

Field Notes

March 2023



Photo: Northern Hawk Owl at Creamer's Field. Photo by Bud Marschner.

Happy Spring Friends!

It has been an eventful few weeks on the Refuge!

Spring Break brought many visitors to the Refuge to enjoy the trails. We hosted various programs over spring break, including a Snow Walk with NASA SnowEx.

The week ended with the Open North American Championships running through Creamer's Field.

To cap it all off we had a Northern Hawk Owl visit the Refuge to hunt voles (pictured left).

We have a lot of things coming up as well! Sharing Nature Training is back and will be starting on March 30. See below for more details and to register.

The deadline to file for your PFD is fast approaching, as is the deadline to Pick.Click.Give. Support our programs and the Refuge with your Permanent Fund Dividend this year!

See you at the Refuge!

Grace & Melanie
Friends of Creamer's Field Staff

Pick.
Click.
Give.

Be sure to Pick.Click.Give. in 2023!

Pick.Click.Give. to support Creamer's Field Migratory Waterfowl Refuge when filing for your 2023 Permanent Fund Dividend. Click the link below for more information:

Sharing Nature Program

Join us for this 7-week training course.

Sessions run from March 30 to May 11 and meet every Thursday from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

The goal of course instruction is to impart an understanding of the natural history of the forests, wetlands, and fields along with the history of Creamer's Field. Participants will also learn the art of planning and leading short programs designed for the audience and natural environment.

If you have questions about this course please contact

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You can also register at the link below:

Take a Look!

Sharing Nature
and History at Creamer's Field
Enjoy the Outdoors each session

Learn to Share Nature with Summer Visitors
on the trails and in the nature/visitor center

Enjoy the Outdoors each session March 30 to May 11
Thursday evenings at Creamer's Farmhouse 6:00 to 8:00pm

Attention Educators:
1 or * 2 credits optional. ED 593

***Register soon:**
Class limit, 25 participants

CAMP HABITAT 2023

Nature Sprouts (ages 4-5) - \$175

June 12-16, 2023 8:30a.m.-12:00p.m.

June 12-16, 2023 1:00p.m.-4:30p.m.

Nature Detectives (ages 6-7) - \$275

June 26-30, 2023 9:00a.m.-4:00p.m.

July 10-14, 2023 9:00a.m.-4:00p.m.

July 17-21, 2023 9:00a.m.-4:00p.m.

Water Striders (ages 8-9) - \$275

June 26-30, 2023 9:00a.m.-4:00p.m.

July 10-14, 2023 9:00a.m.-4:00p.m.

July 17-21, 2023 9:00a.m.-4:00p.m.

Refuge Adventurers (ages 10-11) - \$275

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July 10-14, 2023 9:00a.m.-4:00p.m.

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***You may register your camper for one week out of the listed sessions.**

Registration opens
March 20th

Recap: Spring Break at Creamer's Field!

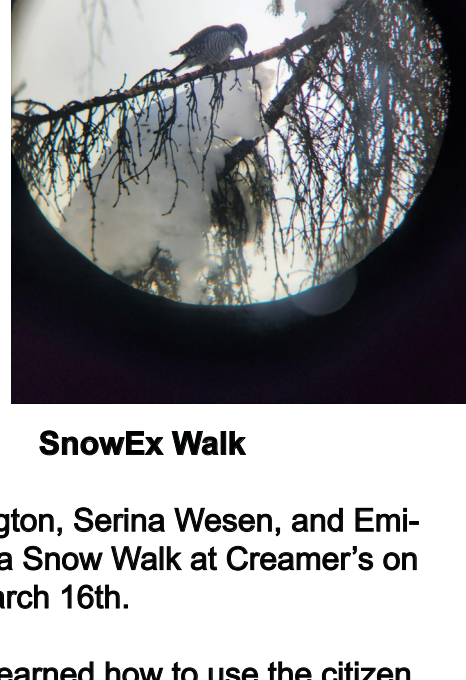


Winter Bird Walk

Programs and Events Coordinator Melanie Graeff led a very fruitful Winter Bird Walk on Wednesday, March 15.

Participants saw 8 different species!

- 25 Common Redpolls
- 12 Black-capped Chickadees
- 2 Canada Jays
- 1 Boreal Chickadee
- 1 Hairy Woodpecker
- 1 American Three-toed Woodpecker (pictured right)
- 1 Black-backed Woodpecker
- 1 Northern Hawk Owl



SnowEx Walk

Christi Buffington, Serina Wesen, and Emily Sousa led a Snow Walk at Creamer's on Thursday, March 16th.

Participants learned how to use the citizen science app GLOBE, dug a snow pit, and learned about snow cover in Interior Alaska.

Open North American Championships

Sixteen mushers and dog teams from all over the World gathered in Fairbanks this past weekend for the Open North American Championships.

The 68.7 mile race was split up into three days. Each day mushers covered a little over 20 miles of trail.



Field Sketch

Presented by ADFG Biologist, Mark D. Ross



an Equinox Awakening

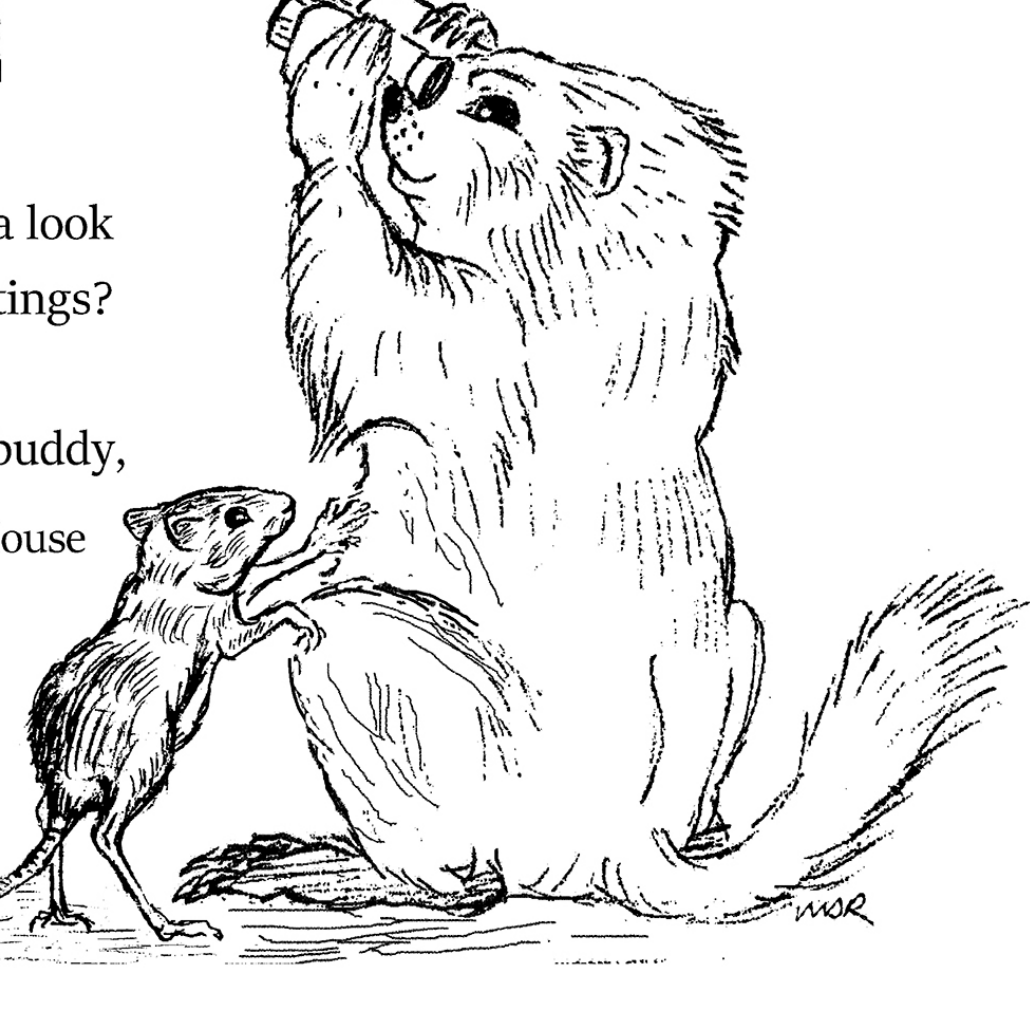
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Marmot comes out for a look

Lookin' for Snow Buntings?

Here's his hibernating buddy,

Jumping Mouse



Creamer's Field Migratory Waterfowl Refuge
Field Sketches®
Visit at 1300 College Rd. back by the big barns.

SAVE THE DATE: Spring Migration Celebration

Celebrate the change of seasons...

SPRING MIGRATION CELEBRATION

Fun for all ages!

AT CREAMER'S FIELD MIGRATORY WATERFOWL REFUGE

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2023

12:00 - 4:00 PM

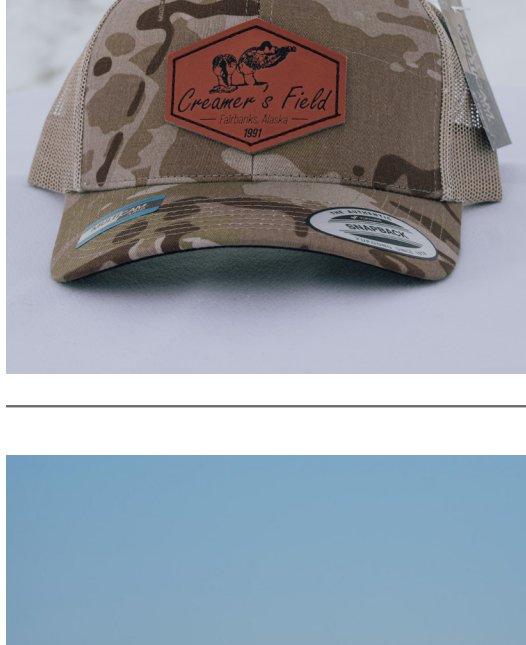
ENJOY CRAFTS, WILDLIFE VIEWING, NATURE WALKS, AND MEETING LOCAL OUTDOOR ORGANIZATIONS!

For more information visit
www.friendsofcreamerfield.org
or call (907) 978-8457.



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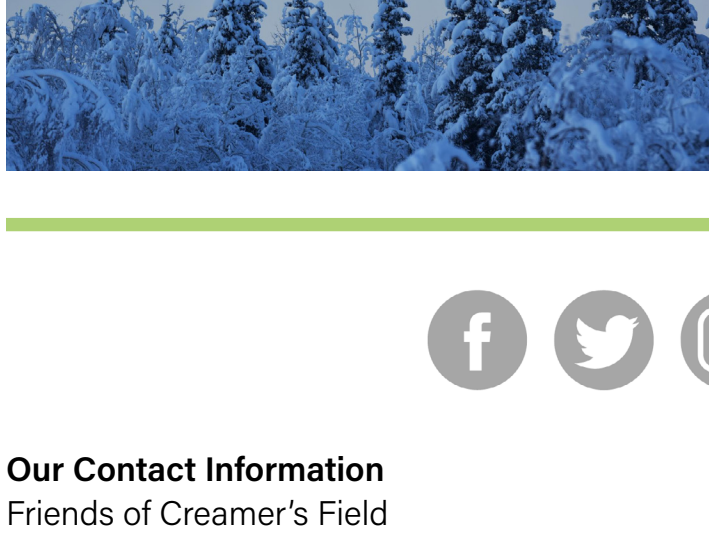
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Thank you for being a Friend!

As a 100% community funded organization, your support allows us to offer free educational programs to the Fairbanks community and its visitors. This year we intend to expand our educational outreach, resurface the parking lot closest to the barns, improve trail accessibility, and update our interpretive signage throughout the Refuge.

Photo: Moon rises over Creamer's Field. Photo by Melanie Graeff.



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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."

