Dear Godwit Days Supporter:

Godwit Days is looking forward to returning to an in-person festival next spring at the Arcata Community Center, April 14 through 16 (with field trips starting April 13).

But in order to successfully pull off a full-blown event, it is crucial that we receive help from among our past participants and supporters like you. Board members cannot do it alone.

The time commitment varies for each task, but we hope you will consider stepping up your contribution in 2023. Some tasks occur months before Godwit Days starts, while others happen during the festival, and some span both times.

Here are our greatest needs:

* **Main Hall Onsite Manager/Committee Members:** Serve as liaison with Bird Fair vendors, which include artists, nonprofit groups, and commercial businesses. Keep a spreadsheet of participants and lay out their location in the Community Center. Supervise table setup early on Friday, April 14. Oversee tear-down the afternoon of Sunday, April 16.
* **Sponsorship Confirmation Callers (several months before festival);** Confirm festival sponsors, by following up via phone after past and potential sponsors have received solicitation letters from Godwit Days. Sponsorship types include cash donations and silent auction merchandise. Keep a spreadsheet of confirmed donors.
* **Craft Day Committee Members (several months before festival):** Help organize a new mega-craft day for kids on Sunday, April 16. Contact local nonprofit and education-oriented groups to staff a table offering nature- or bird-related activities (for 2-3 hours).
* **Silent Auction Helpers:** Individuals to set up the Silent Auction early on Friday, April 14. Help transport items from several storage locations, prepare bid sheets.
* **Student Bird Art Hangers/Removers:** Pushpin contest entries to walls in the Community Center (1-3 pm on Friday, April 14). Take down art (after 2 or 3 pm on Sunday, April 16).
* **Godwit Days Registration/Merchandise Table Staffers:** Help set up registration and merchandise tables. Hand out materials, handle on-site registration, answer questions, and sell merchandise. (Time slots start early on Friday, April 14 and run through early afternoon Sunday, April 16).
* **Opening Reception/Saturday Pre-Keynote Help:** Redwood Region Audubon Society and Friends of the Arcata Marsh have kindly agreed to take the lead on handling these events, but they would certainly welcome your help to set out and replenish food, pour/sell drinks, and especially wash all the glasses and plates used!
* **Godwit Days Board Member:** Attend meetings to plan the festival (and off-season events such as the Madaket birding cruise). These are held on Fridays starting at 9 am in downtown Arcata. After taking time off after a wrap-up session in late April/early May, the Board begins meeting again in September on a monthly basis. As the festival gets nearer, the meeting schedule changes to every 2 weeks.

Current Board members will be available to help you, by answering questions, etc.

So, please e-mail or call Godwit Days ([godwitdaysreg@yahoo.com](mailto:godwitdaysreg@yahoo.com); 707-826-7050) to discuss how you can contribute via any of these ways, to make Godwit Days 2023 a success! As the old saying goes, “Many hands make light work.”