same as above.
- 2:00 p.m. **Earthsongs and Earth Stories** – Listen to Douglas Wood sing songs and tell stories about wildlife and wild places. Doug is the award winning author of Old Turtle and other children's books.

For more information, or special accommodations, call 763-389-3323 x 13. TTY Federal Relay: 1-800-877-8339.

The Old School House is located 5.5 miles west of Hwy. 169 on Sherburne County Road 9 .
Event Hosts: Friends of Sherburne & the Refuge.

