

## Friends of the Bill Williams River and Havasu National Wildlife Refuges News and Upcoming Events for 2016-2017

**September 24:** The Havasu National Wildlife Refuge in partnership with Friends of the Bill Williams River and Havasu National Wildlife Refuges held its fourth annual Castle Rock Water Trail Paddle and River Clean-up. Over 60 community volunteers, Friends members, and Refuge staff paddled the 4.5 mile trail picking up trash along the way. Almost 1000 pounds of litter was collected from the edge of the Colorado River.



**October 29:** Friends will be picking up trash along a two-mile stretch on Highway 95 near the entrance to the Bill Williams River NWR. We will meet at the refuge headquarters at 9:00 am.

**November 12:** Friends annual Spaghetti Dinner and Raffle Fundraiser will be held in the bays of the Golden Shores fire station, from 4:00-7:00 pm. Dinner tickets are \$5.00 and raffle tickets for a \$1000 gift card to Bass Pro Shop are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20. There will be additional raffle prizes, Friends T-shirts and hats for sale, and a table with information about our two refuges.

**November 17:** Registration for Archery Training (December 5) is due. Contact [catherine\\_bell@fws.gov](mailto:catherine_bell@fws.gov).

**December 5:** Archery Training for those interested in becoming certified archery instructors will be offered from 8:00 am-3:00 pm at the Bill Williams River NWR.

**December 28:** Bill Williams River Christmas Bird Count; Contact Dr. Kathleen Blair at [kathleen\\_blair@fws.gov](mailto:kathleen_blair@fws.gov) for more information.

**December 29:** Havasu Christmas Bird Count; Contact DeeDee DeLorenzo at [deedeedelorenzo@gmail.com](mailto:deedeedelorenzo@gmail.com) for more information.

**January 6-8:** Havasu NWR and Friends in partnership with the Arizona Game and Fish Department will be conducting a Youth Hunter Education Hunt/Camp, January 6-8. For further information about youth participation or opportunities to volunteer as a mentor, contact the Arizona Game and Fish Department Kingman office at 928-692-7700.

**January 14:** Friends annual membership potluck luncheon and meeting will be held at the Golden Shores fire station beginning at 12:00 pm.

**February 17-20:** Great Backyard Bird Count

**March 7:** Archery Day will be held at Catfish Paradise for school children and youth.



This calendar will be updated as plans for additional events and activities are finalized. Several programs to be scheduled in February and March will be Friends and Family Fun Day at the Bill Williams River NWR and native tree planting in restoration areas in the Havasu National Wildlife Refuge.