



2017

***Friends of Iroquois
National Wildlife Refuge, Inc.***

<http://www.friendsofiroquoisnwr.org>

Membership Request/Donation

Mr/Mrs/ First Name _____ M.I. _____ Last Name _____

Ms

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

e-mail* _____ **Please include **

Phone # (____) _____

Membership Levels

- Double Eagle \$1,000
- Bald Eagle \$500
- Heron \$200
- Bluebird \$100
- Red Fox \$75
- Raccoon \$50
- Family \$25
- Individual \$15
- Business Sponsor \$50 minimum

Please mail memberships to:

Friends of Iroquois NWR, Inc.
1101 Casey Road
Basom, NY 14013
(585)-948-5445

Make checks payable to: FINWR, Inc.

Gift Membership Request*

Mr/Mrs/M First Name _____ M.I. _____ Last Name _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Membership Level _____

*Gift memberships will include a gift card to recipient on the donor's behalf.

Volunteering at Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge

I am interested in volunteering at the refuge (someone will contact you): YES NO

phone and/or e-mail: _____



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Reasons for Supporting Friends of Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge, Inc. (FINWR)

- Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge (INWR) is visited by an estimated 50,000 people each year. These visitors include hikers, bird watchers, hunters, fishermen, photographers, students of conservation and wildlife and others.
- Donations to FINWR may qualify for matching funds.
- Donations are tax deductible. FINWR is a registered 501(c) (3) not-for-profit organization. Check with your tax advisor.
- INWR is the only National Wildlife Refuge in Western New York

Projects completed or initiated by Friends of Iroquois NWR:

- Provided camera equipment so that the public and staff can view live Kestrels, bluebirds and tree swallows during the breeding and nesting season with no disturbance to the birds.
- Supporting interns for refuge related projects.
- Swallow Hollow Nature Trail completed and dedicated. FINWR provided partnerships, financing, planning and volunteer hours to complete this \$500,000 project, which is now used for pleasure and educational programs. There is now a Guide-by-Cell opportunity along this trail!
- Provided benches and rehabilitation to Kanyoo Trail so that visitors can view wildlife and nature. Partnered with the Boy Scouts, Iroquois Job Corps, and HSBC for this project. Interpretive signs created and installed.
- Water control structure purchased and installed on Cayuga sub-impoundment to enhance shore bird habitat and wildlife viewing.
- Supporting the Canisius Ambassadors for Conservation program *which has introduced 18,803 school children and adults to the N.W. Refuge System*, giving them an understanding of nature, biodiversity and conservation. In 2016, 1,258 students and chaperones from 20 schools participated.
- Funded the drilling of a well which monitors ground water levels.
- Supporting educational opportunities for volunteers and staff.
- Volunteers generally contribute several thousand hours of service each year.
- FINWR continues to support special events such as the Youth Fishing Derby, the Spring Into Nature Open House, Iroquois Observations program, Youth Waterfowl Orientation Day, Annual Photo Contest, Purple Martin Program, Blue Bird Banding, and a roadside trash pickup around INWR.
- In 2016, FINWR continued to support additionally the Seneca Pool Restoration and new interpretive trail available near the Visitor Center.
- The Flyway Nature Store provides nature related gifts and books with profits being used to support the projects and mission of the refuge.
- FINWR continues to expand membership and seek donations.