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Project Updates

In April 2023, an estimated 1200 people attended our Earth Day Open House to mark the opening of the Doris Morrison Learning Center (DMLC). After several years of planning, restoration and construction the center is finally officially open for visitors from 2pm-6pm on Thursdays and Fridays and 10am-2pm on Saturdays and Sundays. These hours are subject to change with the seasons and needs of our community as we go forward. We are working with our neighbors (Valley Real Life) to complete the northern hiking loop trail. Restoration of the site continues as we monitor the 1500 trees planted in 2022 and the ongoing struggle to combat noxious weeds and the invasive Reed Canary Grass. More restoration activities will be planned for 2024. Join our volunteers group to help or get updates!

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https://www.spokanecounty.org/5360/Doris-Morrison-Learning-Center-DMLC
Volunteers and Friends
Since the Grand Opening we have had numerous calls and emails about our space and are thrilled by the positive response. However, many of the wonderful things we want to happen at the Doris Morrison Learning Center cannot happen without you and other volunteers! Local birder Tim O’Brien has already stepped forward to set up and manage our volunteer group. He will provide email updates, our volunteer opportunities and invitations to special events like his Wednesday bird walks. Our hope is to develop a diverse and robust volunteer base to support our education, outreach and restoration missions at the Wetland. Snapping the QR code with your smartphone will take you to our online volunteer form. You can also visit our website or the paper sign-up at the Center.

Friends of Saltese
Hello everyone! Like a young bird that just hatched, our group of volunteers is ready to grow and fly to new heights! We volunteers will form the Friends of Saltese group which will support the county’s amazing work at Saltese Flats and the DMLC. We are seeking help to lead the group in its evolution. Also, we need volunteers that can help with school field trips, staffing the DMLC, environmental restoration, wildlife education, and so much more! We’re asking for you to share your talents for a few hours a week to dedicate to Saltese. The sky is the limit! One event that we’ve started is a monthly Bird Walk/Census on the First Wednesday of each month. I look forward to seeing you at an upcoming event!

Tim O’Brien, Volunteer Coordinator

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Upcoming Events
Sep 6 | 7-11am Monthly Bird Walk/Census
Sep 28 | 4-6pm Volunteer Open House
Sep 30 | 10-12pm Volunteer Open House
Oct 4 | 7-11am Monthly Bird Walk/Census
Nov 1 | 7-11am Monthly Bird Walk/Census
Education Volunteer Training TBD
April - May NCLI 5th Grade Field Trips

Scan QR code
• Plan Education Activities
• Assist With Field Trips
• Community Outreach
• Share Local History
• Help Greet Visitors
• Restoration Project Work
• Maintain Facility / Grounds
• Lead a Bird Walk or Hike
• Share on Social Media
• Coordinate An Event
• Share Your Ideas!

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