

## May 2015 - Magnificent Whooping Crane Month - Programs and Activities

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Saturday
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> <b>1:30 PM</b> – Presentation: <i>Flight from Extinction: Restoring Whooping Cranes to North America</i> by Dr. John French, Research Manager at Patuxent Wildlife Research Center
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <b>Kid's Day (All Ages Welcome) 10:00-2:00</b> Puppet Shows at <b>10:30</b> and <b>12:30</b> Story Times at <b>11:30</b> and <b>1:30</b> Migratory Bird Puppet Craft , Endangered Species Scavenger Hunt, and A Passport to Discovery Activity - all available throughout the day
<b>10</b> <b>1 – 2:30 PM</b> Tour of Whooping Crane Observatory *	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <b>1:30 PM</b> – Presentation: <i>What It Is Like To Work With Baby Whooping Cranes</i> by Ken Lavish, Volunteer Crane Technician
<b>17</b> <b>1 – 2:30 PM</b> Tour of Whooping Crane Observatory *	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <b>1:30 PM</b> – 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
<b>24</b> <b>1 – 2:30 PM</b> Tour of Whooping Crane Observatory *	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <b>1:30 PM</b> – Presentation: <i>The Whooping Crane Parent Rearing Program at Patuxent</i> by Dr. Glenn Olsen, Patuxent Wildlife Research Center Veterinarian
<b>31</b> <b>1 – 2:30 PM</b> Tour of Whooping Crane Observatory *						

**\* 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!)
- Learn why Whooping Cranes became endangered and what is being done to bring them back
- Check out how Whooping Cranes grow from an egg to an adult bird through photos
- View fascinating videos about Whooping Cranes – see them dance!
- Find the migratory paths the Whooping Cranes follow
- Discover Patuxent's role in saving these magnificent Whooping Cranes
- Explore the amazing 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!

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