

You are invited to the Friends of Wild River's

# Pancake Breakfast & Annual Meeting

Saturday, March 17, 9 – 11 a.m. at the Wild River State Park Visitor Center

We will start at 9:00 with the delicious Pancake Breakfast (members eat for free), featuring:

- Famous secret recipe organic buttermilk pancakes
- Wild River State Park's home-made Maple Syrup tapped from the park "sugar bush" last spring
- Fresh scrambled eggs, hot coffee and juice

The Annual Meeting will follow at 10:00. Topics to include:

- Last year's very successful programs and initiatives
- Reports from the Friends Board of Directors
- Plans for the upcoming year and beyond
- Presentation of the annual "Wild Friend" award
- Guest speakers will include:

**Brett Feldman**

MN Parks and Trails Council Executive Director



**New for 2012:**

## Silent Auction

- Private backyard tour with Naturalist Dave
- Overnight in a Tree House/Inn in central MN
- Sunrise Native Plants gift certificate
- Private dinner cruise on a houseboat
- And many more unique one-chance items!

\*If you can help donate an item to the auction, please email Tessa Hill at [KSEWW@aol.com](mailto:KSEWW@aol.com)

**New for 2012:**

## Membership Special

If your membership is renewed at or before the Annual meeting, you will be entered into a drawing for a FREE night stay in a camper cabin for up to six people at Wild River State Park. Your stay will be uniquely complimented with a guided nature hike or hour-long activity of your choice with the Park Naturalist. The drawing will be held at the Annual Meeting. You do not have to be present to win, so renew your membership today online or by completing the registration form in this newsletter!

Join us for a morning of friendship, food, and fun at the Visitor Center! And please bring any friends who might be interested in joining us and supporting Wild River State Park.



## Renew or Join NOW!

As mentioned on the opposite side of this handout, now is the time to join the Friends of Wild River State Park or to renew your existing membership. If we receive your dues on or before March 17<sup>th</sup> you will be entered into a drawing for a FREE night in a Wild River camper cabin, plus Park Naturalist Kacie Carlson will give you a guided nature hike or an hour-long activity of your choice.



## Just for Kids! Junior Friend Membership

Since when has having the chance to make a difference and be proactive in supporting Wild River State Park and our backyard nature been an adult-only thing? Kids can now join a unique group of Friends with the new Junior Friend membership for just \$5. Junior Friends will receive all the benefits of an adult Friend, a complete "Kids For Saving Earth" Action Guide, certificate of support, and annual Just For Kids e-newsletter with fun wildlife notes, games, and backyard activities from the Park Naturalist! Junior Friends can sign up online at [friendsofwildriver.org](http://friendsofwildriver.org) or by completing the registration form to the right.

## Search for a New Treasurer

We are sad to announce that the treasurer of the Friends group, Mo Whalen, has resigned his position due to personal and professional reasons. While he will continue to be on the Board and provide much needed experience and ideas, the group is looking for someone to help fill this very important and fulfilling position. If you, or someone you know, is interested in working with a fun, social group of people helping to restore, preserve, and share all that is Wild River State Park, please contact Friends President, Dave Kozlovsky, at 651-674-1526 or email him at [kozlovsky@northlc.com](mailto:kozlovsky@northlc.com).



# Friends Membership Dues

- Junior **Friend**, 12 and under – \$5 / year  
*Includes an "Action Guide" and other benefits*
- Individual **Friend** – \$20 / year
- Family **Friend** – \$35 / year
- Silver **Friend** – \$50 / year
- Gold **Friend** – \$100 / year
- Platinum **Friend** – \$250+ / year  
*Add an additional \$10 and be a member of MN Parks and Trails Council*

Name:			
Address:			
City:			
State:		Zip:	
Email:			

We will never sell or trade your email address

### Your favorite activities at the park include:

**Option 1:** Mail above with check to:  
Friends of Wild River State Park  
c/o President Dave Kozlovsky  
17190 410<sup>th</sup> St.  
North Branch, MN 55056



**Option 2:** Sign-up OnLine and use your credit card:  
[www.FriendsOfWildRiver.org](http://www.FriendsOfWildRiver.org)

*Thank you for your support!*

## Spring photos and early arrivals at Wild River State Park

Photos by Rubin Stenseng: Bullsnake, Sandhill Cranes, Prairie Smoke bud, Yellow Warbler, Hooded Merganser, and Whitetail fawn all seen at Wild River State Park spring 2011.



### Keep your Eyes Open Last year's signs of spring at WRSP:

- 3/30 Sandhill Cranes at Spring Creek
- 3/30 Bald Eagles nesting at Amik's Pond
- 4/6 Mourning Cloak Butterflies
- 4/8 Wood Frogs on Nevers Dam Trail
- 4/9 Round-lobed Hepatica in the woods
- 4/10 Deer ticks plentiful in grassy areas
- 4/12 Many ducks in river backwaters
- 4/28 Bloodroot & Trout Lily in bloom
- 4/28 Coyote spotted in Amador Prairie
- 4/29 Marsh Marigolds in wetland areas
- 5/3 Six Bullsnares basking in open prairie