

Attwater Refuge Taking Youth Summer Employment Applications

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Attwater Prairie Chicken (APC) National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) is accepting applications for summer employment in the Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) program.

This program offers employment to youth interested in wildlife conservation for eight weeks in an outdoor atmosphere.

Enrollees will be paid the minimum wage for a 40 hour work week. Work will begin on June 7 and end on July 30, 2010.

Youth must be at least 15

years of age when the program starts and must be no more than 18 when the program ends. All applicants must be U.S. citizens and meet the eligibility requirements as set forth on the official YCC application.

No prior work experience is required, but we do encourage all youth interested in a conservation career, with a federal or state agency, to apply.

Employment is without regard to social, economic, racial or ethnic background.

The YCC program is for both

young women and men.

The YCC program is a well-balanced work-learn program that develops an understanding and appreciation of our environment and heritage.

Some of the projects the enrollees will work on are erecting Attwater's prairie-chicken acclimation pens, fenceline clearing, litter clean-up, exotic plant removal, community service, first aid/CPR certification, and environmental education.

Enrollees must furnish their own transportation to and from

the refuge daily. Work hours will be 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Applications will be accepted until 4 p.m. on April 19th, 2010 at the Attwater Prairie Chicken NWR, located approximately 6.5 miles northeast of Eagle Lake or 10 miles southwest of Sealy on FM 3013.

Mailed applications must be postmarked no later than April 16th.

Applications may be obtained from your local high school principal or counselor, by calling the Attwater Prairie Chicken NWR at (979) 234-3021 ext. 18, or by writing to P.O. Box 519, Eagle Lake, Texas 77434.

Selections will be accomplished by random drawing by an impartial person outside the refuge system to ensure fair selection.

A total of four applicants will be selected (2 boys and 2 girls) along with alternates in the order they are drawn.

All individuals selected must

have a social security number prior to going to work.

It takes about four weeks to

receive a social security number after applying to the Federal Social Security Administration.

Confederate Daughters Report On Meeting

The Shropshire-Upton Chapter 361, Confederate Daughters of the Confederacy met on March 11, at 2 p.m. at the Nesbitt Memorial Library meeting room.

There were nine members and one guest present.

Members present were Sabra Allen, Dorothy Cooper, Millycent Cordes, Carolyn Hastedt, Laura Ann Rau, Sonya Saul, Joyce Stancik, Joy Thompson and Sarah Uzzi.

The guest was Mary Lynn Skinner.

Secretary Joyce Stancik read the minutes from the meeting on Jan. 14. The minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer Sonya Saul gave the Treasurer's Report. It was approved as read.

Third Vice President Millycent Cordes reported on the

Col. Charles W. Tait Chapter 669, Children of the Confederacy.

She reported that the Children assisted at the Shropshire-Upton Chapter's Tea, which was held on Feb. 27, in recognition of the 110th Chapter Anniversary.

President Carolyn Hastedt gave a report on the Anniversary Tea.

She reported that about 40 people were in attendance.

She thanked all of the members who had served on the various committees in the planning and presentation of the Tea.

The Stafford Opera House meeting room was beautifully decorated for the occasion.

It was a wonderful afternoon for visiting and remembering.

Various Committees gave reports.

President Carolyn Hastedt

appointed the current officers to serve on a nominating committee for Chapter officers for the years 2010-2012.

The committee will present a proposed slate of officers at the next meeting April 8. Officers will be installed at the meeting on May 13.

Mary Lynn Skinner gave the program for the day.

The title of the program was "We can't all be Scarlett".

She displayed paper dolls showing the beautiful clothing that Scarlett wore in the movie "Gone With the Wind".

Mary Lynn was dressed in the type of clothes women of the Civil War era would have been wearing in real life.

Her dress was very simple with no trim or frills.

She also wore an apron, which was part of the everyday attire of women during the Civil War.

The meeting adjourned with the hostesses Dale Heinsohn, Laura Ann Rau and Carolyn Hastedt serving delicious refreshments.

Annual THC Conference Set For April 22-24

April offers a great opportunity for preservationists throughout the state to network in Houston at the Texas Historical Commission's (THC) 2010 Annual Historic Preservation Conference.

Sponsored in association with Preservation Texas, the conference will be held at the Westin Oaks Houston, April 22-24. April 2 is the early registration deadline for the conference and new this year is online registration, available at www.thc.state.tx.us.

The 2010 conference will include four concurrent session tracks — Resource Fundamentals, Resource Development, Preservation Advocacy and Public Engagement. Featured sessions include "Threatened Landmarks: Historic Bridges of Texas," "Bernardo Plantation Archeological Project" and "Recent Changes in State Cemetery Laws."

Conference attendees will also have the opportunity to participate and contribute their ideas for the THC's evolving Statewide Preservation Plan.

This year's keynote speaker is American West historian and biographer Michael Wallis, whose notable works include Route 66: The Mother Road, Billy the Kid: The Endless Ride and The Lincoln Highway: Coast to Coast from Times Square to the Golden Gate.

The conference also includes events honoring recipients of the T.R. Fehrenbach Book Award and two of the THC's most prestigious awards, the Ruth Lester Lifetime Achievement Award and the Curtis D. Tunnell Lifetime Achievement Award in Archeology.

The conference's Preservation Marketplace offers commercial and nonprofit vendors the opportunity to promote their goods by directly interacting with the preservation community.

The online conference brochure is available at www.thc.state.tx.us. Please contact the THC's Marketing Communications Division at 512.463.6255 for additional information.

Tips For Battling Seasonal Allergies

Allergy season bombards us with pollen and other allergens. But it's not just the great outdoors that cause allergies.

The Environmental Protection Agency reports that indoor organic air pollution levels can be two to five times higher than their outdoor equivalent.

It's time to learn how to fight back against allergies and the pollutants in our homes that trigger them.

More than 67 million Americans suffer from allergy symptoms, ranging from hay fever to asthma.

And many indoor pollutants -- including dust mites and pet dander -- are the top asthma and allergy triggers in young children.

Dust mites difficult to eliminate. A few precautionary measures, however, can make your home relatively allergen-free.

Suck It Up

Vacuuming is one of the fastest ways to eliminate many home allergens and learning to vacuum smarter can help.

Always clean a room from top to bottom, starting with curtains, tops of dressers and windowsills.

A good vacuum cleaner also is critical, such as those with stretch hoses and special brushes to clean difficult surfaces.

Consider bagless upright models with more powerful motors that can suck up dust mites from tough crevices, to get rid of lingering mites.

To maintain a healthy home environment, always use a vacuum cleaner with a built-in HEPA Exhaust Filter that captures par-

ticles, such as allergens, irritants and pollutants.

It Comes Out In The Wash

Regular washings of linens is key, and the hotter the water the better.

Wash bedding weekly with 140-degree water, which is hot enough to kill dust mites.

So long as the water is sufficiently hot, it isn't necessary to have an expensive washer with a steam cycle.

If you prefer to limit your hot water heater to 120 degrees or less to prevent scalding, consider a washing machine with a "sanitary cycle" that superheats water internally.

You also can choose special anti-allergen detergents.

Work The Room

Limiting clutter is one of the simplest ways to reduce home allergens.

And if you really want to make your home as allergen-free as possible, there are several easy and inexpensive homemade cleaning solutions.

For sanitizing countertops, spray a 50-50 mixture of water and hydrogen peroxide (the kind in a brown bottle) and wipe with a dry cloth.

Tough bathroom cleaning can be cleaned with a 50-50 mixture of water and white vinegar, while soap scum can be removed by sprinkling baking soda and scrubbing with a warm moistened cloth.

There's only so much you can do to combat outdoor contaminants during allergy season. Take that fight indoors and you'll have a better chance at breathing freely.

Termite Prevention Tips, Tricks

This spring and summer, your home could be under attack by termites, known as "silent destroyers" because of their ability to quickly and quietly cause serious property damage.

As the temperature increases, so does the potential for termite swarms and infestations by other insects seeking to chew up your home and its value.

In fact, according to the National Pest Management Association (NPMA), termites cause more than \$5 billion in property damage each year all across the country.

What's worse is that damage caused by these wood-eating insects is typically not covered by homeowners' insurance policies.

No matter where you live, wood destroying insects pose serious property risks and can seriously compromise the structural stability of a home.

Homeowners need to regularly inspect their homes, as these hungry pests typically remain hidden until damage to your house becomes visible.

The key to preventing pests from attacking your home is to eliminate their access to food, water and shelter:

- * Carefully inspect the perimeter of your home for rotting wood, mud tubes or a visible termite presence. Be vigilant!

- * Eliminate any sources of moisture or standing water, as water attracts termites and other insects.

- * Divert water away from your property through properly-functioning downspouts, gutters and splash blocks.

- * Seal cracks and small openings along your house's foundation, and screen windows and doors.

- * Keep tree branches and other plants cut back from the house.

- * Keep kitchens clean by wiping counters and emptying the garbage frequently.

- * Keep all food containers sealed and avoid leaving pet food dishes out for long periods of time.

- * Keep trash containers clean and sealed, both indoors and outdoors.

- * Do not stack firewood or lumber near your home, and inspect it carefully before bringing it indoors.

- * If your home is newly constructed, remove old form boards and grade stakes left behind.

- * If you see signs of an insect or termite infestation, contact a licensed pest professional promptly to treat it.

Remember, a termite colony can chew 24 hours a day, seven days a week, so if you see signs of a problem move quickly to contact a pest professional to eliminate it.

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- It's time to control county spending during these tough economic times, **NOT RAISE TAXES**...
- It's time to make up for lost time...

THE TIME IS NOW TO TAKE ACTION!

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