

Friends of Blackwater



Greetings,

Friends of Blackwater is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization dedicated to the support of Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge, both financially and through volunteers who dedicate their time to assist with various projects such as staffing the Visitor Center and the Bookstore, environmental education, biological surveys, trail maintenance, gardening, and outreach programs to name a few. The Wild Goose Chase Bike Ride, started by women's bicycling pioneer Georgena Terry, has raised over \$170,000 for the Friends of Blackwater.

We are having the 10th anniversary Wild Goose Chase Bike Ride for women on September 8 & 9, 2018. Events will be held at both the refuge and Governors Hall at the Sailwinds Visitor Center in Cambridge, Maryland (see the [Friends website](#) for a full schedule). We anticipate from 375 to 400 participants.

We are offering vendors indoor space at Sailwinds in Cambridge from Saturday afternoon until the end of lunch Sunday at 4pm. Vendor spaces start at \$50 for 10x10. We will put your logo on our event web page and list you in our brochure, which will be given to all participants.

We are also seeking tax-deductible community support in the form of cash and door prizes. Publicity for your business, on the Friends of Blackwater web page, will be included as recognition for your support. We have several sponsor options available beginning at \$100. Additional contributions will be identified in the welcome packet brochure given to every participant.

We request sponsor commitments be made by **July 26, 2018**.

Thank you for taking the time to consider our request,

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