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We are the Friends of Creamer’s Field

Friends of Creamer’s Field is a nonprofit organization founded in 1991 to promote awareness, understanding, and appreciation of the natural and human history of Creamer’s Field Migratory Waterfowl Refuge.

We provide a venue for community involvement through educational programs, annual events, and interpretive nature walks. Friends of Creamer’s Field operates a visitor center out of the original Creamer family farmhouse (circa 1908), which features interpretive exhibits on migratory birds and the historic Creamer’s Dairy complex.

In addition to a full schedule of year-round programs, we serve as the fiscal sponsor for Camp Habitat, a summer day camp that operates during the months of June and July. The majority of our programs (with the exception of Camp Habitat) are free, or donation-based and available to the general public.

2019 Programs & Events

For the past 28 years, Friends of Creamer’s Field has offered education programs that focus on the ecology of the refuge and the history of Creamer’s Dairy.

In 2019, we had 14,679 guests in the Farmhouse Visitor Center; 5,488 people attended scheduled programs, and 14 programs have been provided to organizations upon request. 11 individuals completed the Sharing Nature & History Volunteer Training Program, and guided nature walks provided an outdoor experience for 1450 participants.

Increased and consistent program attendance clearly indicates that Friends of Creamer’s Field is adding value to the community.

We offer daily guided nature walks during summer months, monthly programs for children ages 0-6, seasonal activities, like the winter track walk and signature events, such as the Spring Migration Celebration and the Design Alaska Wild Arts Walk. The annual Sandhill Crane Festival in August attracts over 1000 attendees from all over Alaska, as well as the global birding community.

The complete calendar is operated by one paid full-time Executive Director, a half-time Administrative Assistant, seasonal Camp Habitat staff, and a dedicated group of over 100 volunteers.

2019 Program Partners

Alaska Department of Fish and Game
US Fish & Wildlife Service
Alaska Songbird Institute
Alaska Falconers Association
Arctic Audubon Society
Audubon Alaska
Ducks Unlimited
Northern Alaska Environmental Center
Boy Scouts Troop 38
Tanana Yukon Historical Society
UA Museum of the North
Fairbanks Children’s Museum
UAF Summer Sessions
Financial Position

In 2019 we suffered losses due to the cancellation of Camp Habitat resulting from unhealthy levels of wildfire smoke, and a re-adjustment of giftshop inventory. In spite of these losses, we increased our income and reduced our expenses. Our financial position remains strong. Lissa Hughes, Executive Director

2019 INCOME = $157,345.33

2019 EXPENSES = $128,176.81

Net Income = $29,168.52
Thank You Friends, for Your Support!

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