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Upcoming Events & Activities at Eastern Shore of Virginia NWR

Fisherman Island Beach Cleanup – September 22, 2007 by Tidewater Appalachian Trail Club, VIMS Sea Turtle Stranding Team, Harborton Citizens in honor of Public Lands Day.

Wise Point Boat Ramp Dedication – October 5, 2007 at 2:00 PM. Dedication ceremony followed by ribbon cutting, featuring U. S. Coast Guard Station Cape Charles color guard. Local and state representatives, public invited. Once ramp is operational, daily launch/parking fee will be \$10.00, annual \$120.00.

Eastern Shore Birding and Wildlife Festival – October 5, 6, 7, 2007. Annual celebration during the fall migration of neotropical songbirds and raptors. Wildlife tours and programs hosted by Eastern Shore of Virginia NWR and many local agencies. This year the festival will be based in the town of Cape Charles. Check Eastern Shore of Virginia Chamber of Commerce's website for details and reservations.

Fisherman Island – Public tours will start October 13, 2007. Three hour tour starting from Visitor Center, no charge, reservations required.

CBES Bike Tour Visits Refuge October 22 –m The Citizens for a Better Eastern Shore will again host their annual series of bike tours of the Shore. One of this year's way-points will be Eastern Shore of Virginia NWR. The bike tour routes rotate to give participants an ever changing view of the shore.

2007 Eastern Shore of Virginia NWR Deer Hunt – Archery October 29 – November 10, 2007. Firearms November 28, 29, 30 and December 1, 6, 7, 8, 2007. Firearm lottery closes October 1, 2007. Brochure and applications available from refuge headquarters or visitor center and online.

Photo Wall – We now host a display area in the visitor center where local photographers have the opportunity to display their pictures. We ask the wildlife shown be common to the Eastern Shore and the photos taken on a wildlife refuge. We have 8" x 10" frames for loan to the artist for the display.

Interns – We are always looking for a few good college interns to help us provide interpretive programs and do general tasks around the refuge. This is a great opportunity for recent college graduates or juniors and seniors in college to get some great experience on their resume. Interns work as volunteers for the refuge for 12 week periods. The get onsite housing and a subsistence allowance of \$120 per week, courtesy of CNHA. Duties include staffing the visitor center, working on interpretive displays and programs, minor grounds upkeep, and miscellaneous administrative duties.

Volunteers – Volunteers are needed to help run the visitor center. Shifts are 4 or 8 hours, at least once a month. Help is needed year round but especially in March and November/December.

For information about any of these activities, please contact outdoor recreation planner Yvonne Schultz at Yvonne_Shultz@fws.gov for more information.