November 19, 2019

Dear Owners of the Co-op Market & Deli,

Friends of Creamer’s Field, a 501(c) 3 organization, would like to be considered for a donation in support of the educational programs we offer at Creamer’s Field Migratory Waterfowl Refuge. All year long, tens of thousands of people from Fairbanks and around the world enjoy the multiple-use opportunities the refuge offers, including birdwatching and wildlife viewing, skiing, dog mushing, hunting, trapping, falconry and photography. Our programs focus on the natural ecology of the refuge and the history of the Creamer Dairy.

Friends of Creamer’s Field works collaboratively with the Alaska Department of Fish & Game (ADFG) to operate a Visitor Center out of the original Creamer family farmhouse (circa 1908), which features interpretive exhibits on migratory birds and the historic dairy complex. In addition to a full schedule of year-round education programs, we serve as the fiscal sponsor for Camp Habitat, a summer day camp during the months of June and July. The majority of our programs (with the exception of Camp Habitat) are free or donation-based and available to the general public.

While ADFG provides us with in-kind support (office space in the Farmhouse Visitor Center, use of materials, and collaboration with the refuge educator), we receive no monetary contribution from the State of Alaska. We rely solely on donations, memberships, grants and gift shop sales to fund the many things we do. All donations received are used to support education programs through curriculum development, advertising and the staff time needed for implementation and delivery.

Our contributors are acknowledged at our events, during community presentations, on our website, and in our newsletter. Thank you for the opportunity to submit this request. We appreciate your consideration and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Lissa Hughes
Executive Director
Friends of Creamer’s Field
2020 LEND A HAND APPLICATION
Deadline: November 30, 2019

OUR MISSION:
Co-op Market Grocery & Deli works for health and sustainability by providing healthful foods and products, promoting local suppliers, and offering consumer education in an open, community-centered environment, through a viable business.

OUR VALUES:
• **Service** – We are committed to the joy of true service, putting the needs of others first in a way that touches lives and hearts. Our service is an honor and a privilege.
• **Sustainability** – We seek to sustain our co-op's financial health and growth while working toward solutions to economic development that consider the health our our community and planet.
• **Social Responsibility** – We believe that our actions must benefit the global community at large. This means that we promote justice and equity in all of our relationships and are committed to the people who use and work for our business.

Name of Organization: **Friends of Creamer's Field**
Mailing Address: **PO Box 81065**
City, State, Zip: **Fairbanks, Alaska 99708**
Contact Name: **Lissa Hughes**  Phone: **(907-452-5162**
Contact Email: **director@friendsofcreamersfield.org**
Website: **www.friendsofcreamersfield.org**

Name and address for check remittance (if it differs from above):
Name: ____________________________
Mailing Address: ____________________________
City, State, Zip: ____________________________

Is this a 501(c)3 non-profit organization? If yes, please include certification with application. 92-0137107

Has your organization been a Lend a Hand recipient in the past? If so, when?  **2016, 2017, 2018, 2019**

*Instructions: Please include a cover letter on your organization’s official letterhead with this form.*
1. Please provide your mission statement and a brief summary of your organization’s work.

See Attachment
2. How does your work align with Co-op Market’s mission and values?

See Attachment

3. How will the Lend a Hand funds be used?

See Attachment

4. If your organization has received funding from Co-op Market in the past, please describe how this funding supported your organization and mission.

See Attachment

5. What is your elevator pitch? Cashiers usually have about 10 seconds to describe our monthly recipient to a shopper. Please describe your organization and how the funds will be used in 100 words or less.

See Attachment

6. Which month would you prefer us to fundraise for your organization? (Note: We cannot guarantee your month of choice.) June

Applications will be published on our website. For this reason, please include no more than one piece of supplemental information (brochure, flyer, annual report, etc.) with your application.

In December, our Owners will vote to select our 2020 Lend a Hand recipients. If your organization is selected, we will require the following:

- 2 or 3 high resolution photos representing your work. Please include a photo release for any people appearing in your photos.
- A high resolution, printable jpg of your organization’s logo.
- Promotion of the Lend a Hand program via your website, newsletter and/or social media pages.
- One scheduled 3-hour shift of tabling at the store during your Lend a Hand month.
- Brochures or flyers about your organization if available.

Important Note:

We do not donate to individuals, national charities, political candidates or organizations, organizations that advance a particular religious belief, or organizations that discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, disability or status in any other protected group.

Submit applications to the attention of Kristin Summerlin, Marketing & Owner Services Manager:

- via email to marketing@coopmarket.org (preferred). Be sure to include scans of supporting materials.
- by hand delivery to the Customer Service Desk.
- by mail to the following address: Co-op Market Grocery & Deli, 526 Gaffney Road, Fairbanks, AK 99701.
1. **Please provide your mission statement and a brief summary of your organization’s work.**

Friends of Creamer’s Field is a nonprofit organization founded in 1991 to promote awareness, understanding, and appreciation of the natural and human history of Creamer’s Field Migratory Waterfowl Refuge. Friends of Creamer’s Field operates a visitor center out of the original Creamer family farmhouse (circa 1908), which features interpretive exhibits on migratory birds and the historic Creamer Dairy complex. In addition to a full schedule of year-round programs, we serve as the fiscal sponsor for Camp Habitat, a summer day camp that operates during the months of June and July. Our mission is “Inspiring environmental stewardship and lifelong learning through experience, awareness and appreciation of the natural and historical resources of Creamer’s Field Migratory Waterfowl Refuge”.

2. **How does your work align with the Co-op market’s mission and values?**

Friends of Creamer’s Field share many of the same values that support our community.

- **Service** - We provide a venue for community involvement through educational programs, annual events, and interpretive nature walks. The majority of our programs (with the exception of Camp Habitat) are free, or donation-based and available to the general public.
- **Sustainability** – We also seek long-term organizational health through balanced budgets and living within our means. We also make every effort to support local businesses when making purchases with any contributions received.
- **Social Responsibility** – Our programs provide knowledge about local natural resources and our curriculum supports a conservation ethic. We provide many opportunities for the public to act as “stewards” of our local refuge.

3. **How will Lend-A-Hand funds be used?**

Awarded funds will allow Friends of Creamer’s Field to continue to provide educational programs to the general public, free of charge. Our programs include; daily guided nature walks from June 1 through August 30, by a trained volunteer naturalist, our popular Owl and Bird of Prey programs, the Spring Migration Celebration in April, our history program that takes place during Golden Days in July, and the annual Tanana Valley Sandhill Crane Festival in August.

4. **If your organization received funding in the past, please describe how this funding supported your organization and mission?**

Past awards have supported the delivery of educational programs offered to the public, free of charge. This includes advertising, program materials, and staff support required for implementation and delivery.

5. **What is your elevator pitch?**

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Any and all funds awarded will allow us to continue to provide educational programs to the general public, free of charge.
Thousands of cranes and waterfowl make an appearance at the 22nd annual Tanana Valley Sandhill Crane Festival. (Photo by Bernard Marschner).

Get Outside on a Guided Nature Walk!
Volunteer Naturalist, Bud Marschner will be leading interpretive walks on Tuesdays & Thursdays at 1:00 pm through October 31st.
Meet at the Farmhouse Visitor Center
Board President’s Report

Hello Friends,
Here we go again. The birds have migrated, the leaves are falling, and we are all preparing for the upcoming winter. We seal up our houses and clean up our gardens. We put away our summer gear and inspect our winter gear to be sure we are ready. While we are looking forward, we are also reflecting on everything that happened over the past months. Summer fires smoke are not uncommon here, but this year we faced greater challenges than normal. Some of Camp Habitat was cancelled to keep the children and staff safe. Our staff and friends had to prepare to evacuate and worried about losing their home. Some did evacuate and it was no surprise that people in our community worked together and helped each other get through the worst of it. You all have taken that same sense of community and helped Friends of Creamer’s Field meet its mission of "Inspiring environmental stewardship and lifelong learning through experience, awareness and appreciation of the natural and historical resources of Creamer’s Field Migratory Waterfowl Refuge" by volunteering at events or the Visitor Center, giving a nature walk or helping in the garden. We appreciate and thank all of our volunteers and donors.
I would like to ask you to consider taking your sense of community, passion for the refuge, and desire to support Friends of Creamer’s Field one step further and consider joining one of our committees for historic preservation, fundraising, events, and more, or serve on the Board of Directors. You could help us grow and diversify making our organization an even more healthy and productive organization. If you are interested, we would be happy to talk with you to answer any questions and help you help us.
Or, go to our website and click the “Get Involved” button in the menu.
Enjoy the season and the anticipation of winter. We are looking forward to our winter programs, which includes our OPEN House and Luminary Trail on December 7th. Hope to see you there!
Warmest Regards,

Laurie
The Sharing Nature & History course provides training for volunteer naturalists and educators. The course is offered each spring, and professional development credit is available through the University of Alaska.

Dr. Glenn Juday from the University of Alaska Fairbanks provides expertise on boreal forest ecology as part of the Sharing Nature & History curriculum.

Margaret Rudolf and Matthew Sturm from the University of Alaska Fairbanks Geophysical Institute’s Snow & Ice & Permafrost division, lead an interpretive walk on permafrost. In recent years, melting permafrost has had profound effects on the landscape at Creamer’s Field Migratory Waterfowl Refuge.

Friends of Creamer’s Field would like to thank the Golden Heart Community Foundation for providing a grant in support of the Sharing Nature & History program.
**Falconry:**

**An age old art gains popularity at Creamer’s Field**

Falconry is an art. It can be defined as the taking of wild quarry in its natural habitat by means of a trained raptor. It requires a huge commitment, patience, constant devotion, and skill. A falconer must train a bird of prey to fly free, hunt for a human being, and accept it’s return to captivity. Falconry is not a hobby, it’s a lifestyle, in which falconers must devote time to their birds each and every day, 365 days a year.

To obtain a permit to catch and keep a hawk or falcon, one must pass a stringent state exam. Falconers must have adequate housing for their bird, understand feeding techniques, medicinal care, and have the knowledge to spot potential disease.

A star attraction at Creamer’s Field this summer was Chimkee, a baby Gyrfalcon acquired by Bennet Wong.

(Below) Lissa Hughes, Executive Director for Friends of Creamer’s Field, assists during a Falconry presentation at the 2019 Spring Migration Celebration. (Above) Bennett Wong trains Chimkee to fly and return. (Below) A 17 day old Chimkee makes an appearance in the Farmhouse for Camp Habitat.
So you want to become a Falconer? Few people realize the intense demands placed on one who aspires to be a falconer. Here are a few things to consider.

- **Time** - Becoming a Master falconer takes at least seven years; finishing your apprenticeship will take two.

- **Effort & Ethics** - Falconry is the only sport in America that utilizes trained wild creatures. The competent falconer takes care to follow sound conservation principles.

- **Permits** - All raptors are protected by state, federal and international law. Falconers must obtain the necessary permits and licenses to before acquiring a hawk or practicing falconry.

- **Money** - You must have money to spend. Housing and equipment requirements are mandated by state and federal law. To keep your raptor healthy, you must feed it fresh raw meat, preferably the exact whole birds or mammals they would catch in the wild.

- **Access to Land** - You must have permission to enter adequate and convenient locations to fly a hawk or falcon, and there must be appropriate game available.

- **Personality** - Can you hunt? Are you emotionally prepared? Falconry is sharing your life with a creature that has evolved over millions of years as a predator.

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**Falconry at Creamer’s Field**

Falconers are permitted to use the front fields along College Road for hunting. The Fields remain closed to non-hunters through September 15th.

For more information about falconry, contact:

- The Alaska Falconers Association at [akfalconers.org](http://akfalconers.org)
- North American falconers Association at [n-a-f-a.com](http://n-a-f-a.com)
14th annual Design Alaska Wild Arts Walk

The Design Alaska Wild Arts Walk kicked off Summer Solstice week, giving attendees the opportunity to be immersed in art and nature while walking the easily accessible trails through Creamer’s Field. Over 30 local artists displayed their works along the barnyard trail, with 7 competing in the Quick Draw competition. The first 300 attendees received a collectors mug donated by Design Alaska.

SAVE THE DATE

The 15th Design Alaska Wild Arts Walk will take place on Sunday June 28th, 2020.

Each year the Design Alaska Wild Arts Walk welcomes new artists, like Mark Smurda of Dragonfly Dad. (Photo by Joy Morrison)

2019 Artists

Stephanie Rudig, Handmade Alaska Fiber Arts
Tammy Holland, Tammy Holland Studios
Randall Compton, Randall Compton Art
Sarah Sims, Dry Creek Studio
Ann O’Brien, Midnight Sun Arts
Iris Sutton, Ice Wedge Art & Farm
Fred Freer, Fred Rocks!
Harrison Carpenter
Jessica Morse, Cold Spot Studio
Somer Hahm, Bug Free Babes
Barbara Gabel, Denali Lone Spruce Studio
Jim Barr, Arctic Burls and Bowls
David Gerrish
Bud Marschner, Bud’s Alaska Photos
Anne Aleshire, Anne Aleshire Fine Art
Lindsey Copelin, Firebreak Art
Sarita Arya, Henna4Lovers
Kimberly Rogers, Numinosity
Caitlin Perry, Caitlín’s Creations
Mark Smurda, Dragonfly Dad
David Bowen, Birchwork Designs
Allison Zhang, Shanksmare Studios
Wayne Jex
Marji Plessinger, My Alaskan Passage
Kathi Cameron, Singing Dog Creative Arts
Erica Mathews, Lola Bug Creations
Diane Hunt, Rose Hip Design
Gayle Hazen, Art Bug Studio
Karen Austen. Austen Art Studio
Frances Shulz, Black Raven Pottery
The Watercolor Society
Fairbanks Summer Arts Festival
Thank You Volunteers!
Addie Wilsrud, A.J. Duncan, Amy Geiger, Anne Ruggles, Atticus Geiger, Betsy Sturm, Benny Sargent, Debra Sargent, Brenda Saller, Caroline Wolf, Charlotte Basham, Chris Larrick, Christine Abbott, Dave Vick, David Weissman, Deborah Koons, Gail Mayo, Glenner Anderson, Helen Howard, Janet Taylor, Jim Barr, Jim Budd, Jim Hunter, John Bost, Joy Morrison, Kyle Lester, Kym Pihlaja, Lavonne Budd, Lynn Slusher, Marilyn Mount, Mary Shields, Mary Zalar, Pat DeRuyter, Pat Rawert, Susie Crevensten, Susanne Billings, Tim Carder, and Tom Schneider. A special thanks to Heather Krawiec our Event Director, for an amazing job organizing this event.

THANK YOU TO OUR EVENT SPONSORS

Design Alaska

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FAIRBANKS CHILDREN’S MUSEUM
22nd Annual Sandhill Crane Festival

We closed out the summer season and welcomed autumn with the 22nd annual Tanana Valley Sandhill Crane Festival on August 23rd-25th. Friends of Creamer's Field would like to thank our featured guest, Dr. Gary Ivey from the International Crane Foundation.

A special thank you to Hilda Melchior, for sharing a collection of her late husband Herb’s photos. Herb Melchior served on the Friends of Creamer’s Field Board of Directors and was a retired biologist for the Alaska Department of Fish & Game.

Thank You!

Festival Committee: Gail Mayo, Tricia Blake, George Happ, Craig Dorman, E. Tom Robinson, Susan Grace, Mark D. Ross and Lissa Hughes.

Falconers: Bennett Wong, Randall Compton and Dave Loring.

Authors: Frank Keim, Ron Smith, George Happ, Mark D. Ross, Rob McCue and Josh Verhagen.

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Arctic Audubon

Photo by Bernard Marschner

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Fall/Winter Program Schedule

THANKSGIVING FOR THE BIRDS
November 23rd

Join us for a
OPEN HOUSE
And a walk on
the
LUMINARY TRAIL
December 7th

MAKE A HOLIDAY ORNAMENT
December 14th, & 21st
2019 Raffle Winners!

Summer Raffle winners include:

Nicole Stewart (Alaska Airline tickets), Carolyn Dobbs (Alaska Railroad tickets), and Carol Davila (Sourdough Fuel).

Many thanks to Raye Ann Robinson for her beautiful quilt donation for our 2019 Quilt Raffle. Thank you to everyone who bought raffle tickets! Congratulations to Art Thorness, the lucky winner!

Thank You!

2019 Creamer’s Refuge Hosts
Benny & Debra Sargent

2019 Farmhouse Visitor Center Volunteer Staff
Susanne Billings, Brenda Sadler, Gail Mayo, Betsy Sturm, Susie, Crevensten, Anne DeMuth, Caroline Wolf, Janet Taylor, Jim Budd, Lavonne Budd, David Weissman, Mary Fenno

2019 Volunteer Naturalists
Bud Marschner, Jan Mishin, Charles Collins, Louise Biderman, Jim Lokken, Marnie Port, Nancy Frei, Bill Holman, Jeff Walters, Margaret Rudolf, Matthew Sturm, Ashley Lane, Frank Keim, Mark D. Ross, and staff from the Alaska Songbird Institute.

Anna Creamer’s Historic Garden

The garden got a much needed assist this year from the Fairbanks Garden Club. A huge thank you to Liz Masi, and Susie and Doug Crevensten for all the work and dedication!

A Fond Farewell to Barbara Logan

We would like to take this opportunity to give a warm goodbye and thank you to our Administrative Assistant, Barbara Logan. Barbara began working for Friends of Creamer’s Field in 2014 after serving as a longtime volunteer. Her dedication has been a blessing to our staff, volunteers and our many supporters. We wish her all the best on this exciting new chapter in life.
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Join Friends of Creamer’s Field with a tax deductible donation
You can also donate online at www.friendsofcreamersfield.org

Membership Donation Amount: $________

Do you wish to have this donation remain anonymous? YES ☐

☐ $15-34 Chickadee  ☐ $35-49 Swallow  ☐ $50-99 Canada Goose  ☐ $100-249 Wigeon

☐ $250-499 Peregrine Falcon  ☐ $500-999 Swan  ☐ $1000 or more* Sandhill Crane

*For donations of $1000 or more, please check here if you would like to receive a historic Randall Compton print of Creamer’s Dairy signed by the Creamer family (valued at $150).

☐ NEW MEMBER  ☐ RENEWAL  ☐ This is a gift from__________________________

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☐ If renewing, I have a new mailing address, phone number or email address.

☐ I would like to receive my Newsletter and Event Announcements via email.

☐ I would like to volunteer. Please contact me with information about volunteer opportunities.

Friends of Creamer’s Field is a 501(c)(3) organization. Your donation is fully tax deductible to the extent allowable by law.
Dear Applicant:

This modifies our letter of the above date in which we stated that you would be treated as an organization that is not a private foundation until the expiration of your advance ruling period.

Your exempt status under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code as an organization described in section 501(c)(3) is still in effect. Based on the information you submitted, we have determined that you are not a private foundation within the meaning of section 509(a) of the Code because you are an organization of the type described in section 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

Grantors and contributors may rely on this determination unless the Internal Revenue Service publishes notice to the contrary. However, if you lose your section 509(a)(1) status, a grantor or contributor may not rely on this determination if he or she was in part responsible for, or was aware of, the act or failure to act, or the substantial or material change on the part of the organization that resulted in your loss of such status, or if he or she acquired knowledge that the Internal Revenue Service had given notice that you would no longer be classified as a section 509(a)(1) organization.

If we have indicated in the heading of this letter that an addendum applies, the addendum enclosed is an integral part of this letter.

Because this letter could help resolve any questions about your private foundation status, please keep it in your permanent records.

If you have any questions, please contact the person whose name and telephone number are shown above.

Sincerely yours,

C. Ashley Ballard
District Director

Letter 1050 (DO/CG)