

Website Development Committee

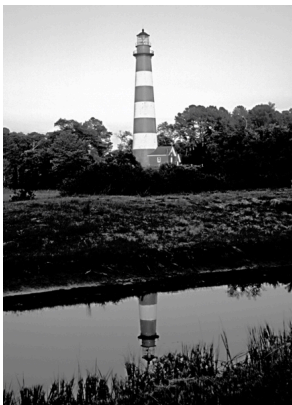
The website committee is pleased to announce the implementation of the new CNHA website, which can be found at www.piping-plover.org.

In August 2008, the CNHA entered into a contract with Network Solutions, Inc. to enable us to upgrade the current website. At the March 2009 CNHA board meeting, we agreed to send out a request for bids to develop the new website. At that time, it was estimated that the website development would cost up to \$1000 just to enable the new website to have the same capabilities as the old site.

Starting in mid-April, 2009, Doug Gifford began experimenting with the website development tools offered by Network Solutions. As a result of this effort, an upgraded website was developed "in house" and is now available online without having to resort to external contracts. The original website was restricted to textual information only. The new CNHA website offers all the original text plus graphics, digital photographs, and video clips.

Comments and submissions for implementation in the website are invited from the CNHA membership. Send your comments, suggestions, feedback, digital photographs, short videos, etc to cnhapix@verizon.net.

New features of the upgraded website: Eagle Cam, Birding, Hiking & Biking, News, Calendar of Events, Kid's Corner, Sales Outlets, Gallery, Local Weather Forecast, and By-Laws. Some remnants of the old website, such as Plover Archives, remain unchanged until we can incorporate these features in the new website.



Assateague Lighthouse
Photo By Robert E. Wilson

Applications Now Available for Children in the Woods Day Camp

Are your kids looking for a chance to get out of the house this summer? If so, they should consider spending a week discovering nature at Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge through its Children in the Woods Day Camp. Camp activities include kayaking, crabbing, clamming, birding, surf fishing, and bicycling and wildlife photography. Day Camp is offered to children who have successfully completed 3rd, 4th, or 5th grades by summer 2009. The minimum age for participants is 8 years old.

There is a small fee of \$50.00 per participant, but scholarships are available. Applications are available for the July and August day camps on the following dates:

- Session 3: July 20 – 24,
- Session 4: August 3 – 7, 2009
- Session 5: August 10 – 14, 2009

The Children in the Woods Day Camp is sponsored by the Chincoteague Natural History Association. To access applications, day camp flyer and memorable photos from last year, visit their website at www.piping-plover.org/childreninthewoods.html. Go to the Kids Corner tab and click on Children in the Woods.

Barbara's Bakery Launches Photo Contest

Barbara's Bakery, a long-time corporate partner with the **National Wildlife Refuge Association**, has launched a contest geared toward getting people to discover and experience the remarkable diversity of wildlife and habitats that national wildlife refuges protect. The Refuge Association works to build a powerful grassroots network to act as an effective voice for the Refuge System.

The "Families Gone Wild" contest encourages people to submit photos and videos from national wildlife refuges, along with a brief write-up of their experience. Entries are due by August 24. The winners, which will be determined in a drawing about September 18, 2009, will receive an all-expense paid trip for four to Alaska, where they will visit the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge. For further information, visit: [http:// www.barbarasbakery.us/alaska/](http://www.barbarasbakery.us/alaska/)