

# Friends of the DuPont Nature Center



at the Mispillion Harbor Reserve  
2992 Lighthouse Road  
Milford, Delaware 19901

Owned and operated by the Delaware Division of Fish and Wildlife, the DuPont Nature Center is located on a 1.7 acre site at the mouth of the Mispillion River on the Delaware Bay. The Mispillion Harbor is one of the most important horseshoe crab spawning beaches and shorebird feeding areas in the world.

Each year, thousands of horseshoe crabs mate and lay millions of eggs on beaches visible from the DuPont Nature Center's observation deck. The eggs are a critical food source for migratory shorebirds, including the remarkable Red Knot, which stops at the Delaware Bay each spring on its 9,000-mile flight from Tierra del Fuego to its summer nesting grounds in the Arctic.

The Mispillion Harbor is home to more than 130 species of wildlife. Inside the DuPont Nature Center visitors can watch wildlife along the shorelines more than 100 yards away courtesy of a remote camera. Hand-held binoculars and wildlife identification guides are available for public use. The center is filled with exhibits devoted to the Delaware Bay's natural history and ecology.

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## The Friends Mission

To support, enhance and promote the DuPont Nature Center as a science-based education and interpretive center for public use, schools, families, and other organized groups.



The Friends of the DuPont Nature Center is a not-for-profit citizens support group founded in 2008. It is a membership organization with goals and objectives designed to enhance the educational programs and assist with projects at the Mispillion Harbor Reserve.

Education is an important component of the Friend's mission. Exposing and educating future generations will instill respect for Delaware's Natural Resources. Completion of these projects helps us achieve what we originally set out to do—bring science, conservation and education together.

Your support will assist us in achieving our goals enabling the DuPont Nature Center to grow.



## How You Can Help

### ✿ Become A Member

Your membership counts! All it takes is a minimal annual membership fee to make a difference for wildlife. As a Friend of the DuPont Nature Center you'll enjoy these benefits:

- 10 % discount on purchases from the gift store
- Membership decal
- Newsletters
- Advance program announcements
- Invitation to special events
- Voting rights

### ➤ Volunteer

Over 10,000 people visited the DuPont Nature Center in its first year of operation. Volunteers fill in large gaps by donating their time. We need your help—serve on a Friends Committee:

- Budget and Finance
- Education and Training
- Gift Store Operations
- Publications
- Member Relations
- Public Relations
- Special Projects
- Maintenance
- Hospitality—Delaware Shorebird Project
- Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup

### ★ Be A Corporate Partner

THE FUTURE holds great and exciting things for the DuPont Nature Center. Plans include an addition to the current observation deck, an observation platform, pier, and pavilion. To achieve these goals, we need corporate partners. Becoming a partner will also help us enhance our educational programs as well.

In addition to our future plans, the DuPont Nature Center needs benches, picnic tables, touch tanks, filtration equipment, binoculars, scopes, wildlife guides, and computer software.



## Become A Friend of The DuPont Nature Center

Annual Membership:

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|---------------------------------|----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Single | \$20.00  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Couple | \$30.00  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family | \$50.00  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Life   | \$250.00 |

Corporate Partnership Levels:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Red Knot        | \$1,000.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ruddy Turnstone | \$750.00   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sanderling      | \$500.00   |

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