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### **Celebrating Your National Wildlife Refuges**

Looking for fall fun? Come join the National Wildlife Refuge Week Celebration at Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM to 4 PM. Visitors will be admitted to the refuge free of charge to enjoy a wildlife art show, a variety of family activities, and refreshments at the Herbert H. Bateman Educational and Administrative Center. Nature programs will be conducted throughout the day including an exciting live-animal presentation at 11 AM by the Virginia Living Museum. Visit with a variety of conservation organizations such as the Salisbury Zoo, National Park Service, and Natural Resources Conservation Service. Come climb the historic Assateague Lighthouse or board the wildlife bus tour offered by the Chincoteague Natural History Association.

This year, don't miss the extraordinary art exhibit featuring finalists of the 2007 Federal Duck Stamp Art Contest, the oldest and most prestigious wildlife art competition in America. The sales of Federal Duck Stamps raise approximately \$25 million each year for the purchase of wetland habitat throughout the country for the National Wildlife Refuge System.

Volunteers are needed to make this year's celebration a success. Stop by the refuge or call Laurel Wilkerson at (757) 336-6122 for more information about this year's celebration and how you can help.

See you there!

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