

May 2014 - Magnificent Whooping Crane Month - Programs and Activities

Sunday	Monday	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Saturday
				1	2	3 1 PM –Story time - <i>A Whooping Crane Named Cinnamon</i> with author Mary Beth Mattison
4 11:30 AM WC Tiny Tots Program *	5 11:30 AM WC Tiny Tots Program *	6	7	8	9	10 10 AM – WC Puppet Show 11:30 AM – WC Puppet Show 1:30 PM – Presentation: <i>Flight from Extinction: Restoring Whooping Cranes to North America</i> by Dr. John French, Research Manager at Patuxent Wildlife Research Center
11 1 – 2:30 PM Tour of WC Observatory *	12	13	14	15	16	17 11 AM –Story time - <i>A Whooping Crane Named Cinnamon</i> ; author Mary Beth Mattison 1:30 PM – Presentation: <i>Reintroduction of Whooping Cranes to Eastern North America: An Operation Migration Pilot's Perspective</i> by Brooke Pennypacker of Operation Migration on guiding young Whooping Cranes on their first migration
18 1 – 2:30 PM Tour of WC Observatory *	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 1 – 2:30 PM Tour of WC Observatory *	26	27	28	29	30	31 10 AM – Noon – WC Migration Game 1:30 PM – Presentation: <i>The Life of a Volunteer Surrogate Whooping Crane Dad</i> by Ken Lavish, Volunteer Crane Technician

*** For these activities, registration is required; please call 301-497-5887 for reservations.**

Whooping Crane opportunities throughout the month:

- As baby Whooping Cranes hatch, follow the count as it rises
- Compare your height to that of a Whooping Crane (it's tall!)
- Observe how a technician, dressed in a special costume would train Whooping Crane chicks
- Check out how Whooping Cranes grow from an egg to an adult bird through photos
- View fascinating videos about Whooping Cranes
- Find the migratory paths the Whooping Cranes follow
- Discover Patuxent's role in saving these magnificent Whooping Cranes
- Explore the range of organizations who work to restore the population of Whooping Cranes

All programs and activities will be held at the National Wildlife Visitor Center, 10901 Scarlet Tanager Loop, Laurel, MD 20708, just off Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Rt. 197. For detailed directions see: <http://www.friendsofpatuxent.org/drivingdirections.html>. Call [301-497-5887](tel:301-497-5887) for information and special accommodations. All programs and activities are FREE; donations to The Friends of Patuxent are greatly appreciated and tax deductible!

Sponsored by the Friends of Patuxent Adopt A Whooper Committee. Contact person: Ken Lavish; 301-384-4557; devish@verizon.net.