



Pelican Briefs

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Chase Lake Foundation Annual Meeting on April 8

The seventeenth annual meeting of the Chase Lake Foundation will be held Tuesday evening, April 8, at 7:30 PM at the Fellowship Hall of the Zion United Church of Christ in Medina.

An official of the US Fish and Wildlife Service has been invited to discuss the status of USFWS refuges in the state and the opportunities they provide for nature tourism.

Annual reports will be presented at the meeting by the Foundation's officers and four persons will be elected to its board of directors. The terms of Karl Limvere, Deb Hoffman, Kimberly Murray, and Don Hofmann expire this year.

Chase Lake National Refuge Celebrating Centennial Year

Plans are underway to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Chase Lake National Wildlife Refuge.

The refuge was established by an executive order of President Theodore Roosevelt on August 28, 1908 to protect the American White Pelican which has made Chase Lake the largest nesting grounds for its species.

The Chase Lake Foundation has invited well-known humanities scholar Clay Jenkinson of Bismarck to do a formal portrayal of Roosevelt at a Chase Lake Centennial Pitchfork Fondue to be held at the Medina City Auditorium on August 28, 2008.



A new sign was installed recently so the Chase Lake Visitors Center located in the Medina City Hall could be more readily seen by visitors traveling down Water Street.

New Signs Going Up

Additional signs will be installed this spring and summer to encourage Interstate 94 travelers to stop in downtown Medina at the Chase Lake Visitors Center. A new sign has been added to the Visitors Center already to help tourists locate the center located in the Medina City Hall.

Two 3 x 16 ft. signs (see below) are planned to be added to the current Medina community signs on Interstate 94. Another sign will be added on the west side of the road coming into Medina giving directions to the Visitors Center. Currently, there is also sign at the corner of First Avenue and Water Street directing tourists to the center.

The Medina Lions Club has contributed \$250 towards the Interstate 94 signs and agreed to let the Chase Lake Foundation add its signs to the current community billboards which it owns. The Foundation is also seeking donations and grants for the remaining costs of the signage that it is planning.

The Chase Lake Visitors Center opened last year as part of the Foundation's efforts to develop increased nature tourism of the area.



Visitors & Information Center
Chase Lake Birding Fishing Hunting Heritage Center

Two new signs will be added underneath the Medina community signs on Interstate 94 this spring to welcome and invite visitors to the Medina community and to Chase Lake.

Centennial Year
USFWS Prairie Day
June 21 at Chase Lake

Prairie Day is an annual outdoor event designed to educate kids and adults alike about the values and beauty of native prairie. The informative day will start with the option of either an early-morning bird or wildflower walk through the prairie with biologists and members of the North Dakota Grazing Coalition. Landowners and ranchers Gene Goven, Steve Fettig, and Jeff Printz with the North Dakota Grazing Coalition will present an on-the-ground talk on "Managing for Healthy, Sustainable Grasslands." Refuge Manager Natoma Buskness will give a short, entertaining presentation on the 100-year history of Chase Lake NWR during the free picnic lunch.

Chase Lake National Wildlife Refuge is 10 miles north of Medina on County Road 68. At the Chase Lake NWR sign, turn west on 26th St SE. Travel 7 miles west (the last 4 miles are prairie trail) and 1 mile south to the Chase Lake Prairie Pass. The route will be marked; follow the signs. Registration begins at 7:30 A.M. The field tours begin at 8:15 A.M. Free lunch will be served at noon.

Prairie Day 2008 is sponsored by Audubon Dakota, Chase Lake Foundation, ND Chapter of The Wildlife Society, ND Game and Fish Department, ND Grazing Coalition, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Need more information? Please join us! Pre-registration is encouraged. To pre-register or for more information, please contact the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service office at Chase Lake NWR at (701) 752-4218. Field tours are conducted

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over uneven terrain and no walking paths are available on the prairies. The parking lot and lunch area are gravel and grass. There will be presentations on site that are handicapped accessible. If you have specific needs, please contact Chase Lake NWR and we will do our best to accommodate them. Liability for injury resides with the participant.

Birding Drives Dakota

The sixth annual Potholes & Birding Prairie Birding Festival, sponsored by Birding Drives Dakota will be held June 4 – 8, and will include an early morning guided birding tour of the Chase Lake National Wildlife Refuge on June 8. Pre-registration is required. More information is available from Birding Drives Dakota, PO Box 26, Jamestown, ND or www.birdingdrives.com or 1-888-921-2473 Toll Free or e-mail at info@birdingdrives.com.

Become a Chase Lake Foundation Member

Enclosed is a donation \$ _____ to become a member and to help the Chase Lake Foundation to move forward in its interpretative and educational programs and activities.

Enclosed is \$25.00 per person for _____ tickets for the Chase Lake Centennial Pitchfork Fondue on August 28, 2008 at the Medina City Auditorium.

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