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Savannah National Wildlife Refuge Invites You to Natural Resource Discovery Day 2014 and a Photography Workshop

Come join the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for some free, family fun at Savannah National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) Visitor Center on Saturday, March 8, 2014 from 10am-4pm. Partnering with the Savannah Chapter of the National Wildlife Turkey Federation (NWTf), Georgia Southern University, Friends of the Savannah Coastal Refuges, University of Georgia -Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources and Marine Science Center, this year's event will be loaded with fun, wildlife-related educational activities for all ages.

Have you ever wondered what a biologist, a wildland firefighter, an archaeologist, a forester or a refuge manager does on a national wildlife refuge? Well, this is your chance to learn! See how birds are banded (even band yourself!); learn about wildland fire with hands-on activities involving real fire equipment; try your luck at target shooting with a BB gun or bow, while learning about the refuge hunt program; gain a better understanding of the Fish and Wildlife Service's role in protecting endangered species; learn why water management matters to wildlife on Savannah NWR, get close up with a variety of reptiles and much more. A special presentation on wilderness will be offered at 11am and 1pm.

In addition to Discovery Day activities, the Refuge will be conducting a photography workshop for children ages 16 and under. The workshop is intended to help young photographers learn more about photography using the natural environment of the refuge. The class will be held from 8:30-10am so participants will still be able to enjoy the Discovery Day activities. The class is free; however, reservations are required due to limited seating.

All activities will be at the Savannah NWR Visitor Center located at 694 Beech Hill Lane Hardeeville, SC (off U.S. 17, approximately 7 miles north of Savannah, GA and 7 miles south of Hardeeville, SC). For more information on this rain or shine event, call 843-784-2468 (for reservations on the photography workshop contact Chris Cooley).

Savannah NWR is one of over 560 national wildlife refuges located throughout the United States. The nearly 30,000-acre refuge is home to bald eagles, neo-tropical migratory songbirds, large concentrations of wading birds and wintering ducks, and American alligators. The Savannah NWR Visitor Center is open Monday – Saturday, from 9am-4pm; closed Sundays and all federal holidays.

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