

# October 2023 Newsletter

## friends of LAGUNA ATASCOSA national wildlife refuge

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### (TX) Team Laguna Atascosa

Team Page

\$1,942 raised of your \$5,000 goal

We are very short of our goal. Please consider a donation.

By making a donation to our team,100% of your donation will go towards a van so we may resume backroad habitat & birding tours. And, thanks to the support of national donors and the Public Lands Alliance, a portion of your gift will be matched by the Amplifier Fund. To make a donation, **click the image above.** 

# Coctober Events LWILDIFF PRIMES TO

# National Wildlife Refuge Week (Free entry) OCTOBER 7 - 14, 2023

05	2p	Friends Science Series Workshop: Pollinators South Texas Ecotourism Center
06	lla	Wild Friends Storytime: Peregrine's Sky South Texas Ecotourism Center
19	5:30p	STEC Speaker Series: Dr. Sharon Wilcox OCELOTS! South Texas Ecotourism Center
10	8a	Join the Naturally Native Garden Team Laguna Atascosa Visitor Center
12	8a	Breakfast with the birds Laguna Atascosa Visitor Center
14	8a	Walk for the Wild w/team LAGUNA ATASCOSA Laguna Atascosa Visitor Center
21	8a	VOLUNTEER - Rio Reforestation Milagro Tract - Pharr, TX
28	8a	Bike the Bahia Bahia Grande Unit
28	9a	Photography Club Invitational Session Laguna Atascosa Visitor Center
28	5p	Full Moon dusk Hike: Mesquite Trail Laguna Atascosa Visitor Center

REGISTER: https://flanwr.org/eventCalendar

# Save the Date November

#### Watch for details on the website These are not inclusive

03 Join the Naturally Native Garden Team

03 & 04 Wild Friends Story Time

04 Friends Science Series Workshop Creatures of the Night

08-12 RIO GRANDE VALLEY BIRDING FESTIVAL

Come visit our booth

19 Friends Science Series Workshop Family Fish Camp

"Save the Date" events are presented to give you a look forward. Many of our events seem to fill up before the newsletter gets out! Always check the website events for accurate information.

## **CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS**

**EMAIL Amanda** 



## Inspiring People. Inspiring Friends.

#### NPLD Clean up at Laguna Atascosa NWR Sat, September 23, 2023



Our heartfelt appreciation for the volunteers! A special SHOUT OUT to the kids from San Benito ISD & the UTRGV Biology department.

THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH!

#### The Heartbeat - Youth Spotlight



Dean found this during the recent NPLD Cleanup on Steve Thompson Wildlife Drive. Its the 2nd one he has found!

The message reads: To the person who found this,

I know you're trying and I know you're doing your best. Don't lose faith and know everything will always work for you! Don't give up your beautiful soul!

xoxo Love (ig) Vfornzie

If this is yours let us know! We couldn't read some of it and now EVERYONE wants to know where & when you sent your lovely message to Dean!

Dean is a regular volunteer who is as passionate about the Refuge as his mom, Nicole. Both can be found educating kids & volunteering for just about everything! Mom is currently the Board Secretary but has held many other positions like President AND Executive Director.

# Lacuna Brecuna

Migration Time click the image above to read

#### **GET OUTDOORS**

Great events to meet like-minded people & get your daily dose of nature;)

\* watch for rescheduling if the government shutdown impacts the dates

## WALK FOR THE WILD 2023

# OCTOBER 14, 2023 LAGUNA ATASCOSA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE



8:00am 5k walk - animal costumes encouraged:
selfie wall \$ finish line photo ops
games \$ prizes
FAMILIES WELCOME

Can't make it? Virtually walk 5k anywhere in nature during October 7-14.

Tell us about it, share it on social media and come get your FinishER sticker!

Registration Opens September 1st for both on-site or virtual



#### **October Inspirational Quote**



#### **OPERATIONAL HOURS**

#### See you at the Refuge!

Visitor's Center Wednesday - Saturday 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Nature Store Wednesday - Saturday 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Refuge Access Sunday - Saturday Sunrise to Sunset

Save Texas Ocelots License Plates

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The Nature Store

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