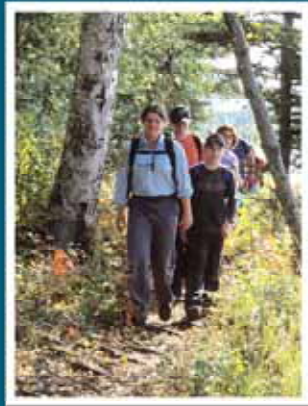


FRIENDS OF ALASKA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES

2010 Member Volunteer Opportunities



VOLUNTEER PROCESS



1. Project Development
2. Projects & descriptions posted on website
3. Accept applications
4. Team matches and volunteer to positions.
5. Implementation
6. Reporting

1. Friends work with the Refuges to develop projects and pursue funding. Friends then determine volunteers needed for each project and the skills necessary to complete each project.
2. Post volunteer opportunities on website
3. Accept applications
4. Refuge staff, the Friends volunteer coordinator and project organizer work together to match volunteers to positions.
5. Volunteer is contacted by the coordinator or project organizer and they work together to carry out the project with the refuge.
6. After the project the volunteer submits: hours, receipts for reimbursement, and field report within one month of completing the project.
 - **Hours and Field Reports are critical for grant reporting!**

REQUIREMENTS

1. Friends Member
2. Attend a teleconference or other outreach event.
3. On-line Application
4. Field Report & Photos
5. Pledge



- You must be a Friends of Alaska National Wildlife Refuge **Member**.
- Attendance** of Friends Monthly Teleconference or other Friends Outreach event before your volunteer experience. Monthly Teleconferences are held the third Tuesday of each month.
- Complete on-line **Application** (Applications are chosen based on thoughtful responses, availability and the skill set needed by the refuge. While it is desirable to offer opportunities to as many Friends as possible, the needs of the refuge are the first priority. The needs of the refuge are matched with skills and abilities of volunteer applicants. Refuge staff also request particular Friends for some projects. The Volunteer coordinator does not make the selection. The application process may be modified to offer more pertinent information to refuge staff/project leads.)
- Complete a **“Field Report”** within one month after completing your service. Contribute **photos** of the event (take USF&W photo releases for parents of minors to sign). Link to Page where they input field report and photos
- Pledge** to represent Friends of Alaska National Wildlife Refuges and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service in a professional and friendly manner.

JOB DESCRIPTIONS

**HELPER
BACKCOUNTRY
ORGANIZER**



OUTREACH

LABORER

EDUCATOR

BIOLOGIST

SPECIALTY

OUTREACH: Outreach volunteers staff booths at festivals, conferences and special events in large cities and remote communities. Helpers aid in shipping, and set-up of refuge and friends visual and digital displays; recruiting new members; selling promotional items and educating the public about the National Wildlife Refuge System. Organizers present demonstrations, activities and slide-shows to small and large audiences.

LABORER- Laborers need a good work ethic, a willingness to get their hands dirty, and a spirit for adventure. Volunteers are called upon to pull weeds, painting, light construction, trail building, and more. Volunteers need to be in good physical condition.

EDUCATOR- Educators typically working with children pre-school to high school in rural communities. Educators facilitate 10 minute to multi-day educational activities. Helpers/Educators assist with camp-set up, clean-up, cooking and any tasks necessary to conduct 1 day to 2 week camps in the bush. You don't necessarily need a lot of teaching experience, but these positions require research, materials and lesson preparation.

BIOLOGIST- These volunteers assist refuge biologists with surveys, data entry, field camp work. Most positions offer on-the job training at the refuge, so recreational wildlife enthusiasts are welcome helpers.

BACKCOUNTRY These positions have a portion or all the work in remote backcountry areas and require backcountry camping and survival skills. Participants will be camping for all or a portion of the experience. Some require specialized boating, bear-safety skills or more. Volunteers must be in good physical condition, be willing to put up with bugs, heat, cold, rain and all types of weather.

ORGANIZER- These positions require a larger time commitment, and usually work closely with the board of directors, refuge staff or remote communities to plan and implement projects. Volunteers may be asked to create a presentation or add to an existing presentation, volunteers may also be asked to help coordinate events and projects, they may be asked to help plan a reception, or help with ideas for presenters.

SPECIALTY: Sometime other specialty experience is required to participate in some projects. For example we may need Friends with an information technology expertise, real-estate knowledge, photography skills and equipment.

WEED PULL EXAMPLE

HELPER/
LABORER

ORGANIZER

HELPER/
LABORER

HELPER/
LABORER



IN 2010 WE ARE
ADDING AN *OUTREACH*
TO EACH WORK PROJECT

THE ENTIRE TEAM MAY HELP
WITH WEED PULLING AND
OUTREACH EVENTS





1. Pribilof Island Science & Culture Camp-AK Maritime
2. Kaktovik Science & Traditional Knowledge Camp- Arctic
3. Tanacross/Mansfield Traditional Culture Camp-Tetlin
4. Arctic Science and Traditional Knowledge Camp-Arctic
5. Selawik
6. Yukon Delta



1. AK MARITIME: Cliff Nesters Of St. Lazaria Island Outreach Project
1. ARCTIC-Airplane Clean-up
2. KANUTI-Dalton Highway Weed Pull
3. KENAI-Native Plant Garden for Environmental Education Center
4. TETLIN-Slowing Succession – Vegetation Manipulation
5. TETLIN-Chisana / Tanana Rivers Clean-Up



1. AK REFUGES
 - ANCHORAGE- Great Alaska Sportsman Show (Apr)
 - HOMER- Shorebird Festival (May)
 - SOLDOTNA-Kenai River Festival (Jun)
2. AK Maritime
 - ANCHORAGE- Ocean Fest (Jun)
 - HOMER- Refuge Week/Radio Event(Oct)
 - SITKA- Web Cam Launch
3. ARCTIC 50th
 - PALMER- Alaska State Fair (Aug)
 - FAIRBANKS- Tanana Valley State Fair (Aug)
 - ANCHORAGE- Alaska Federation of Natives (Oct)
 - FAIRBANKS- Open House (Dec)
 - ANCHORAGE- Open House
4. Izembek 50th Birthday Bash
 - COLD BAY- Photo Exhibit/Radio Event/Open House
 - HOMER- Photo Exhibit/Open House
 - ANCHORAGE -Photo Exhibit/Open House
5. Kanuti Dragon Fly Days- FAIRBANKS
6. SELAWIK- Spring Birding
7. Yukon Delta Spring Birding



Get ready for the 2010 Friends Volunteer Season by Learning about:

- The National Wildlife Refuge System
- Natural History & Current Issues on Alaska Refuges
- Teaching & Interpretation Techniques and Presentation Skills
- Working in Native Communities
- Resources for check out- Outreach kits, education kits, promotional items, etc.
- Travel support will be available for those who sign up early or are first-time volunteers.
- Register on the Friends website under volunteer opportunities.



We need active Friends Members!

Take a chance and become an organizer, join a board committee, help at local outreach events and join teleconferences

Travel Support is available for most projects this includes: airfare, camping to rustic and shared lodging, reimbursement for food expenses

General Skills needed for projects:

- Flexibility!**
- Enthusiasm** for working with AK Refugees
- Capacity** for hard work on potentially long days on many of the projects.
- Williness to learn and share with others **Knowledge** of various subjects and ability to share this knowledge with others.