



*Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge
Stewards of the Upper Mississippi River Refuge
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Junior Stewards Program 2016



The US Fish and Wildlife Service and the Stewards of the Upper Mississippi River Refuge are offering an exciting program called Jr. Stewards for youth ages 9 - 14+. You are invited to join us for a year of exciting wildlife discovery. We will learn about and explore the wonders of the Upper Mississippi River NWFR.

Enrollment is free and limited to 16 youth and it is first come first serve. Please fill out the registration form and send it to 7071 Riverview Rd, Thomson, IL 61285. Or Email to stewardsumrr@gmail.com. We will begin February 1st. Registrations must be received by January 30th.

Dates: The first Saturday of each month, beginning February 6th, year round. **Time:** 9:00 a.m. - Noon
Topics may change.

Location: Ingersoll Wetlands Learning Center, 7071 Riverview Rd, Thomson, IL 61285 (815-273-2732)

Program:

February 6 th - Getting to know you and setting the stage for the 2016 season. (Mandatory Attendance)	August 6 th : Canaries of the Deep. Explore waters of the Mississippi River and discover various species of mussels.
March 5 th - Mobile Photography - Smartphone or digital camera - prepare for an adventure	September 10 th Kids Fishing Day at Frog Pond.
April 2 th : Bird Id 101 with Bob Walton	October 1 st : CSI Refuge Style - Special guest Darryn Witt and canine officer Rudy
May 21 st : Trip to Sand Bluff Bird Conservatory Rockford, IL (\$10/person)	November 5 th : Migration Sensation - spend the morning with expert birders and learn to identify various species of ducks as they migrate south.
June 4 th : Reptiles of the Refuge - working with Iowa State University students with the turtle project at the Thomson Causeway.	December 3 rd : Wrap up and Christmas Party
July 9 th : Canoeing Adventure in the backwaters.	