

# Making Tracks

e-zine of the Friends of Tualatin River NWR

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May 2016

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## From the President's Perch

*By Keith Mays, President of the Board*

The 20th annual Bird Festival is in just a few days - May 21, 2016. See information in this newsletter and online to see the schedule of events and thank those that help make this event possible. Remember we have shuttle parking all day from the lot at corner of 124th and 99W. It will be a great day!

Before it is too late – before it is full – RSVP on line to attend a great event before Bird Festival on May 16th. An evening with Joe Wiegand, the nation's premiere Theodore Roosevelt repressor.

At these events you will also meet the newest member of Friends staff: Seth Winkelhake. After you meet him, I hope you agree with us that he is a great addition to the team. More on Seth in the newsletter below.

Also this week we will unveil the new Friend of the Refuge brand – we are very excited about this new look. It reflects the goals and mission of the Friends of Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge including the relationship we have with US Fish and Wildlife.

We are thankful for your interest in and support of the Friends organization and Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge. Without you, our members and volunteers, the refuge would not exist and our many programs would not be possible.

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**SAVE THE DATE!**

**The 20th Annual Tualatin River Bird Festival is May 21, 2016.**

We will need a lot of volunteers to help on the day of the festival. Look for more information in the next news letter if you would like to volunteer.

Contact: Rachel Dunham  
[Rachel's email](#)

**This Month's Events**

Second Saturday Work Party  
May 14, 8:45AM-12:00PM

Store Committee Meeting  
May 5 at 5:00pm  
Riparian Room

Early Morning Birdwalk  
May 7, 8:00AM-10:00AM

Dragonflies & Butterflies  
May 20, 1:00PM-3:00PM

Early Morning Songbird Hike  
May 21, 8:00AM-9:30AM

Friends Board Meeting  
May 24 6:30PM  
May 24 7:00PM business meeting



The Friends of Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge present:

**“An Evening with Teddy Roosevelt”**

As Portrayed by Joe Weigand

**Monday, May 16, 2016**

**7:00 - 9:00 pm** Doors open at 6:30 pm

Donations are welcome and help fund the Bird Festival  
Seating is limited please register online at: [friendsoftualatinriver.org](http://friendsoftualatinriver.org)

Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge - Riparian Room  
19255 SW Pacific  
Sherwood OR 97140



Theodore Roosevelt was a soldier and statesman, explorer and scientist, historian and author. Our youngest president, he personified a vigorous nation on the cusp of the American Century. TR's stories entertain and inspire today. Joe Wiegand's Teddy Roosevelt brings history to life for audiences young and old. He is always a big hit.

*"Do what you can with what you have, where you are"*  
Theodore Roosevelt

**There will be light refreshments available for purchase and a Silent Auction between 6:30 - 7:00 pm.**



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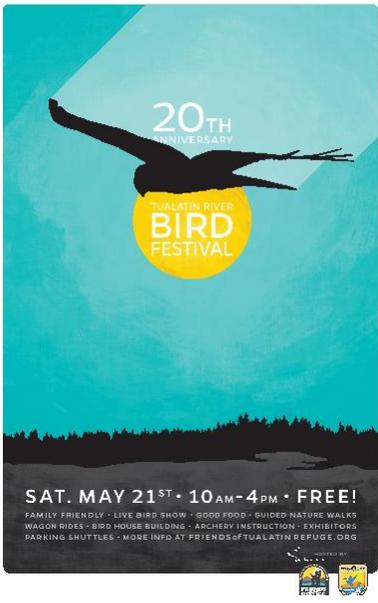
**Become an Emerald Patron for the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Tualatin River Bird Festival May 21, 2016**

*In honor of the 20th Anniversary, we are looking for 20 Emerald Patrons to be part of this impressive milestone celebration!*

Please see our Friends website calendar for more details.

Here are the links to the Friends social media - check us out!

Our Facebook feed is also on our website at [Friends Website](#)



Emerald Patrons make a tax deductible contribution of \$100. Patrons can be individuals, couples or families that would like the opportunity to show their personal support for this wonderful family friendly community event. Emerald Patrons will be listed by name (although anonymous donations are also welcome) in our commemorative program and the Friends' Annual Report. You will also receive a very limited edition Emerald Green Bird Festival baseball cap.

If you are interested, please contact Bonnie Anderson in the

Friends office at (503) 625-5944 (503) 625-5944(503)

625-5944 (503) 625-5944 x227 or [Info@FriendsofTualatinRefuge.org](mailto:Info@FriendsofTualatinRefuge.org)

There are many other sponsorship opportunities for corporate and business with many benefits. Visit this link for

more information: [Festival Sponsorship PDF](#)

Photos by Friends!

To see hundreds of photos of scenes on the refuge as well as refuge events, visit our FLICKR web site at [Friends FLICKR](#)

If you have a photo taken on the refuge and would like to share it with the Friends, email the image along with a brief note to: [Membership Email](#)



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# Nature Camp

Friends of Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge

## Explore Your Local Wildlife Refuge This Summer!

**WHO:** Youth entering 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade the fall of 2016

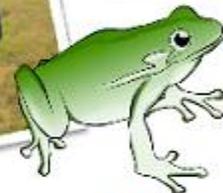
**WHEN:** 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM  
July 11 - 15 OR July 25 - 29

**HOW MUCH:** \$95 - includes: nature camp hat, snacks, & photos taken by camper *Scholarships available to students who qualify for free or reduced lunch at \$25 per session*

**PAYMENT:** Payment is due no later than one week after confirmation of camp placement. Checks should be addressed to: Friends of Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge

**REFUNDS:** \$50 back before 6/15/15; No refunds after 6/15/15

**MORE DETAILS:** The refuge cannot provide transportation or after-camp care



## Eagles and Frogs and Deer Oh My!

Youth entering grades 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade are invited to spend a week at Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge, connecting with nature and exploring the outdoors with all five senses! This week long program will feature high quality environmental education and arts activities, including an emphasis on photography and nature journaling. Families will be able to follow along with a camp blog, featuring daily highlights. Only 25 spots per session~ Register Today!

### Save the Date!

<b>Session One</b> July 11 - 15	<b>Session Two</b> July 25 - 29
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Refuge Address: 19255 SW Pacific Hwy  
Sherwood, OR 97140



Register Today at: <http://www.friendsoftualatinrefuge.org>

Friends of the Tualatin River  
National Wildlife Refuge  
are looking for

## 2016 NATURE CAMP Youth Leaders

**2 Sessions Available!**  
**July 11-15 & July 25-29, Mon-Fri**  
**8:00-1:00 P.M.**



Would you like to share your enjoyment of nature in our day camp?  
Consider being a Team Leader (High School) or Camp Assistant (Middle School).

Our campers will be in grades 3 to 6 and will be in teams of six campers with one high school age **Team Leader** and one middle school aged **Camp Assistant**. Youth leaders will be mentored by one of our Volunteer Naturalists. The team will participate in activities such as learning about natural habitats, nature and wildlife observation, photography, and more! This year, we have worked to design even more "trail time" for campers.

There will be a training session for the Team Leaders and Camp Assistants before the start of Nature Camp. Youth leaders will become familiar with the staff, refuge, the Camp program. A special emphasis will be given to group management skills. Time will also be given to practice some of the new camp activities. The training will be held at the Refuge.

This is a great opportunity to gain leadership experience and acquire at least 29 service learning hours.

Questions can be directed to [info@friendsoftualatinrefuge.org](mailto:info@friendsoftualatinrefuge.org)

Selected applicants will be notified and scheduled for an interview.

**APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE @**  
**<http://www.friendsoftualatinrefuge.org/>**

### Skills and Requirements

**Requirements:** Letter of recommendation and completed application. Youth leaders must attend training.

**Age:** The minimum age for these positions is 14 years, but if you've attended our camp in a previous session, you need only be 13. If you've attended two years of our camp, you need only be twelve years old.

You are welcome to apply for one or both sessions.

**Desired Skills:** Successful candidates will be responsible, dependable, patient and respectful of others, enthusiastic, and eager to learn and share knowledge about nature and wildlife in a fun and friendly environment.

**Location:** Nature Camp will be held at The Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge. (TRNWR) 19255 SW Pacific Hwy, Sherwood OR 97123

**Deadline:** Applications should be postmarked by Monday, May 23, 2016

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## Tualatin River NWRC staff supports Malheur NWR recovery effort *by Sarah Gray*

On February 17, 2016, shortly after the last occupier walked out of Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, I drove to Burns to help set the stage for the large-scale cleanup effort. My job was to provide support via procurement. Initially, I thought: "I'll show up, buy some stuff and function totally behind the scenes." It quickly became clear that procurement would be at the forefront of the response efforts and that it would be about more than just buying stuff.



Over the course of the 10 days I was in Burns I worked with the Inter-Agency Incident Management Team, the FBI, Refuge staff, and business people in Burns to assess needs, research solutions, purchase supplies, and coordinate with the FWS Branch of Contracting to set up longer-term support systems for the cleanup effort. We acquired everything from pens to temporary office trailers and learned many valuable lessons along the way. Among the most valuable lessons for me is that the simple acts of showing up and asking people what they need are powerful actions that are critical to the healing process.

I'm glad that I had a chance to support the community in Burns as they were beginning to heal, however there is still a lot of work to do on the way to the "new normal."

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## Nest Confusion

by Curt Mykut

If you aren't aware, a pair of western Canada geese have staked their claim to the old eagles nest and it appears that a female has been incubating since early April. Having studied giant Canada geese in graduate school years ago, I'm pretty partial to waterfowl in general, so not a bad consolation for missing out on an eaglet this year.

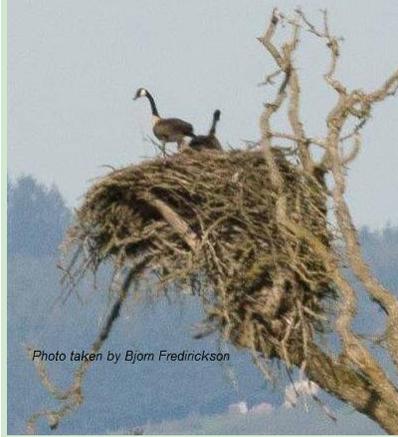


Photo taken by Bjorn Fredrickson

It's easy to scoff at Canada geese, particularly our larger bodied subspecies because they're so common and in some places even considered nuisance critters; however, in the case of this goose, I suspect it will draw some positive attention. After all, it's using the former nest of a bird that will prey on geese occasionally, the nest sits 40 plus feet off the ground, and it's a highly visible nest site. I've seen it all with Canada goose nest site selection, but I have to admit that this one takes the cake.

If you're concerned about the distance that the goslings will have to fall (assuming the nest is successful), perhaps this video of a barnacle gosling tumbling 400 ft. will put your mind at ease:

<http://www.bbc.com/earth/story/20141020-chicks-tumble-of-terror-filmed>

It begs the question, how can it survive such a fall? In a nutshell, the gosling's extremely light weight reduces the speed at which it falls, which softens the blow upon impact.

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## New Staff:

The Friends of the Refuge are pleased to announce that Seth Winklehake will be starting as our new Environmental Education Specialist beginning May 2nd. Seth comes to us with experience from Jackson Bottom Wetland Preserve, The Oregon Zoo, and Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District. We welcome him to the refuge family!

The Fish and Wildlife Service are pleased to announce that Jenny de la Hoz will be joining the Urban Wildlife Conservation Program staff as an Urban Park Ranger on May 2nd. Jenny recently earned her PhD in Science Education with an interest in communities of color in the environmental field and how people learn science outside of academic settings. Congratulations and welcome to the family Jenny!

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## Nature's Overlook

### "Wear" in the World

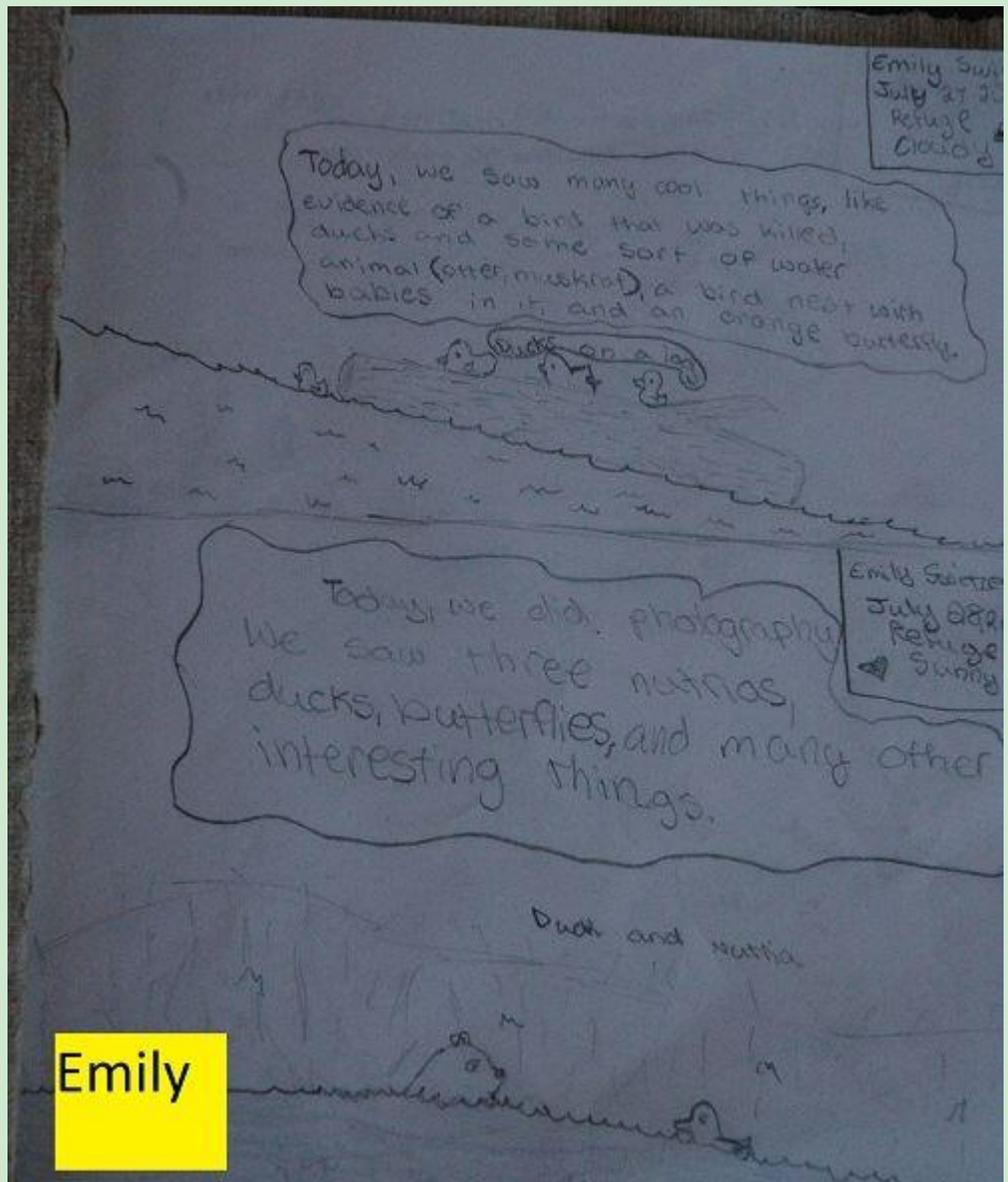
We are looking for photos of people wearing their Friends of TRNWR logo wear at other natural areas. Please send your photo to [info@friendsoftulatinrefuge.org](mailto:info@friendsoftulatinrefuge.org) and you might just be in the next Making Tracks e-newsletter.

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## Kids' Corner!

Hey Kids! Bring your parents to the refuge - then tell us what you have seen. Take a photo, draw a picture, write a short story, pen a poem. With your parents permission and help, send us your imaginings. Our newsletter will include a Kid's Corner imagining every month. See you on the refuge!

For more information, contact: [members@friendsoftualatinrefuge.org](mailto:members@friendsoftualatinrefuge.org)



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## Wildlife Center, Trail Rover & Interpretive Program

Stop in the Wildlife Center to see the exhibit on bioswales. Thank you to the Trail Rovers and Wildlife Center volunteers for keeping our facilities open and our trails safe! Special thanks to Kim Strassburg and Rob Lowe for presenting on conservation in China to staff and volunteers.

### Trail Rover Highlights – What have they seen?

Savannah Sparrow, Lincoln's Sparrow, Greater white fronted goose

Male wood duck, Fox sparrows, Tundra swan, Peregrine falcon, Long-billed dowitcher, Townsend's vole, Lincoln's sparrow, Fox squirrel, Bewick's wren, Tree swallows, Muskrat, Ring-billed gull

### Other observations by Trail Rovers:

Drew B; While on the observation platform, 7 sandhill cranes flew over.

Mike J; Lots of little brown birds in the thickets tweeting away in the sunshine.

Liz C; Fresh beaver chew south side of road 1/2 way between river platform and Rock Creek bridge.

Donna N; The geese put on a fine concert. 4+ garter snakes with turquoise strips.

Bryn C; Double rainbow!

Larry H; 325 people seen at pond study in Feb.

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# News from Environmental Education Programs

## Enrichment Opportunities Open to Public:

### Second Saturday Work Party

Second Saturday Restoration Work Party Saturday, May 7th  
8:45 AM – 12 PM

Looking for a way to get involved in restoration? Come out to our Second Saturday Restoration Work Party! For our May party we will be removing invasive plants such as Scotch Broom and Himalayan Blackberry. We will meet at refuge HQ at 8:45 am to get checked in and head to our work site around 9 am. Snacks and work gloves will be provided. Please wear sturdy shoes and pants. Potential hazards include thorns from blackberry. Plan for warming weather and bring a water bottle.

Email any questions to Habitat Restoration Specialist Sarah Williams at:  
[SWilliams@friendsoftualatinrefuge.org](mailto:SWilliams@friendsoftualatinrefuge.org)

### Early Morning Birdwalk

Saturday, May 7th, 8:00AM-10:00AM

Walk out on the refuge with an experienced birder and discover the world of birds. Whether you are a first time birder or an expert, this walk is for you!

Please bring binoculars and/or a scope if you have them! Extras will be provided.

To participate you must be 8 years of age or older and parents must accompany all children on hikes. The hikes will cover over two miles and take approximately 2 hours.

Limited space available; please register. For more information e-mail [Rachel Dunham](mailto:Rachel Dunham).

### Dragonflies and Butterflies

Friday May 20th, 1:00PM-3:00PM

While birding on the refuge slows down during the summer months, that is a peak time for dragonflies and butterflies. These insects are quite different in their life cycle and behavior, each fascinating in its own way.

Celebrate Endangered Species Day with volunteer Dennis Deck and go for an afternoon walk to see what is currently flying on the refuge. Bring binoculars, a hat, and water.

Limited space available; please register. For more information e-mail [Rachel Dunham](mailto:Rachel Dunham).

### Other Volunteer opportunities

There are many fun and rewarding programs and events that take place throughout the year. We would love to have you be a part of the refuge fun! Please visit [www.friendsoftualatinrefuge.org](http://www.friendsoftualatinrefuge.org)

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## Photo Society Juried Photo Display

The selection process has been completed and the best of the best are on display in the Riparian room. Come take a look! They are amazing.

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**YOU CAN HELP Friends of TRNWR EARN DONATIONS JUST BY SHOPPING WITH YOUR FRED MEYER REWARDS CARD!** We have seven members signed up already and have received donations!

Fred Meyer is donating \$2.5 million per year to non-profits in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington, based on where their customers tell them to give. Here's how the program works:

- Sign up for the Community Rewards program by linking your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to Friends of TRNWR at [www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards](http://www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards). You can search for us by our name or by our non-profit number 93278.
- Then, every time you shop and use your Rewards Card, you are helping Friends of TRNWR earn a donation!
- You still earn your Rewards Points, Fuel Points, and Rebates, just as you do today.
- If you do not have a Rewards Card, they are available at the Customer Service desk of any Fred Meyer store.

For more information, please visit [www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards](http://www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards).

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## Support FOR While You Shop Online!

If you are a frequent Amazon shopper, here's a great way to support the Friends while you make your purchases! And the great thing is, there's no extra cost to you!

Simply go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and log in using your Amazon account, then type "Friends of Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge" into the search box. Once it appears on your screen, check the "Select" box and you're ready to buy, buy, buy, while the Friends will receive a donation of .5% of every purchase from the Amazon Smile Foundation.

Bookmark [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) so you use it every time you shop and those cents will add up into dollars that will help the Friends support programs and projects on the Refuge. How easy is that!?

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## Let Us Know What You Think!

Thank you for taking the time to read through this newsletter. Please help us make it something you look forward to receiving by telling us what you want to know about, and how we can improve the look or content. This is a work in progress, and we look forward to hearing from you! [Click here](#) to email your thoughts.

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