

Field Notes

June 2022



Greetings Friends!

Our summer programs are in full swing at Creamer's Field and we are looking for volunteers!

If you are interested in volunteering with us this summer, please fill out our volunteer form (linked below) or contact us by phone at (907) 978-8457 or by email at director@friendsofcreamersfield.org.

We have several events this month, including the 2022 Weed Smackdown with Fairbanks Soil and Water on June 18th and the Design Alaska Wild Arts Walk on June 26th.

See you at the Refuge!

Grace & Melanie
Friends of Creamer's Field Staff

The 2022 Weed Smackdown is happening this Saturday, June 18th from 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Help protect Alaska's wild places from the threat of invasive species!

Join Fairbanks Soil and Water Conservation District and Friends of Creamer's Field for an afternoon of learning and weed pulling.



2022 Design Alaska Wild Arts Walk

June 26, 2022 | 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Creamer's Field Migratory Waterfowl Refuge



Volunteers Needed Wild Arts Walk

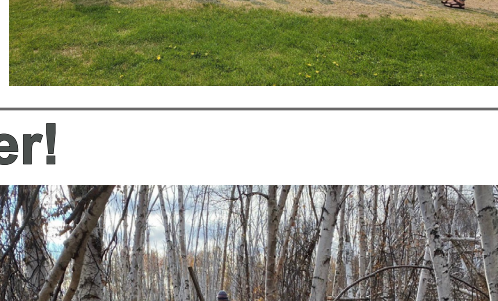
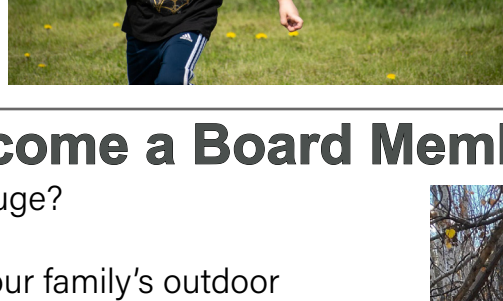
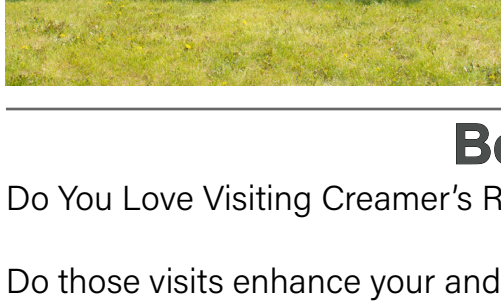


We are looking for volunteers to help out with the 2022 Design Alaska Wild Arts Walk on June 26, 2022!

If you are interested in helping please contact Grace Nelson by calling 907-978-8457 or emailing director@friendsofcreamersfield.org.

Camp Habitat

Camp Habitat kicked off this week! Campers are learning about the environment and different habitats through games, crafts, and activities.



Become a Board Member!

Do You Love Visiting Creamer's Refuge?

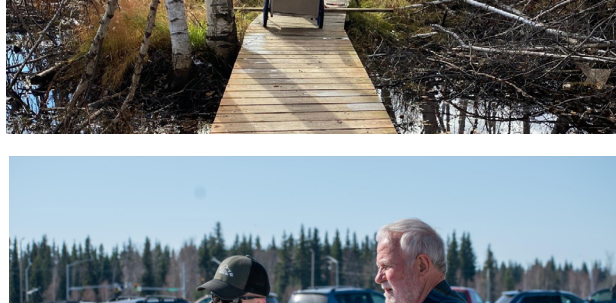
Do those visits enhance your and your family's outdoor experiences?

Do you want to make sure the Refuge is protected and will always be here?

Do you want to ensure that the educational opportunities continue to be available for everyone?

If you can answer 'yes' to any or all of the above, please consider joining our Friends of Creamer's Field Board of Directors, because that's exactly what we do! We have a few spaces available for new board members, and you can truly make a difference in the future of the Refuge! Come join us!

For more information, contact us at director@friendsofcreamersfield.org.



Field Sketch

Presented by ADFG Biologist, Mark D. Ross

Creamer's Field Migratory Waterfowl Refuge
Field Sketches:
Mark D. Ross

Rowdy Robins 'round the House

Some of the most conspicuous spring bird activity is fighting flights of Robins. American Robins around around the Farmhouse at Creamer's Field. Some are singing full songs: "Cheer-up, Cheerily". But often one hears and sees the harsh calls, screeches and physical fights of competing male Robins.

American Robin
Length- 10in.

Where do you find robins?
Here at Creamer's Field they gather around the trees near the historic dairy buildings. The trees provide a high look-out post and a singing-station for the orange-red bellied male Robins. Females are less vocal and not as brightly colored.

Don't forget to find the Swallows...
they are easy to see too. Swarming in the fields and around the historic dairy buildings.

Violet-green Swallow shouts at Cliff Swallow in mud nest.

Tree Swallow feeding above the fields.
Length- 5.5in.

...a few more weeks for flowers.

Volunteer Opportunity: Refuge Host



Creamer's Field volunteer opportunity: Refuge Host

Description: Refuge Hosts serve at Creamer's Field as volunteers of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Wildlife Conservation Division. They provide essential services at the Refuge's hub (the 12 acre historic buildings area).

Season: June 29 - August 5

Refuge Host duties include, but are not limited to:

Staff the Farmhouse Visitor Center (9:30am to 5pm, Sat, Sun, Mon.), greet visitors to refuge, sell gift shop items, maintain visitor use logs, minor litter pickup, minor maintenance. Grounds keeping (mowing and trimming) of about 7 total acres of historic dairy buildings and wildlife viewing areas. May assist with interpretive programs and other duties depending on experience/interest.

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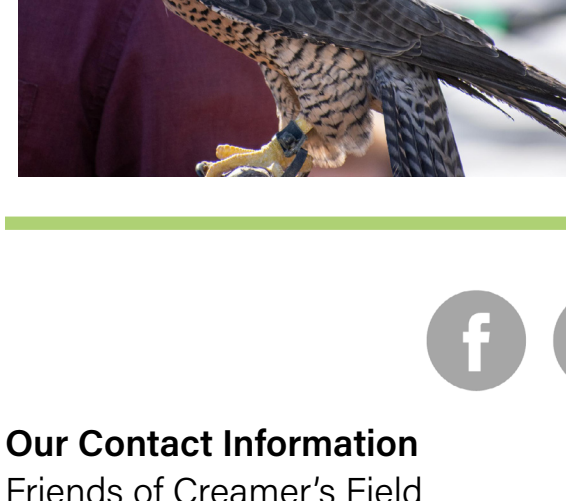
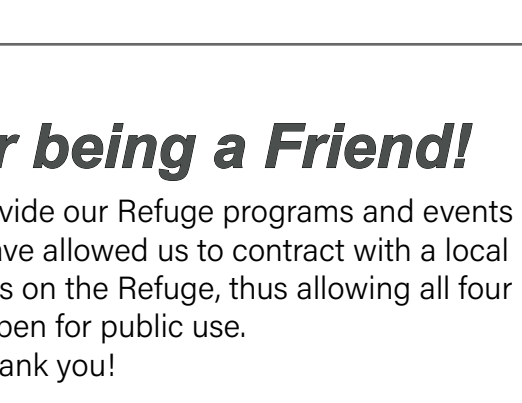
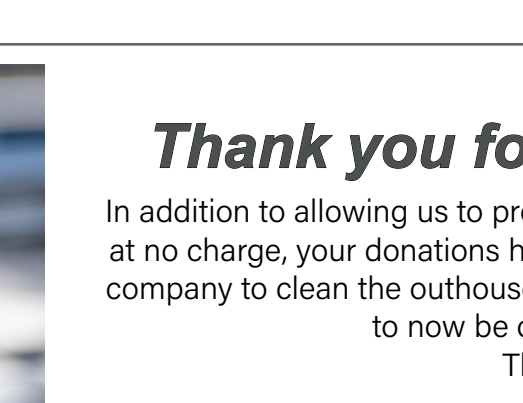
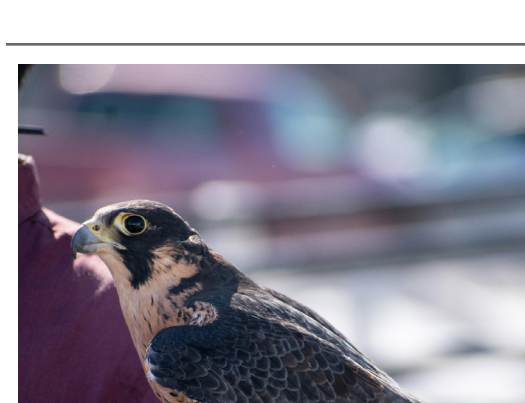
Private parking for RV with full "hook-up": electricity, water, telephone, and sewer. Private shower is within pleasant walking distance.

For more information contact:

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Friends of Creamer's Field Online Store

Check out the new items available on our online store!



Thank you for being a Friend!

In addition to allowing us to provide our Refuge programs and events at no charge, your donations have allowed us to contract with a local company to clean the outhouses on the Refuge, thus allowing all four to now be open for public use.

Thank you!



Our Contact Information

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Mission Statement

"Inspiring environmental stewardship and lifelong learning through experience, awareness, appreciation and conservation of the natural and historic resources of Creamer's Field Migratory Waterfowl Refuge."

