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Dear Volunteer,

Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge would like you, as a current volunteer, to join us Saturday, March 17th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm for a briefing on new volunteer policies, procedures, training, and safety requirements. At this time, current volunteers will get to meet new recruits and discuss the requirements of the volunteer program. We are strongly encouraging current volunteers to attend this orientation in order to complete FWS mandated annual training. If you can't make the orientation, it's important you contact Wildlife Refuge Specialist, Kate Brenner, before you come in to volunteer. She will orient you on the new procedures and direct you to the training requirements.

In addition to the orientation, a training session will occur on Saturday, April 7th. Please note this date change from the original date announced during the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. This training session is targeted for Environmental Education Volunteers and Naturalist Interpreter Volunteers; however, any volunteer may attend. You must attend the March 17th orientation or contact Kate Brenner to complete those requirements, in order to be eligible to attend the April 7th education and interpretive training.

Volunteers have always been an integral part of the Refuge, helping us to complete our Mission in the areas of outreach, environmental education and interpretation, facility and trail maintenance, habitat management, biological surveys, special events like Spring into Nature, administration, and much, much more. Individuals are assigned to volunteer tasks as appropriately as possible, taking into consideration their interests, experience, and availability, and the needs of the Refuge.

If you are interested in attending the upcoming orientation on March 17th, please RSVP to Kate Brenner at (585) 948-5445, ext. 7037 or kathryn_brenner@fws.gov by Thursday March 15. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided during the meeting.

Thank you for your continued volunteer service with Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge.

Sincerely,

Thomas P Roster
Refuge Manager