

Richard Haley: New Centers & Education Director



ELLEN FIELDING

Richard Haley

By Staff Report

RICHARD HALEY has been hired as Centers and Education Director for Audubon New York. In this position Richard will oversee the fiscal, staff, facility and programmatic aspects of our existing Audubon Centers and Sanctuaries including Buttercup Farm, Constitution Marsh, Prospect Park, Rheinstrom Hill and Theodore Roosevelt. He will also lead the effort for starting up our new centers at Knox State Park, Montezuma Wetlands Complex and other projects as they arise.

Haley comes to us with over twelve years of experience directing nature centers, including the New Canaan Nature Center and the Goodwin Conservation Center, operated Connecticut's Department of Environmental Protection. In his previous position, Richard quadrupled staff at the

Goodwin center while doubling its operation budget and increasing program attendance from a few hundred to over 10,000 people annually.

Haley has served on many influential boards, including the Association of Nature Center Administrators, and the New England Environmental Education Alliance. His experience covers a breadth of categories, including citizen science program development, facility and exhibit design, government and NGO partnerships, fundraising, strategic planning as well as operational and staff management. He received his BS in Biology from Cornell and his Masters degree in Environmental Studies from the Yale School of Forestry.

Did You Know?

By Jane E. S. Sokolow

The world's smallest insect is the **FAIRY FLY**, with one species exhibiting a wingspan of less than one-hundredth of an inch.

Unlike most birds, **BROWN KIWI CHICKS** don't have tiny egg teeth to escape from their shells. Instead, they kick their way out.

The moist layer of "slime" covering **FROGS, SALAMANDERS AND OTHER AMPHIBIANS** protects them against harmful bacteria and reduces friction while swimming. It helps them slip away – literally – from predators.

The only mammals that regularly give birth to multiple, identical offspring are **ARMADILLOS**. They usually have quadruplets which are formed from a single egg.

The **PRAIRIE WARBLER** is not found in the prairie? It breeds in dry, shrubby areas in the eastern United States.

SPIDER WEB FIBERS are thinner than human hair, yet they're stronger than steel and, in some instances, more flexible than nylon.

LUNGFISH are neither true fish nor amphibians, but odd mixtures of the two. They have both gills and a single lung, which is used to breathe air during high exertion or when oxygen levels in water are low.

Jane E.S. Sokolow is a science-writing consultant. She currently works with the New York City Parks and Recreation Department and has worked with American Museum of Natural History, Audubon New York and the National Audubon Society.

Haley Main Joins Education Team

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LET'S WELCOME HALEY MAIN to Audubon New York! Haley is the new environmental educator with the *For the Birds!* Program, based out of Manhattan. Haley is not only new to Audubon New York, but also to the New York Metro area, as she just recently moved from central Ohio. Previous to working with Audubon, Haley spent several seasons working as an outdoor educator with a variety of summer camps in Ohio, as well as a year working at Michindoh Outdoor Education School in southwest Michigan, and most recently spent the summer working with Central Park's summer nature camp program. In addition, Haley spent two years working with the Arkansas State Park system as a park naturalist. Altogether, Haley served well over 10,000 students

each year with park programs, school visits and special events. Audubon welcomes Haley on board and is excited to have her working with the students of New York City.



REGAN CLOVER

Haley Main

Audubon New York's Chuck Remington Promoted

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CHUCK REMINGTON has been promoted to the position of Director of Field Support for the Centers and Education Division of Audubon. He will be based out of 700 Broadway and support a portfolio of East Coast States, in addition to taking a leadership role in program and interpretive systems development.

Remington has served for the past four years as the Director of Education for Audubon New York, where he worked to build a strong and vibrant network of Audubon Centers and quality programs. Chuck spearheaded the regular workshops and training sessions for centers and education staff from eight different Centers across New York State, successfully launching the most effective state network to date. He led the expansion of our inner city education program, *For*



RAMBERT L. EGG

Audubon's Chuck Remington dazzles students from Public School 22 at the dedication ceremony for the Con Edison Discover Nature Theater.

the Birds! In addition, Chuck played a leadership role from inception to opening of the Prospect Park Audubon Center, our first urban Center to open to the public.

"Chuck is a champion for citizen science, creativity and quality," said David J. Miller. "And we are delighted that he will be sharing his talents and extensive experience on a larger scale, while continuing to work with Audubon New York."

If you're *For the Birds!* You're invited!



Who: We're looking for volunteers (ages 18 and up) to assist with school day environmental Field Trips for students grades 2-6.

Where: In local New York City parks including: Central Park, Van Cortlandt Park, Great Kills Park, and Inwood Park.

When: During May and June.

Time: 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Qualifications: Must enjoy working with children, and have a love of nature. A knowledge of birds is helpful, but not required.

RSVP: For more information, please contact: Regan Clover, Program Coordinator (212) 979-3073 or rclover@audubon.org.