



The Buzzard Bulletin

Notes & Information for CREW Trust Volunteers

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New season's schedule of CREW Trust events finalized

Calendar notes...

Volunteers who aren't leading a walk, tour, or seminar but who would like to attend can do so as a participant.

Most of the events require advance registration and while many are free, some do have fees. Volunteers who are also CREW Trust members may receive a discount on the registration fee.

Other programs will occur during the season where volunteer help would be greatly appreciated.

For more information, please check the online Volunteer Resource Library or contact Anne.

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3...

How to register for an event

1. At the CREW Trust web site, click on "PROGRAMS." In the drop down menu, click "Register for hikes & programs."
2. Click on the desired program; then click on "VIEW DETAILS."
3. Select the appropriate category and quantity of tickets, and register.

TICKET TYPE	SALES END	PRICE	FEE	QUAN
CREW Member -SSS	Ended	\$15.00	\$0.00	
Non-Member -SSS	Ended	\$25.00	\$0.00	

These dates are accurate as of October 1. Should weather or other unforeseen circumstances require a change of dates, a notice will be posted in the online Volunteer Resource Library and/or emailed to volunteers.

Strolling Science Seminars

- Nov. 4 Making Observations Count
Dr. Win Everham
- Dec. 15 Mosquitos
Dr. Neil Wilkinson
- Mar. 15 Swallow-tailed Kites
Dick Brewer
- Apr. 7 Butterflies
Dr. Brian Bovard

Wildflower Walks

- Oct. 14 Fall Wildflower Walk
CREW Marsh Trails
Brenda Thomas
- Mar. 24 Spring Wildflower Walk
CREW Marsh Trails
Roger Hammer

Fundraisers

- Nov. 3 Stanley Hole Golf Tournament
Old Corkscrew Golf Club
- Feb. 24 Concert & Silent Auction
Riverside Park, Bonita Springs

Member-only Events

- Jan. 13 Member Appreciation Picnic
CREW Trust office
- Feb. 1 Wine & Cheese Social
CREW Trust office

Volunteer-only Events

- Dec. 5 Social, Anne Reed's house
Estero
- Mar. 8 Social, Brenda Brooks' house
Olga
- Apr. 6 Volunteer Appreciation Day
location TBD

Flint Pen Strand Opening

- Jan. 19 Ceremony, restricted opening,
parking lot on Vincent Road

Family Fun Day

- Apr. 14 CREW Marsh Trails

Volunteer Training Sessions

- Oct. 11 Trail Steward
- Nov. 20 Intro to Flint Pen Strand trails
- Nov. 30 New volunteer boot camp
- Dec. 11 Education/school hike leader
- Jan. 11 Trail Steward
- Jan. 16 Guest speaker/evening dessert
- Feb. 3 New volunteer boot camp
- Feb. 8 Invasive Plant Walk
- Mar. 20 Butterfly & Wildflower Walk

Volunteer-led Weekly Walks

- November through March*
9 a.m. – 12 noon
- Tuesdays CREW Marsh Trails
- Wednesdays Bird Rookery Swamp
- Thursdays Flint Pen Strand (start Feb.)

Volunteer-led Saturday Walks

- 9 a.m. – 12 noon*
- Nov. 11 Cypress Dome
- Dec. 9 CREW Marsh Trails
- Jan. 13 Bird Rookery Swamp
- Feb. 10 Flint Pen Strand
- Mar. 10 Flint Pen Strand

Volunteer-led Bicycle Tours

- 8 a.m. – 12 noon*
- Jan. 6 Bird Rookery Swamp
- Feb. 3 Bird Rookery Swamp
- Mar. 3 Bird Rookery Swamp
- Apr. 7 Bird Rookery Swamp

Reminders for the start of the new season

Emergencies on the trails

When Flint Pen Strand opens in January, volunteers on those trails will be dealing with Lee County dispatch.

At **Flint Pen Strand**, call 911 (Lee County Dispatch). It accepts 911 calls, but it does *NOT* accept 911 texts. If 911 fails, call Lee County Emergency Dispatch at 239-337-2000.

The **Marsh, Cypress Dome, and Bird Rookery Swamp** trails deal with Collier County dispatch. Call 911 (Collier County Dispatch). It accepts 911 calls and it accepts 911 texts. If 911 fails, call the Collier County Sheriff's Office at 239-352-9300.

Quick notes

- **HOURS:** Please log all hours within a few days of volunteering (*see next column*). Contact Anne to retrieve a forgotten user name or password.
- **VOLUNTEER:** Please email Anne or Jessi if interested in volunteering to assist a hike, walk or program.
- **QUESTIONS:** For any questions concerning anything about being a volunteer, please call Anne.
- **INFO:** The online volunteer resource library is updated regularly with announcements and opportunities. Please check it out! The link and the password are at the far right.
- **SHIRTS:** Extra volunteer T-shirts are for sale. Long sleeve shirts are \$13 and short sleeve shirts are \$10.
- **MARK the DATE:** Save the date for this season's concert, **Feb. 24**. This event relies heavily on volunteer help in order to be successful.
- **NAME TAGS:** Some personalized name tags are still waiting for pick-up. Please contact Anne to get your name tag before season starts.

On the job

Trail Steward: CREW Trust's ambassador

The CREW Trust Trail Steward program places a volunteer on or near the trails to be a friendly and welcoming CREW ambassador to visitors.

Trail Stewards greet guests and talk to them about such things as what the CREW Trust is, what the trail conditions are, what the guest may encounter along the trail such as flora and fauna, and what the guests' expectations are for their visit. The Trail Steward can also provide safety information.

Trail Stewards create their own schedules. They can be from a few hours a month to a few hours a week. Whenever Trail Stewards wish to serve, they just show up and interact with guests.

It's a perfect situation for those who do not want to be tied down to a regularly scheduled program.

Contact Anne for more information about becoming a Trail Steward.

Getting it done

"As a Trail Steward, I greet everyone I meet. Some are first-timers; others are familiar faces.



"If visitors are willing to chat, I tell them a little about CREW, answer any questions, and alert them to trail conditions such as where the hawk nests are, where the gators are hanging out, where there's a hard-to-spot green heron, and where there's a cottonmouth by the side of the trail.

"I take photos while walking because I like to share what I've seen with the CREW online community.

"In January, I'm looking forward to being a Trail Steward at Flint Pen as well as at Bird Rookery Swamp."

by Bill Zaino

How to log hours

It's important for the CREW Trust to have an accurate count of volunteer hours, and to know how those hours were spent. That helps CREW Trust when applying for grants.

To log hours, including driving time to and from activities, here's a reminder how to do it.

1. Go to www.trackitforward.com.
2. Click "Sign in."
3. Enter your personal user name or email address and your personal password and click "Log in." If you don't remember your password, contact Anne.
4. In the next window, click "Log Hours."
5. Fill in the information (round to the nearest half hour) and when done, click the "Submit Time" button at the bottom.
6. At the upper right, click "Account" and then click "Sign Out."

Staying connected

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Web sites

www.crewtrust.org

www.trackitforward.com (hours)

www.crewtrust.org/crew-trust-volunteers (volunteer library—the password is **crew17**)

Good apps for smart phones

bsafe (emergency location alert)

weather bug (radar, lightning)

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