



## **CORFA: A Network of Support for the Friends Community**

Friends are nonprofit organizations and community partners that support the National Wildlife Refuge System and the National Fish Hatchery System. These organizations are made up of amazing folks who give their time and resources to engage our communities in the conservation, protection, and enhancement of our nation's wildlife and their habitats.

### **About CORFA**

CORFA is a community of Friends members collaborating to strengthen our organizations and our ability to support refuges, hatcheries, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service).



### **Mission**

The mission of the Coalition of Refuge Friends and Advocates (CORFA) is to foster a network of nonprofit organizations supporting the National Wildlife Refuge System and the National Fish Hatchery System.

### **What We Do**

We listen to the Friends community to learn what they need. A small core team helps to jump-start programs and identify resources usually found within the Friends community.

### **Creating Networks**

Private Facebook Group

- Coalition of Refuge Friends and Advocates' Facebook group is a private Facebook group that includes members from 70 percent of the Friends groups.
- It is a place to ask questions and to share information, insights, and experiences.

## Quarterly Newsletter

- The Link, an e-newsletter produced in cooperation with National Wildlife Refuge Association (NWRA), features articles by Friends highlighting their successful activities and programs, upcoming events, and other useful news.



## Providing Support

### Webinars

- Present at least once a month.
- Address topics dealing with partnerships with USFWS, operations of our nonprofits, and legislative issues affecting the Refuge System.
- Presented in partnership with NWRA.
- Webinar presenters are Friends members, Service and NWRA staff, and occasional outside experts.

**Website,** <https://coalitionofrefugefriends.com/>

- Sponsor is NWRA.
- Features blogs on issues of interest to Friends and weekly listing of free or low-cost webinars for nonprofits.
- Resource Center tab contains useful information, including recordings of webinars.

**Help for Friends Via Email** - Contact [coalitionrefugefriends@gmail.com](mailto:coalitionrefugefriends@gmail.com)

### Advocacy

- CORFA addresses the needs of the Friends community as nonprofits and partners of the Service.
- CORFA members amplify NWRA work to support the needs of the Refuge System.



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