



**Red River National Wildlife Refuge
5th Annual Refuge Celebration & Catfish Fry
Saturday, October 17, 2009
8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

You are invited to join us for food and outdoor fun at the Fifth Annual Refuge Celebration. There will be nature walks, hayride tours of the refuge, adults' and children's activities, baby alligators, a photography contest, door prizes, and more!

Sponsored by: The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and the Friends of the Red River National Wildlife Refuge

Admission, Breakfast Bar, and Catfish Lunch: FREE. Donations to support the work of the Friends group for the refuge are appreciated.

Where: Red River National Wildlife Refuge Headquarters Unit, 555 Sunflower Road, Bossier City, LA 71112

Who can attend: The public is invited, so bring your friends and family. NO PETS PLEASE.

What to bring: Cameras and binoculars.

Menu: Catfish and all the trimmings, corn dogs, fries, hushpuppies, dessert, iced tea, and lemonade.

Directions to the refuge: From the intersection of US 71 (Barksdale Boulevard) and Jimmie Davis Highway (LA 511) in Bossier City, go south about one-half mile on US 71 and turn right (west) on Sunflower Road. Proceed to the end of the road and through the gate into the refuge.

Exhibits and activities: U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service exhibits, including a mounted Louisiana Black Bear cub, nature walks, hayrides, falconry demonstrations, live owls, herps and baby alligator exhibit with photo opportunities, hands-on learning activities for children, fishing games, birding using technology, and more. New this year will be "A Year in the Life of a Black Bear" interactive obstacle course; an archaeological exhibit on local prehistoric Native American use of the landscape, including a hands-on demonstration of Native American tools; Art in Nature exhibit of local student artwork with face painting by students from Bossier Parish Schools' Gifted and Talented program; native plants sales and exhibit; and a fur trappers exhibit.

The Friends of the Red River NWR will be selling Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamps (Duck Stamps), handmade wooden nature puzzles, refuge calendars, reusable water bottles, and outdoor benches with proceeds going toward Friends and refuge projects. The Wild Bird Center will have a booth selling wildlife-related items, including bird feeders, field guides, and binoculars. A portion of the proceeds will go toward Friends projects.

Visit the Friends of the Red River NWR website at www.friendsofredriver.org for the event schedule or call 742-1219 (Red River National Wildlife Refuge) or 868-3255 (Nancy Menasco, Event Chairman).