

## Benefits of Membership

Have the opportunity to stay informed and participate in various aspects of Refuge management and support.

Receive our quarterly newsletter.

Be invited to special events hosted by the Friends of Pool 9.

Learn about national and local issues affecting the Refuge.

Be involved in the Friends' annual meeting and picnic.

Be regarded as a person sincerely concerned about the Mississippi River.



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## Volunteer Opportunities with the Friends of Pool 9 and the McGregor District of the Upper Miss Refuge

- Adopt-An-Island
- Adopt-A-Boat-Landing
- Eagle Surveys - midwinter, spring activity and summer production
- Wildlife Surveys - rail & bittern, mourning dove, frog & toad, heron rookery, aquatic vegetation, snail, aquatic invertebrate, etc
- Wildflower Garden
- Pool Wide Clean-up Day
- Board of Directors
- Committee Chair
- Construction Work Crews - observation decks, hiking trails, canoe landings, canoe trails, etc.
- Water Quality Monitoring
- Upper Mississippi River Festival
- Forest inventory, tree planting, seed harvesting
- Beach Maintenance - clearing, brushing poison ivy, etc
- Help design and implement guided tours
- Help with projects at the Genoa National Fish Hatchery
- Help create leaflets
- Help write and edit a quarterly Friends newsletter
- Help establish a Pool 9 photo contest
- Grant writing
- Rivers and Bluffs Birding Festival



Membership  
Application

**Membership Categories:**  
(Please indicate membership desired)

Individual     Family  
 Corporate     Supporting

Our organization's greatest asset will always be our members! Individual, Family and Corporate memberships are absolutely free!

**Supporting Memberships**

Becoming a supporting member of the Friends of Pool 9 is a voluntary decision. Supporting memberships are provided for those individuals who wish to give financial support to the organization. All donations to the "Friends of Pool 9" are tax exempt.

- **\$25 Mayfly**
- **\$50 Willowcat**
- **\$75 River Rat**
- **\$100 Walleye**
- **\$250 Canvasback**
- **\$500 Eagle**
- **\$1000 Tundra Swan**

Mail membership applications to:

**Friends of Pool 9  
P.O. Box 455  
Lansing, IA 52151**

**Mission:**

To conserve the cultural and natural resources within Pool 9 of the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge, and to foster wise public use and enjoyment of the Refuge and the Upper Mississippi River.

**Goals:**

Inform the public about the benefits of Pool 9 and the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge.

Provide opportunities for volunteers to help conserve the natural habitats found within Pool 9, and the wildlife and fish populations that depend upon those habitats.

Support the Refuge's public use and educational programs.

Secure funding for projects and activities within Pool 9 of the Refuge.

Inform elected officials about Refuge issues.

**How to become a member:**

To become a member of the "Friends of Pool 9" you must agree to support the mission and goals of the Friends of Pool 9 - Upper Miss Refuge, Inc., abide by the current and future bylaws if amended, and sign the following disclaimer.

I acknowledge that I am participating in "Friends of Pool 9"(Friends) activities at my own risk, and that Friends has made no warranty or representation, expressed or implied, regarding the safety of conducting any activity. I expressly release and hold harmless Friends and their officers, directors, employees, and agents from and for any and all claims, demands, actions and causes of action whatsoever on account of any loss, damage or injury to person or to property suffered or incurred by me in connection with the activity or any aspect of it, including, but not limited to, any transportation arranged by, paid for, or provided by Friends of Pool 9.

By signing below, I (we) acknowledge that I (we) have thoroughly read and understand this form and that the statements I (we) have made are true.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

email/phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's signature if a minor.