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Centennial Celebrations for Whittlesey Creek National Wildlife Refuge

Beginning on March 14th the National Wildlife Refuge System will celebrate 100 years of setting aside refuges for fish and wildlife throughout the country. To celebrate, the Whittlesey Creek National Wildlife Refuge, one of our newest refuges, has several special events planned during the spring and summer of 2003.

Earlier this year a Time Capsule Ceremony was held at the Visitor Center on March 14th. Residents from the area contributed historical memorabilia to be placed in a capsule that will be buried on the Center's property later this year. The Asaph Whittlesey character was debuted at this ceremony.



On May 8th, school groups and area residents gathered to plant trees at the Refuge during the "Celebrate our Centennial Forest Restoration" event. Over 60 school children participated and 100 trees were planted in the Refuge's Centennial Forest.

On June 7th, the "Fourth Annual Kids Fishing Day" will be held at the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center. Several programs will celebrate the National Refuge Centennial theme.

The Centennial will culminate with the "Superior Celebration" on August 9. Programs will take place on the Refuge, along the shores of Lake Superior and at the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center. A Coaster Brook Trout Flotilla, Unveiling of a Centennial Exhibit at the Visitor Center and a guest appearance by Asaph Whittlesey are planned for this event.

These events are free and open to the public. For more information, please contact Pam Dryer or Mike Mlynarek at 715.685.9983.

Chequamegon Bay Rendezvous

The 7th Annual Chequamegon Bay Rendezvous will be held on June 20-22 this year on the grounds of the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center. This “show and tell” event is a gathering of historic traders, native people, voyageurs and families. The encampment will include historically accurate demonstrations of life during the fur-trade era in this region (1650’s – 1850).

The Wisconsin Historical Society (WHS) is partnering with the Northern Wisconsin Heritage Connection to provide leadership to the Rendezvous Planning Committee who are organizing, coordinating and promoting the event. The Planning Committee includes community representatives and individuals in various areas of historical expertise and rendezvous experience.

Steve Cotherman and Linda Mittlestadt of the WHS will coordinate a program and exhibit in the Center during the Rendezvous. Cotherman will present a program on Saturday, June 21st at 10:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. entitled, “When Cultures Meet: An Interactive Fur Trade Program for Kids and Their Families.”



“Grizz” and a young Rendezvous visitor get acquainted.

The Rendezvous is open to the public on Friday and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. A \$3.00 donation is suggested to cover the costs of the event.

“Kid’s Fishing Day”

If you want to learn about fish, where they live, how to catch them, and how to cast, come join us for “Kid’s Fishing Day”. You will get personal attention from experienced anglers and biologists, who will share their fishing tips and techniques! Give us 60 minutes and we’ll teach you how to catch your first fish!



Kids receive personalized instructions from professional biologists and anglers.



If you are between the ages of 5-12, ask mom, dad, or a friend to bring you to the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center on Saturday, June 1, 2002, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. New classes begin every ten minutes. Everyone will learn about fish and how to catch them...guaranteed! This event is FREE and it’s FUN! Program participants will receive fishing lures and other fun prizes.

Catch the Spirit!

The “*Spirit of the North*” Store, located in the Center is bursting at the seams with new merchandise arriving for summer. We have a great selection of regionally made and designed clothing for adults and children, along with a wide variety of glow-in-the-dark t-shirts. Many new items have been added, such as Audubon birds that make their own calls, children nature toys, locally made jewelry, and candy. Whether you are a resident or a first time visitor to the area, you will find unique gift items to give you a deep appreciation for this great northern region.

The “*Spirit of the North*” is owned and operated by The Friends of the Center, a non-profit educational organization. Proceeds from profits help to support interpretive programs and exhibits at the Center. Friends of the Center members will receive a 10% discount. To contact the store, call 715.685.2659. The store is open daily for the summer from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.



Store Manager, Donna Kurilla, displays new store merchandise.

Painting Courses

Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College in cooperation with the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center is running two Plein Aire Outdoor Painting Courses with instructor, master painter, Bonnie Bergman on the grounds of the Center this summer. The first class will be held on Friday mornings starting June 6th through August 1st.

The second course will be held Saturday mornings beginning June 7th through August 2nd. All classes will run from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. There will be a special exhibition featuring Bergman and her student’s best paintings at the new gallery in the Center from August 1-31st.



Artist Bonnie Bergman capturing landscapes on canvas.

E-mail Program Reminders

If you would like to be notified about upcoming Center programs by e-mail, just stop in to the Front Desk at the Center and fill out the form. For every public program we will e-mail the description, time, date, and place one week before the program is to be held.

Tune to 1610 AM

The Center’s 1610 AM radio station is updated weekly to provide you with information about Center programs and events. If you live in the Ashland or Washburn area or passing through, tune into 1610 AM to find out what is happening at the Center for the coming week.