

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES –May 2010**

**Rescuing Animals due to Oil Spill:** The information below is from Patrick Gault - **Emerald Coast Wildlife Refuge**. They need donations and volunteers to help with answering phone calls at the ECWR. If you are able to assist in any way, please contact the ECWR at 850-650-1880. If you want to donate any of the items needed, you can bring them to Jackson Guard or take them directly to the facility.

If you are interested in taking a spill response/rescue training - check out the website below. The classes posted are full, but they are supposed to add additional classes. Without this type of training, you will not be permitted to assist with washing any oiled animals or any cleanup efforts because the oil is extremely toxic. I will send updates to everyone as more information is available.

<http://www.bereadyescambia.com/training/>

From Patrick:

ECWR Response to Oiled Wildlife Update

Today I have been in contact with incident command in Pensacola, specifically with BP's Wildlife Response coordinator for our area. I (the ECWR) am now their the POC for local response to oiled wildlife. I have also put in a request with BP's training coordinator to conduct volunteer training for the general public in our area, but have not received a response as yet.

There is a bird wash station being set up by Tri--State, the contracted response group, in Pensacola and I have been in contact with them and hope to visit the site soon. We are also actively working to set up our own holding and possibly washing stations locally as well.

I want to re-emphasize that we are ready and able to respond to oiled wildlife, and are on call 24/7. Oiled wildlife will be suffering from shock, hypo or hyperthermia, and stress and is typically stabilized for 24 - 48 hours before washing begins. Calling us directly at 850-650-1880 will save valuable time in the treatment process.

Please remember that once the oil is on the beach only individuals with specific training will be allowed onto the beach to conduct rescues, and under no circumstances should you handle a suspected oiled animal.

In support of our holding and stabilization areas we are asking for donations of the following items:

Baby blankets, Towels, Heating pads (w/o auto shut off if possible), Large Rubbermaid containers with lids, Heating lamps, Rubbermaid troughs (can be purchased at Tractor Supply in Crestview or on-line), Large backyard portable pools like found at Wal-Mart

I realize that the information about volunteering has been confused and at time inaccurate, for our part we are logging everyone who calls and will forward any solid information as we get it. As our response duties and needs become clearer, we will of course contact you with those needs.

Our biggest need at this time is for people who are willing to answer the phone at the refuge. You will respond to callers' frequently asked questions and add names to the volunteer list. Remember, every effort is important and valuable. Please contact Susan at 650-1880 if you are able to come in to answer the phone.

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### **Volunteers are needed to help with the Oil Spill**

- Please visit <http://www.volunteerfloridadisaster.org/> and sign up to volunteer if you are able.
- Volunteers are mostly needed to traverse beach areas and identify areas of oil sheen or tar mats.

#### **Organization: Hurlburt Youth Center**

**Opportunity:** Annual America's Kids Run

**Location:** On base

**Dates/Times:** May 22

**Interest Area:** Community, kids

**Volunteers needed:** 20 volunteers

**POC/ other details:** POC: Jim Harriott at 884-6355 or [james.harriott@hurlburt.af.mil](mailto:james.harriott@hurlburt.af.mil). On May 22 the youth center staff is conducting the Annual America's Kids Run. We could really use some help, maybe **15-20 volunteers to help with: Registration, Water Stations, and On-course guides/first aid.** We will meet at the youth running track south of the CDC, nearest highway 98. We would ask anyone that can help to be there at 0800, and we'll be done no later than 1200 noon.

#### **Organization: Muscular Dystrophy Association**

**Opportunity:** "Lock Up" assistance

**Location:** Pelican Beach Resort & Conference Center in Destin

**Dates/Times:** 14 May; 0900-1500

**Interest Area:** Community

**Volunteers needed:** see details below

**POC/ other details:** POC: Please call 681-6763 to register as a volunteer. They are looking for fun and hard-working volunteers to assist with: check-in, picture taking, contests, and games. Breakfast or lunch provided for the volunteers. Please call the POC number for times, and details for the volunteers.

#### **Organization: Bob Hope Village**

**Opportunity:** 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Bob Hope Memorial Charity Golf Classic

**Location:** FWB Golf Club

**Dates/Times:** 14 & 15 May

**Interest Area:** Community, widow assistance

**Volunteers needed:** Please contact POC

**POC/ other details:** POC: MSgt Glover at [jonathan.glover@hurlburt.af.mil](mailto:jonathan.glover@hurlburt.af.mil). Great fun for a great cause!!! I attached the volunteer roster I've got out there. Folks can select a time they want to help and fill out their info and send it back MSgt Glover for consolidation.

#### **Organization: Autumn House**

**Opportunity:** Clean Up, Build Up

**Location:** FWB Elder Services

**Dates/Times:** 15 May 2010; 1000-1200

**Interest Area:** Giving Back, community

**Volunteers needed:** 10-15

**POC/ other details:** POC: John Rice, [jrice1821@aol.com](mailto:jrice1821@aol.com), 803-6584.

Need folks who can assist at the Elder Services Autumn House clean-up and renovation project on Saturday, 15 May 10 from 1000 to 1200. Elder Service provides support services and counseling for senior citizens who live at their home or at senior centers to help preserve their dignity and independence.