



# Friends of Creamer's Field

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## 2016 Annual Report



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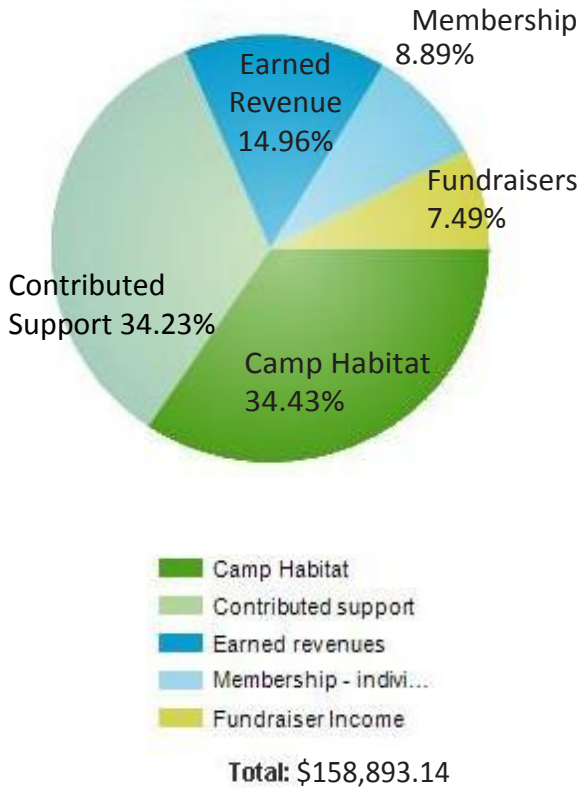


### Our Mission

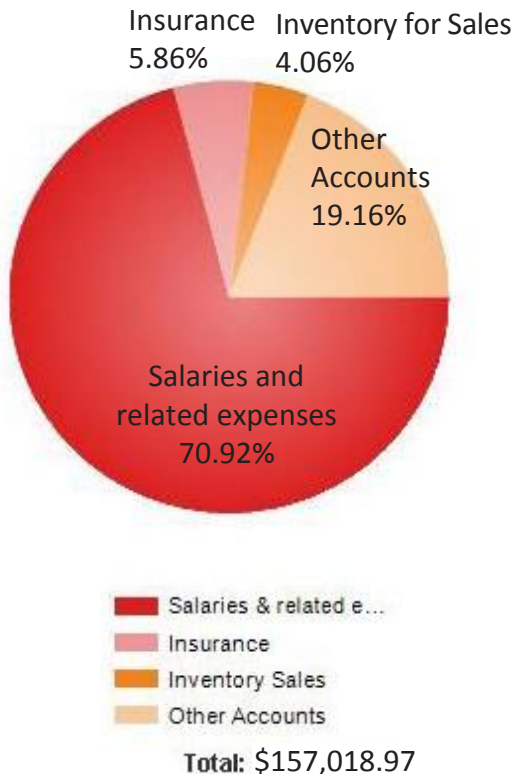
*Inspiring environmental stewardship and lifelong learning through experience, awareness and appreciation of the natural and historical resources of Creamer's Field Migratory Waterfowl Refuge.*

# 2016 Finances

## 2016 Income



## 2016 Expenses



# 2016 Programs

by Christine Huff, Executive Director

For the past 25 years, Friends of Creamer's Field has offered education programs about the natural history and history of Creamer's Field Refuge. In 2016, programs included:

- Guided Nature Walks
- Babes in the Woods and Preschool Nature Discovery
- School programs (on site and classroom)
- Events: Sandhill Crane Festival, Spring Migration Celebration, Owl Program, Creepy Critters, Wild Arts Walk, and more
- Custom programs for youth groups, special needs adults school students, day care centers and more
- Naturalist Training, 5th Grade Bird Watch, and more (in partnership with Alaska Department of Fish and Game)
- Camp Habitat, summer camp for ages 4-11 years (in partnership with Northern Alaska Environmental Center and ADF&G)
- Participation in other local community events including Tanana Valley Fair, UAF Museum Day, Outdoor Days, Tanana Yukon Historical Society Museum Days

Our primary partner is Alaska Department of Fish and Game. ADFG is the manager of the State-owned Creamer's Field Refuge and they provide Friends of Creamer's Field with office space and non-monetary program support through the use of materials and expert staff. We work closely with ADFG staff on many of our programs. Other partners include community groups at specific programs and events.



## 2016 Camp Habitat

by Bennett Wong, Camp Habitat Director

Thank you once again for supporting Camp Habitat in 2016 and again for the 2017 camp season. Last summer, over 207 children explored the forests, fields, and wetlands of the Migratory Waterfowl Refuge. \$2070 was given out in full or partial scholarships to 19 campers so they could attend Camp Habitat. Campers engaged in creating art, discovering local flora and fauna, over-nighted at the Old Tamarack site, and above all, developed a sense of purpose and stewardship, inspired by nature. One memory to remember from 2016 was that, the campers assisted in the release of a rehabilitated Boreal Owl on the Boreal Forest Trail. The wildlife was plentiful and almost every camp group saw moose, migratory birds, and exquisite swallowtail butterflies. Again, we had campers assist in the pulling of Bird Vetch from our fields, this seems to be a very popular activity.

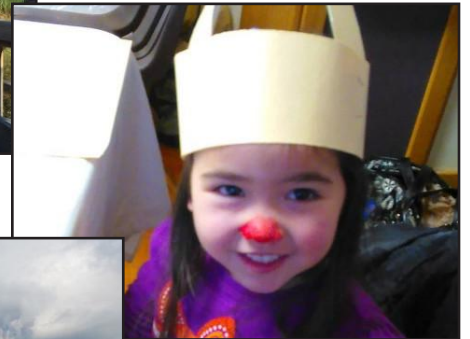
We are gearing up and preparing for the 2017 Camp Season, this year should be filled with excitement and inspiration!

# Friends of Creamer's Field

## 2016

### *By the numbers...*

- More than 80,000 people from Fairbanks, Interior Alaska, other parts of the state, other states and countries around the world visited Creamer's Field Migratory Waterfowl Refuge in 2016.
- 11,540 people visited the Creamer's Field Farmhouse Visitor Center, staffed by Friends volunteers.
- 4,667 people participated in 63 programs offered by Friends of Creamer's Field.
- More than 6000 children participated in Alaska Department of Fish and Game public school programs with the assistance of Friends of Creamer's Field.
- 14 Volunteer Naturalists spent 14 hours over 7 weeks in training and then volunteered to lead nature walks through the Refuge.
- 17 programs were provided for individual groups by request.
- 716 people were guided by our volunteers on 145 nature walks (533 in summer, 183 in winter!)
- 208 young naturalists attended Camp Habitat day camp summer sessions.
- At least 100 volunteers played music at events, presented falcons, led nature walks, worked in the Anna Creamer Garden, and helped in hundreds of other ways to help make Friends of Creamer's Field successful.



# Our Donors, Our Friends—Thanks for Your Support!

## Sandhill Crane (\$1000 or more)



Alaska Conservation Foundation  
Tom & RayeAnn Robinson  
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### Swan (\$500-999)

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## 2016 Program Partners Adult

Learning Programs of Alaska  
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UAF Frog Research Citizen Science program  
UAF Outdoors Day  
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### In Honor Of

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# Volunteers Make it Happen at Creamer's Field

Thanks to all our generous volunteers for working on programs and events, repairing trails, guiding nature walks, gardening, providing office support, and more!



Volunteer Bennett Wong and his hawk Arden at the Creepy Critters program in October.

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