



Coalition Of Refuge Friends and Advocates: 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



Coalition of Refuge Friends and Advocates (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 CORFA is to foster a network of nonprofit organizations that support each other, 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](#)

- CORFA's' 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.

Friends SHARE

- Monthly Zoom calls for Friends to get to know each other, offer support, and exchange ideas.

Providing Support

Webinars

- Presented at least once a month.
- Address topics dealing with partnerships with USFWS, operations of nonprofits, and legislative issues affecting Service managed sites.
- Presented in partnership with National Wildlife Refuge Association (NWRA).
- Webinar presenters are Friends members, Service and NWRA staff, and occasional outside experts.

[Virtual Hub](#)

- Website that features news and events of interest to Friends.
- The Resource Center tab contains materials to help strengthen your organization, including webinar recordings, and sources for free nonprofit webinars.
- Various discussion forums will be added in 2025.
- Sponsored by NWRA.

The Newsletter

- The Link, an e-newsletter, produced in cooperation with NWRA, features articles on specific topics by Friends highlighting their successful activities and programs, upcoming events, and other useful news.

Direct Email

- Email messages on timely news for Friends.
- Go to our [website](#) to sign up for these messages.

Partner with NWRA

- Together we work to amplify messaging, foster networking, attract funding, and strengthen the voice of Friends. For information on how CORFA and NWRA work together, [check out this trifold](#).

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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