

Migration Celebration Volunteer Handbook

by Migration Celebration Planning Committee
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Migration Celebration is one of our biggest volunteer projects. It's sponsored by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and Friends of Brazoria Wildlife Refuges. Numerous volunteers from several organizations work many hours to make the celebration a success. Many of these volunteers are members of the Cradle of Texas Chapter. In fact, COT chapter provides more volunteers than any other organization.

This year's Migration Celebration is scheduled for April 15-17, 2011.

- April 15 - Kickoff Dinner at RiverPlace in Freeport starting at 5:30 pm.
- April 16 - San Bernard NWR, 7:00 am to 6:00 pm. Main events start at 9:00 am
- April 17 - San Bernard NWR, 7:00 am to 5:00 pm. Main events start at 1200 noon

If you have already signed up to volunteer, this handbook is for you, the volunteers that make Migration Celebration a success.

And if you haven't signed up, we hope you'll be inspired to do so!

TMN-COT members please note: participation at Migration Celebration events is approved for volunteer credit. You may claim volunteer time for all hours serving as a volunteer, plus travel time, up to 2.00 hours per round trip from your home to the Migration Celebration.

Of course, you can't claim volunteer credit if you're just visiting Migration Celebration (and not participating) in a scheduled volunteer activity. But there's much to see at Migration celebration, so we hope you'll spend some non-volunteer time just wandering around the campus and joining in visitor activities.

On the following pages, you'll find several event schedules and several other documents to assist you in your volunteer duties.

We hope your enjoy Migration Celebration!

—Migration Celebration Planning Committee

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Every USFWS volunteer must have an annual *Volunteer Services Agreement* on file with the Texas Mid-Coast National Wildlife Refuge Complex Headquarters before performing any volunteer work on federal property. If you have not signed a Volunteer Services Agreement for the year 2011, see Page 5.

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Please note: This document does *not* include volunteer assignment schedules (they keep changing). The most recent volunteer assignment schedules are published on the Migration Celebration website:

<http://migrationcelebration.org/Volunteers.html>

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Migration Celebration Volunteer Handbook Emergency Contact Personnel

Volunteer Coordinator	 Emergency Response Coordinators 	
		
Ed Barrios Cell phone number 979-415-4998 ed77566@comcast.net	Shane Kasson Cell phone number 979-299-9231 shane_kasson@fws.gov	Curtis Jones Cell phone number 979-299-3965 curtis_jones@fws.gov
		

Contact personnel will carry cell phones at all times during Migration Celebration. Please program the cell numbers into *your* cell phone.

If you have an iPhone or other smartphone, use your cellphone's camera to scan the QR codes. Your phone will automatically download the contact information and place it in your phones contact file. You may need a special app for this purpose; search for "QR code reader app" at Google.com.

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First Aid Kits and Fire Extinguishers

These items are located:

- On every US Fish & Wildlife Service vehicle and in every building.
- At the West Brazos Emergency Medical Services Exhibit.

For first aid service, direct visitors to the EMS ambulance exhibit.



West Brazos Emergency Medical Services personnel will be on duty at their exhibit on the main Migration Celebration Campus (San Bernard NWR) throughout Migration Celebration.

Even if you don't need first aid service, stop by and take a look at their facilities.

For life-threatening and major medical emergencies DO THREE THINGS:

- Call 911 and tell the operator where you are. See table below.
- Notify one of the Emergency Response Coordinators at **979-299-9231** or **979-299-3965**
- Notify the Information Booth (Ed Barrios) at **979-415-4998**.

MIGRATION CELEBRATION 2010 VENUES	
<p style="text-align: center;">SAN BERNARD NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE</p> <p>6801 County Road 306 1.3 miles southwest of FM2918 Meeting point: Information Booth at entrance Callback Number: 979-415-4998</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">BRAZORIA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE</p> <p>Off County Road 227 1.8 miles northeast of FM523 Discovery Center is 3.0 miles east of entrance Meeting Point: Do your best to explain it Callback Number: Your cell phone number</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">QUNITANA NEOTROPICAL BIRD SANCTUARY</p> <p>Off County Road 712 (Quintana Road) 2.1. miles northeast of FM1495 Opposite Quintana City Hall Meeting Point: QNBS Main Entrance Callback Number: Your cell phone number</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">DOW WOODS UNIT of SAN BERNARD NWR</p> <p>Off County Road 288 (Old Angleton Road) 0.8. mile north of FM2004 Meeting Point: Parking lot Callback Number: Your cell phone number</p>

In case of any call to 911, please remain with the victim until help arrives.

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Every volunteer must submit a Volunteer Services Agreement before participating in any activity at any National Wildlife Refuge. If you have not already submitted a VSA form for the year 2011, you must complete one before you can participate in Migration Celebration volunteer activities.

This procedure protects you. While you are engaged in any activity at any National Wildlife Refuge, you are covered by the same liability, property damage, and personal injury insurance that covers employees of the United States government, *provided that*:

- You provide the information requested on this form (except "Shirt Size"), sign the form, and submit it as indicated below.
- You complete the required work records attesting to the dates and hours during which you were performing volunteer duties.

You may obtain a blank VSA form from Ed Barrios, Migration Celebration Volunteer Coordinator, or you may download a copy of the form at the following address:

http://refugefriends.org/Forms/Volunteer_Services_Agreement.pdf

After you complete the form, please bring it with you when you arrive at Migration Celebration.

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Daily Public Event Schedules
Friday, April 15**

PROGRAM and FUNDRAISING EVENTS RiverPlace, Freeport, Texas	
5:30 p.m.	Doors Open <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Silent Auction Bidding Opens • Photo Contest Exhibit Opens • Nature Store Opens • Friends of Brazoria Wildlife Refuges Booth Opens • Dinner Ticket Sales begin • Amazing Adventures Sign-Up
6:30 p.m.	Dinner Serving Line Opens
7:30 p.m.	Dinner Serving Line Closes
7:45 p.m.	Silent Action Bidding Closes Introductory remarks... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • About Migration Celebration • Program Introduction
7:55 p.m.	Keynote Address <i>Nature Photography: Tips, Tricks, and Temptations</i> By Kathy Adams Clark KAC Productions http://www.kathyadamsclark.com How-to tips, some neat things you can do with nature photography and gadgets, tempting gadgets and techniques as well at tempting things that cross the line.
8:45 p.m.	Closing Remarks
After Closing Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Silent Auction winning bidders pick up and pay • Nature Store reopens • Amazing Adventures Sign-Up

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Saturday April 16

7:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Event: Bird Banding Demonstration
9:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Amazing Adventure: Birding by Ear Starting Location: Information Booth
9:00 AM	Main Activities Begin at San Bernard NWR
9:00 AM - 6:15 PM	Information Booth <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pick up a free Map and Schedule • Pick up a free Junior Naturalist Passport • Sign up for Marsh Buggy Tour on Wolfweed Reservoir • Sign up for Bobcat Woods Tour • Sign up for Kayaking on Cedar Lake Creek • Sign up for Moccasin Pond Van Tour • Sign up for Beginning Nature Photography Workshop & Walk • Sign up for Other Amazing Adventures
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Children's Discovery Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bow Hunting • Bug Sweeping • Crabbing for Kids • Fire Fighting for Kids • Fish Casting with Rod and Reel • Nature Studies with a Microscope • Pond Life • Live Critters: Alligators, Snakes, and Turtles
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	TPWD's Coastal Expo <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crab Marsh • Glass Bottom Stream • Discovery Boxes • Fish Prints • Beach Goodies • Fish Rubbing Tables • Nature Puzzles
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Junior Naturalist Program
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Van Shuttles to and from other venues

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9:00 AM - 6:00 PM	Exhibits Building <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exhibitors Check out exhibits by several local organizations • Photo Contest Exhibit See all photos entered in the 2011 Photo Contest • Nature Store Operated by Friends of Brazoria Wildlife Refuges Hats, T-Shirts, and other items Claim Junior Naturalist Prize
9:30 AM - 10:30 AM	Event: EarthQuest Birds of Prey Show
9:30 AM - 5:00 PM	Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marsh Buggy Tours on Wolfweed Reservoir <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moccasin Pond Van Tours • Kayaking on Cedar Lake Creek • San Bernard Oak Interpretative Walking Tour
10:30 AM - 11:20 AM	Event: Beginning Nature Photography Workshop & Walk Conducted by Denis Mudderman, Volunteer
11:00 AM - 4:30 PM	Vendors - Food Service and Bake Sale
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Event: Reptile Identification and Ecology Conducted by Curtis Jones, Assistant Refuge Manager
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	Event: Wild Cats of Texas Conducted by Mark Klym, Wildlife Diversity, TPWD.
1:00 PM - 1:50 PM	Event: Beginning Nature Photography Workshop & Walk Conducted by Denis Mudderman, Volunteer, USFWS
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Event: Reptile Identification and Ecology Conducted by Marc Ealy, Area Manager
2:30 PM - 3:30 PM	Amazing Adventure: Nature Tour of Bobcat Woods Conducted by David Heinicke, Park Naturalist, Brazos Bend State Park
4:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Event: Rocket Netting Demonstration Conducted by Marc Ealy, Area Manager, Nannie M. Stringfellow Wildlife Management Area
4:45 PM - 6:00 PM	Event: EarthQuest Birds of Prey Show

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Sunday April 17

7:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Event: Bird Banding Demonstration
7:15 AM - 11:00 AM	Amazing Adventure: Neotropical Birding Starting Location: Quintana Neotropical Bird Sanctuary Parking is available near the Sanctuary entrance Advance registration is required. Call 866-403-5829 to register
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Amazing Adventure: Herpetology Tour Starting Location: Information Booth Advance registration is required. Call 866-403-5829 to register
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Amazing Adventure: Naturalist Walk in the Dow Woods Unit Starting Location: Dow Woods Unit Parking Lot Advance registration is required. Call 866-403-5829 to register
12:00 PM	Main Activities Begin at San Bernard NWR
11:30 AM - 5:15 PM	Information Booth <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pick up a free Map and Schedule • Pick up a free Junior Master Naturalist Passport • Sign up for Marsh Buggy Tour on Wolfweed Reservoir • Sign up for Kayaking on Cedar Lake Creek • Sign up for Moccasin Pond Van Tour • Sign up for Beginning Nature Photography Workshop & Walk
12:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Children's Discovery Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bow Hunting • Bug Sweeping • Fire Fighting for Kids • Fish Casting with Rod and Reel • Nature Studies with a Microscope • Pond Life • Live Critters: Alligators, Snakes, and Turtles
	TPWD's Coastal Expo <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crab Marsh • Glass Bottom Stream • Discovery Boxes • Fish Prints • Beach Goodies • Fish Rubbing Tables • Nature Puzzles
	Junior Naturalist Program

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Sunday April 17

12:30 PM - 4:00 PM	Van Shuttles to and from other venues
	Exhibits Building <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bake Sale • Exhibitors Check out exhibits by several local organizations • Photo Contest Exhibit See all photos entered in the 2011 Photo Contest • Nature Store Operated by Friends of Brazoria Wildlife Refuges Hats, T-Shirts, and other items Claim Junior Naturalist Prize
	Food Service Building <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food Service
12:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marsh Buggy Tours on Wolfweed Reservoir Last shuttle to Wolfweed Reservoir leaves Information Booth at 3:30 PM • Moccasin Pond Van Tours Last Van Tour leaves Information Booth at 4:00 PM • Kayaking on Cedar Lake Creek Last shuttle to the Kayak Dock leaves Information Booth at 3:30 PM • San Bernard Oak Interpretative Walking Tour Last shuttle to Trailhead leaves Information Booth at 4:00 PM
1:00 PM - 1:50 PM	Event: Beginning Nature Photography Workshop & Walk Conducted by Denis Mudderman, Volunteer US Fish & Wildlife Service.
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	Event: EarthQuest Birds of Prey Show
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Event: Reptile Identification and Ecology Conducted by Curtis Jones, Assistant Refuge Manager San Bernard National Wildlife Refuge
3:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Event: EarthQuest Birds of Prey Show

Migration Celebration Volunteer Handbook Information Booth Instructions Summary of Duties

- The “Bus Stop” for shuttle and tour vans
- Disperse event schedule/map
- Promote bird watching van tours
- Sign up marsh buggy tours
- Sign up Cedar Lake Creek kayaking.
- Sign up Bobcat Woods Walk.
- Promote and sign up Sunday Amazing Adventures
- Promote Kids Crabbing
- Promote San Bernard Oak trail walk
- Promote Reptile Talks
- Promote Kids Discovery Program
- Promote Birds-of-Prey Shows
- Promote Exhibits
- Promote Rocket Netting
- Promote Food Tent
- Promote Gift Shop in Exhibition Hall
- Promote Junior Naturalist
- Serve as Communication Center for MC10
- Survey visitors
- Estimate Attendance

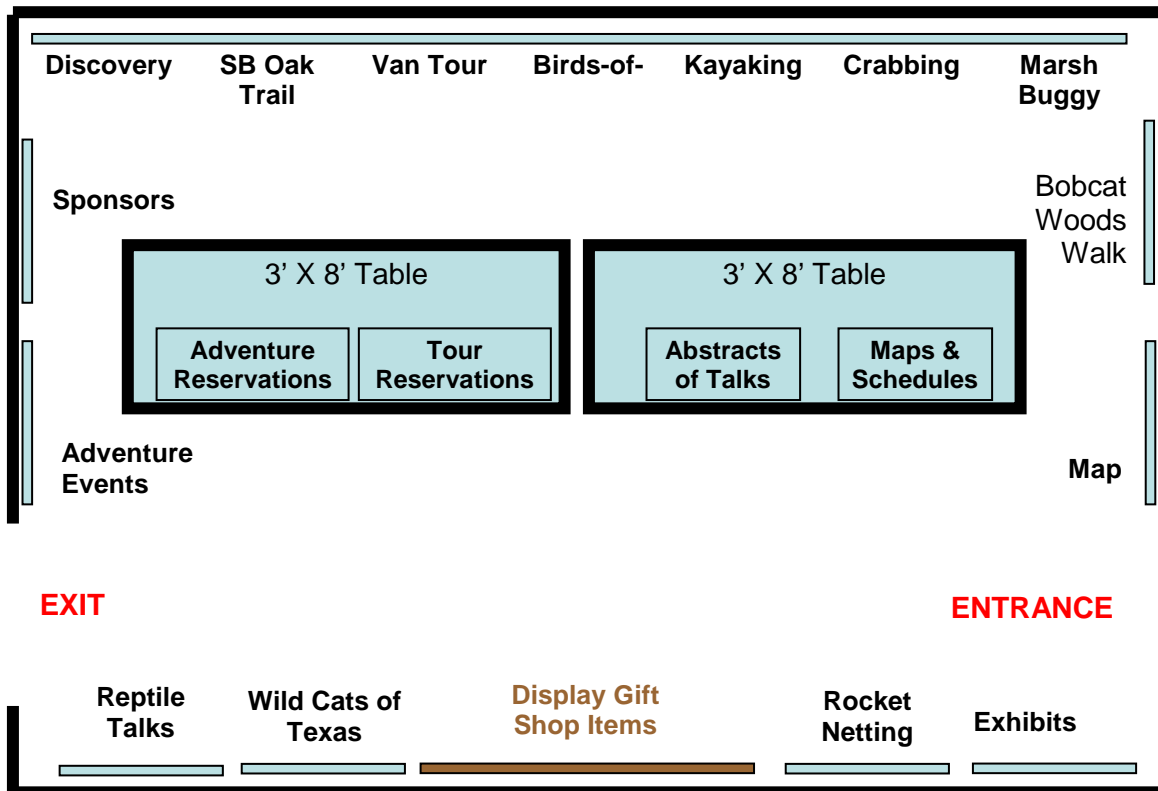
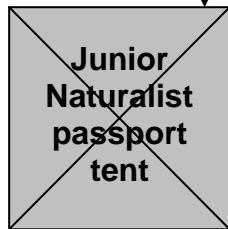
TMN Cradle of Texas chapter members: please wear your *Texas Master Naturalist* Shirt and your COT name tag.



Ed Barrios is the MC2011 Volunteer Coordinator. He will be wearing his cell phone at all times during MC2011
979-415-4998

Information & Tour Reservations

Refer Junior Naturalist passport requests here



Migration Celebration Volunteer Handbook Information Booth Instructions KAYAKING CEDAR LAKE CREEK

- For adults 18 and over, and children 12 to 17 accompanied by a responsible adult (parent or guardian).
- Saturday: 7 one hour sessions, 8 single kayaks, 2 double kayaks (twelve guests per session; day's capacity = 84), starting at 10:00 am.
- Sunday: 4 sessions: day's capacity = 48, starting at 1:00 pm.
- Each session:
 - 10 minutes safety & orientation.
 - 40 minutes on the water (20 min. upstream, 20 min. down stream).
 - 10 minutes disembarking.
 - Two naturalist guides per session.
- A dedicated "Kayaking" van leaves information booth ½ hour before each session.
- Launch area has a tent, hay bail seats, port-o-potty, and trash cans, recycle containers, and bottled water, Water is free to volunteers, suggest \$1.00 donation for guests (donation box is inside ice chest).
- **All participants (or responsible adult of children 12 to 17) must sign a "Release of Liability" (at info booth).**
- They will then be placed on a manifest with a boarding time reservation. Only those on the manifest will be allowed to kayak; the manifest will be taken by the driver of the kayak shuttle van.
- Participants will be standing in the water to get in the kayak. Shoes and socks will get wet; they need to know and accept this fact.
- Participants may fall/tip into the water. They must be able to swim. They are urged to leave valuables ashore (wallets, cell phones, watches, cameras, electronic car keys, etc.). We suggest leaving these items in their vehicle (and car keys in a Ziploc® bag). **The info booth has Ziploc® bags.**
- Participants are urged to carry water to avoid dehydration.
- The kayak launch crew is linked to the info booth via cell phones.

KAYAK GUIDELINES

- Make sure that each participant signs a release form.
- Confirm their understanding of what van they are to take.
- Insure that they know they will get a bit wet, standing in water to mount and dismount the kayak.
- **Have each participant confirm that they can swim. If they can not, do not sign them up.**

Migration Celebration Volunteer Handbook Information Booth Instructions MARSH BUGGY TOURS

- 12 passenger buggies depart from Wolfweed Lake Pavilion every half hour starting at 10:00 on Sat. & 12:30 on Sun. We will have two buggies operating.
- A dedicated "Marsh Buggy Van" will depart the Information Booth ½ hour before each departure.
- The tour will last about 40 minutes, pass by a colonial bird rookery and lakes with alligators, and finish in a moist soil marsh.
- Wolf Weed Pavilion has hay bail seats, and trash cans including recycle containers. We will have an ice chest in the pavilion for water and a donation box. (suggest \$0.50/bottle).
- Permanent toilets are located nearby at the Bobcat Woods trailhead.
- **BOARDING PASSES** are required to board a marsh buggy. Reservations are only made in the information booth, whence a boarding pass is issued. The passes note the time of departure from the Information Booth.
- Cell phones will be used to communicate with the information center.
- The driver of the marsh buggy van shall collect the boarding passes from the guests and return the passes to the Information Booth.

MARSH BUGGY GUIDELINES

- There are only 156 passes for the 13 rides on Sat. & 84 passes for the 7 rides on Sunday.
- 12 Adults are tight both for the van and the marsh buggy. **Reserve at least two slots per ride for smaller children.**
- Only two buggies will be operating this year, so buggy drivers must stay on time.
- Buggy drivers will communicate any delays or mechanical problems to the Information Booth.

Migration Celebration Volunteer Handbook Directions for Junior Naturalist Activity (Green Passport)



GOAL: Help children learn a few things about nature and have FUN!!!!!!

At each station:

- Have each person manning a station look at the Passport to make sure they share the answer to the question(s) for their station as part of the information passed along to the participants
- Have someone responsible for reviewing the answers the child has written in their Passport. If they did not get it right, help them find the correct answer.
- Stamp the child's Passport with the stamp provided.
- Help them find their next station, the campus map has an X marked on each area participating in the Junior Naturalist Activity.
- Sites participating:
 - Photo contest in Exhibitor Hall
 - Snake Presentation
 - Life Animals
 - Discovery Boxes – Coastal Expo
 - Birds of Prey Show
 - Microscopes
 - Pond Life
 - Fish Casting
 - Fire Fighting
 - Archery
 - Crab Marsh – Coastal Expo
 - Visit Master Naturalist Booth in Exhibitor Building

Youth that get 7 of the 12 stamps will get an award if they present their passport to the Friends Nature Store in the Exhibitor Building.

Junior Naturalist PASSPORT

Migration Celebration

Name

Migration Celebration Volunteer Handbook Severe Weather Policy

When there is a potential for severe weather that could affect any of the sponsored events of the Migration Celebration, this policy shall be in effect. At a minimum, an event leader shall check the current weather forecast at least in the morning prior to any event and again at noon.

The weather forecast (including weather radar) shall be checked at least hourly. Access to Internet shall be maintained in the refuge headquarter office and/or other computers that have on-site Internet access. If severe weather is observed to be approaching any MC venue, then the event leaders shall be notified and communication links shall be verified.

The frequency of checking shall be increased as appropriate.

If a storm containing lightning is eminent, then leaders at all remotes sites (Dow Woods, BNWR, QNBS, San Bernard Oak Trail) shall be immediately notified and all participants shall go as quickly as possible to a safe shelter. Safe shelters include buildings, automobiles, and vans. All vans that are situated at the headquarters site shall be dispatched to pick-up people at the remote sites. Other than van drivers, no one will be allowed to use a van at that time.

The following criteria shall be used to determine eminent severe weather that shall require temporary cancellation of events at remote sites (San Bernard Oak, Dow Woods Unit, Quintana Neotropical Bird Sanctuary).

- Radar shows a severe storm cell approaching an MC venue.
- Lightning can be observed regardless of direction.
- Thunder can be heard.
- The following criteria shall be used to determine eminent severe weather that
- requires the sheltering of those at the headquarters area.
- Lightning can be seen and thunder heard within 30 seconds.
- Radar indicates an approaching thunder storm.
- Events at remote sites shall not resume until thunder has not been heard for 30 minutes.

Local events can resume at the discretion of the event leaders.

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Guidelines for Van Drivers to/from Remote Sites

Kayaking - Crabbing - San Bernard Oak - Marsh Buggies

All Drivers - Please advise your passengers what's available at remote sites:

- Bottled water in ice chests, \$1 per bottle. Deposit money in containers in the ice chests.
- Pop up tents in case of rain or to get out of the sun.
- Hay bales to sit on while you are waiting for the vans.
- Trash containers for waste items.
- Portable bathrooms at the Kayaking/Crabbing and San Bernard Oak trailhead.
- Permanent bathrooms at Bobcat woods, just down the boardwalk from the marsh buggy loading area.

Van drivers to Kayaking and Marsh Buggy sites:

- *Someone will be available at the boarding site to assist you load the van.*
- Reservations are required for these events, and each guest must present a boarding pass when entering the van.
- Collect the boarding pass from each passenger.
- **Check each boarding pass to make sure the guest is boarding at the correct time.** (Some passengers don't seem to understand they have to board the van at the time indicated on the pass. Send any problem passengers back to the Information booth.)
- If a guest holding a boarding pass is not at the boarding site when the van is ready to leave, we may offer the seat to a "standby" visitor on a first come basis.
- When the van is fully loaded and you are ready to depart, please return all boarding passes to the person helping you load your van.

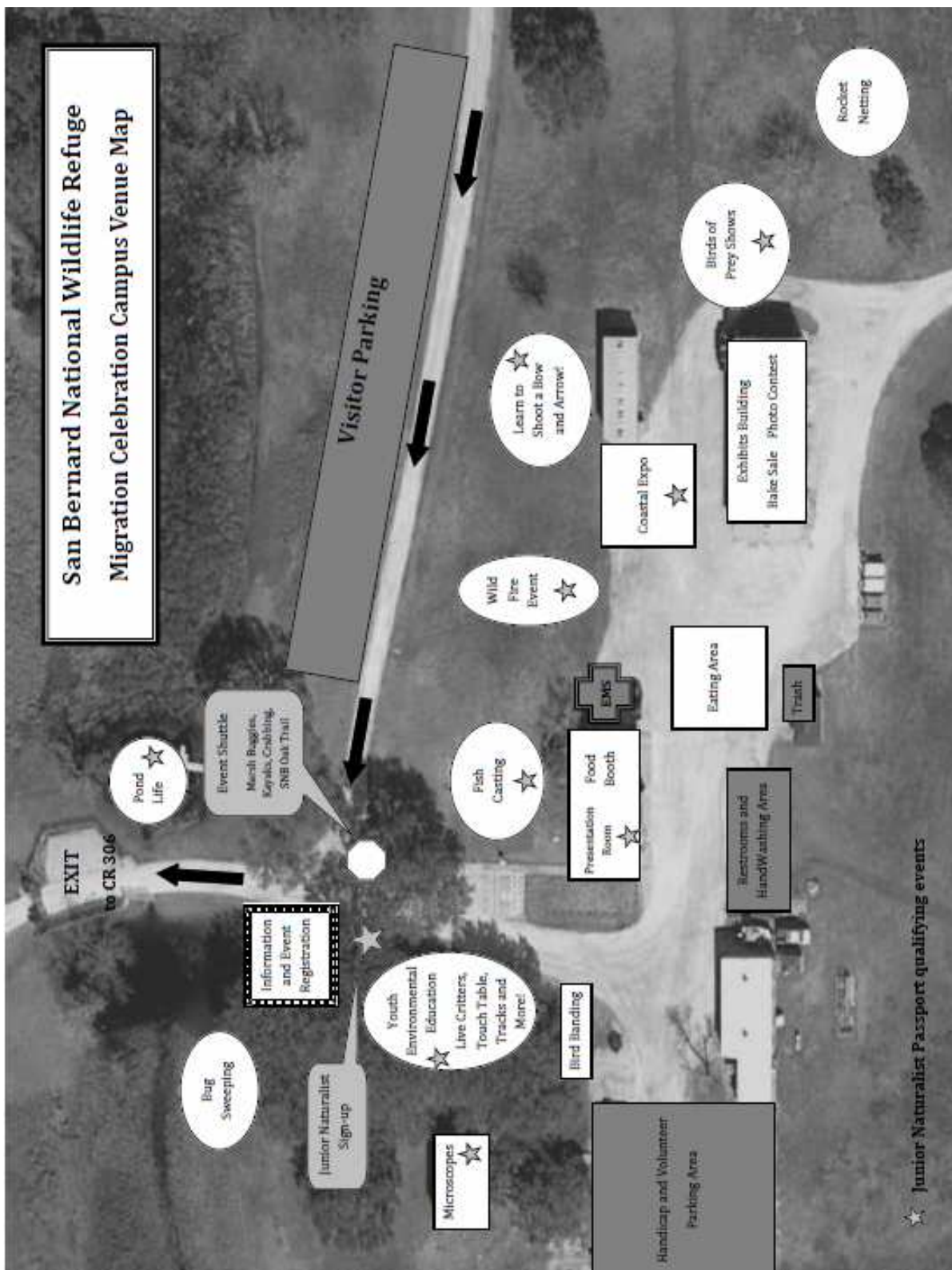
Van Drivers to Crabbing and San Bernard Oak ("Big Tree") sites:

- *Someone will be available at the boarding site to assist you load the van.*
- We need a headcount of everyone that is going to these sites to ensure we have sufficient volunteers. You will be provided with a clip board, paper, and pencil. We do not need names, just numbers of adults & children.

Guidelines for Moccasin Pond Van Drivers (Guides)

- *Someone will be available at the boarding site to assist you load the van.*
- Please load your passengers according to the manifest that is created at the Information booth.
- If a guest listed on the manifest is not at the boarding site when the van is ready to leave, we may offer the seat to a "standby" visitor on a first come basis.
- When the van is fully loaded and you are ready to depart, please return the manifest to the person helping you load your van or to the Information Booth staff.

Migration Celebration Volunteer Handbook Maps - Main Event Campus



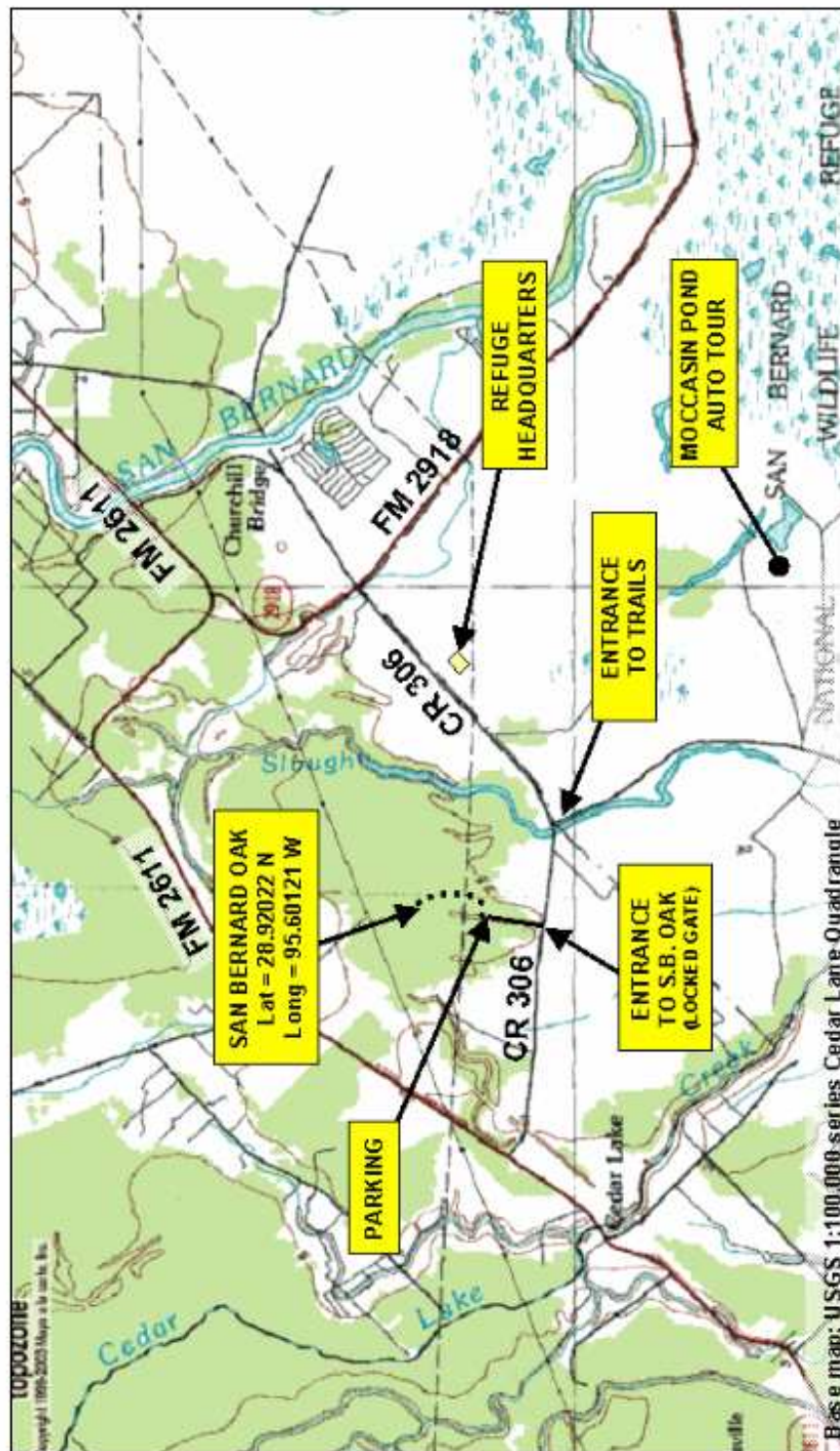
Migration Celebration Volunteer Handbook Maps - Main Event Campus

Map to San Bernard National Wildlife Refuge

This map identifies the locations of the San Bernard Oak and the Moccasin Pond automobile tour. These locations are open to the public during daylight hours. For further information, please visit the following pages on our website:

- http://refugefriends.org/moccasin_pond.htm
- <http://www.refugefriends.org/SanBernard/BigTree.htm>

During Migration Celebration, transportation to these locations is provided at no charge. **Please do not attempt to drive to these locations in your own vehicle during Migration Celebration.**

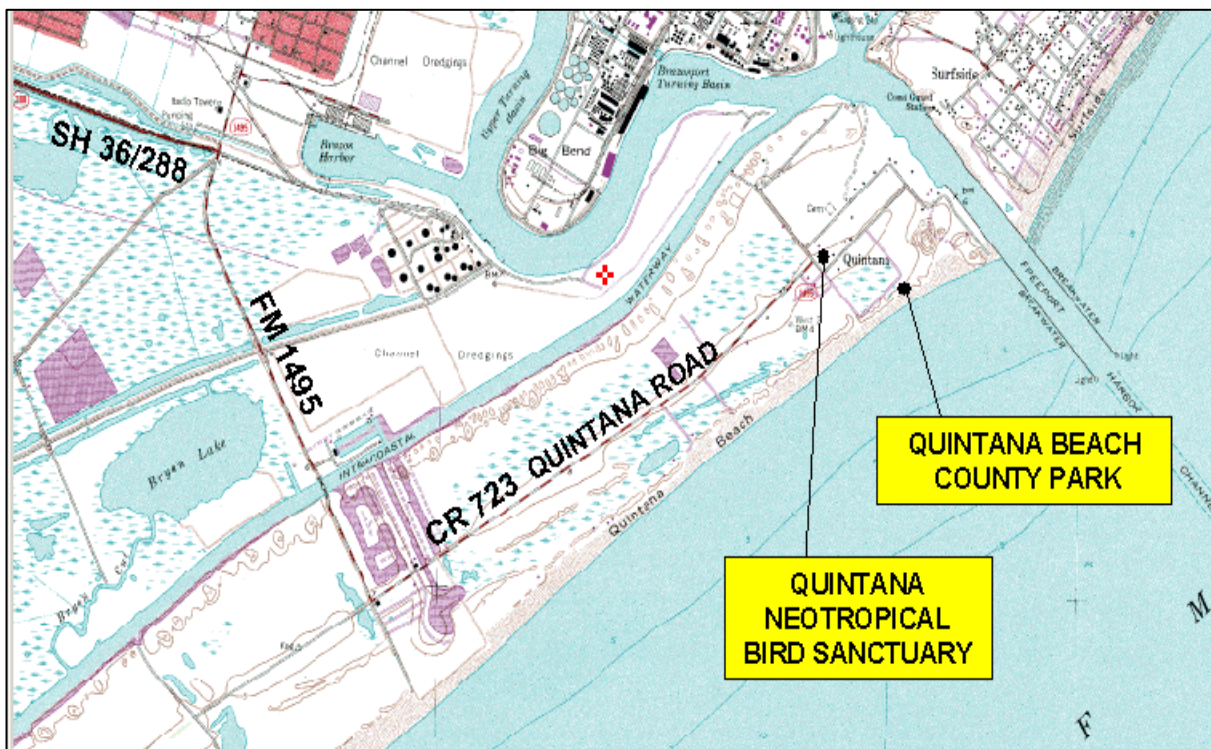
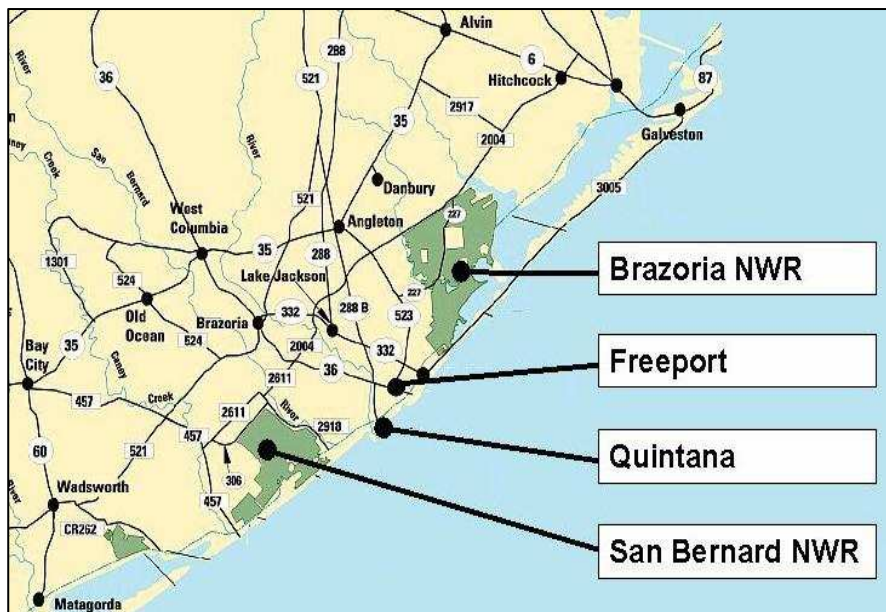


Migration Celebration Volunteer Handbook Maps - Quintana Neotropical Bird Sanctuary

Quintana Neotropical Bird Sanctuary is owned by the Town of Quintana and the Gulf Coast Bird Observatory (GCBO). It opened in 1994 with the Town's purchase of a small tract of land across from the Town Hall and a grant through Partners in Flight.

The sanctuary is a popular birding spot with trails, ponds and park benches and allows easy access and close viewing of migratory birds.

GPS COORDINATES		
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Maps - Dow Woods Unit of San Bernard NWR

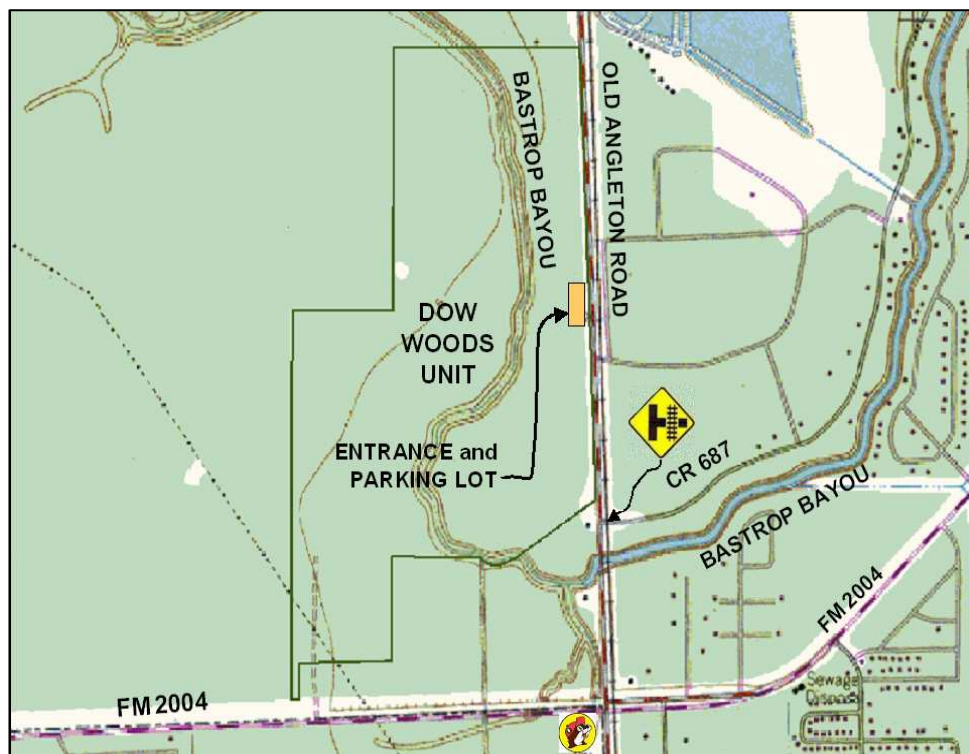
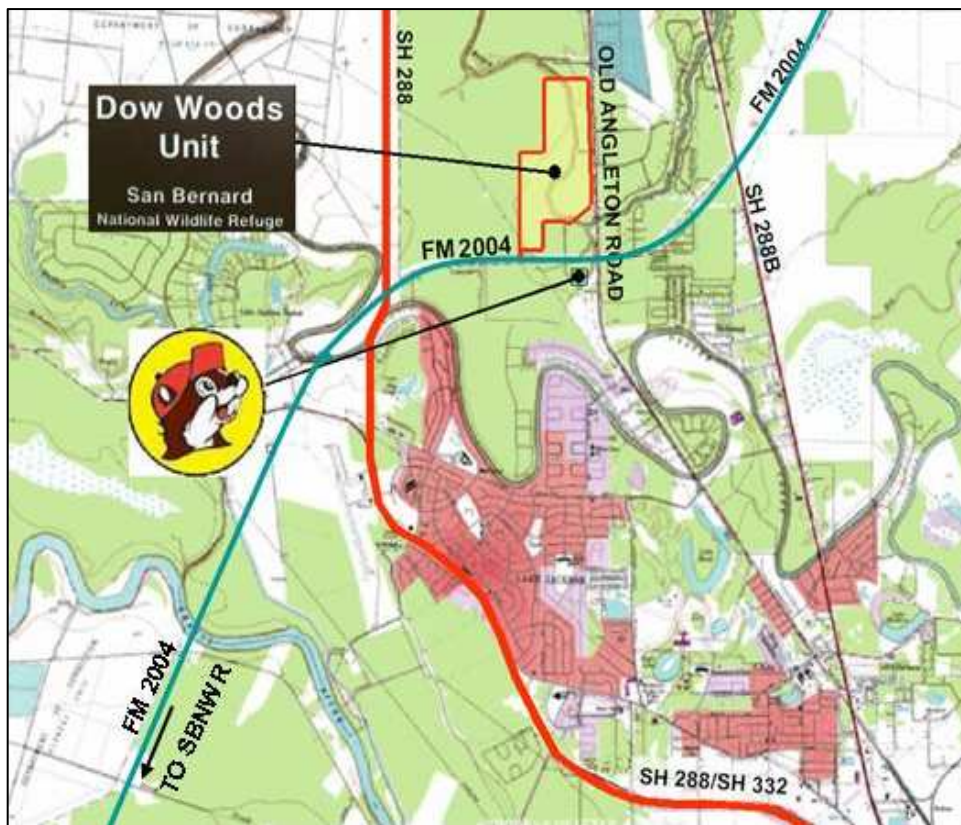
The Dow Woods Unit of San Bernard National Wildlife Refuge was donated to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service by The Dow Chemical Company in 2008. The property is covered by virgin hardwood riparian forest. Bastrop Bayou flows through the property

The Friends of Brazoria Wildlife Refuges, in partnership with the USFWS, The Dow Chemical Company, and the Houston-Galveston Area Council, is developing public-use facilities throughout the property. A concrete-surfaced trail, named in honor of John Tveten, is now open for public use.

John Tveten was a naturalist, author, photographer and longtime *Houston Chronicle* columnist. He died of cancer in 2009.

For more than 30 years, Tveten wrote about and photographed creatures of nature and wildflowers. He wrote numerous books and co-authored five with his wife of 51 years, Gloria.

Their books include *Wildflowers of Houston and Southeast Texas* and *Butterflies of Houston and Southeast Texas*, both published by University of Texas Press.



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Migration Celebration Planning Committee

Migration Celebration is sponsored by the following organizations:



Friends of Brazoria Wildlife Refuges. FOBWR is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting the Brazoria, San Bernard and Big Boggy National Wildlife Refuges. FOBWR raises funding through donations, grants, and gifts to help fund wildlife refuge projects, educational programs, and other activities. Members of our group are dedicated volunteers who work tirelessly at our area refuges and with our community. <http://refugefriends.org/>



U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service - Texas Mid-Coast National Refuge Complex. TMCNRC is a unit of the USFWS Southwest Region 2. It administers the following properties in Brazoria and Matagorda Counties:

- Brazoria National Wildlife Refuge
- San Bernard National Wildlife Refuge;
- Big Boggy National Wildlife Refuge.

<http://www.fws.gov/southwest/refuges/texas/texasmidcoast/index.htm>

The Migration Celebration Planning Committee, a joint committee of USFWS staff and FOBWR volunteers, administers Migration celebration. Members of the committee raise funds, arrange for publicity, plan and execute events, arrange for speakers and exhibitors, recruit and train volunteers, purchase and prepare food, manage the Silent Auction and the Friends Nature Store, manage daily Migration Celebration activities at San Bernard National Wildlife Refuge, present *Birds of Prey Program* programs at area elementary and Junior High Schools.



Photo: Tom Schneider

2011 Migration Celebration Planning Committee

Back row, from left: **Phil Huxford** (Planning Committee Co-chair; *Birds of Prey Program* Manager), **Denis Mudderman** (Photo Contest Administrator), **Torry Tvedt** (Exhibits Administrator), **Ed Barrios** (Volunteer Coordinator), **Sarah Heller** (Publicity Manager), **Tom Toroni** (*Moccasin Pond Tour* Leader; *Birding by Ear* leader), **Krissy Plunkett** (Friends Nature Store Manager).

Front row, from left: **Neal McLain** (Website Manager), **Marty Cornell** (Kickoff Dinner Team Leader; Information Booth Manager), **Mickey Dufilho** (Junior Naturalist Program Administrator; Presentations Leader), **Shane Kasson** (Manager, San Bernard National Wildlife Refuge, USFWS), **David Plunkett** (Planning Committee Co-chair).