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Snow Goose Program for Kids on March 3 at Dickson Mounds

LEWISTOWN, IL – The Illinois State Museum-Dickson Mounds and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service-Chautauqua National Wildlife Refuge will be co-hosting "Kid's Day: Snow Goose Spotting" on Saturday, March 3, 2018 from 8:00-9:30 a.m. at the Chautauqua National Wildlife Refuge, 19031 E. CR 2110N, Havana. Kids ages 8 years and older with an adult may enjoy learning about the snow goose—how to identify one of the birds, its habitat requirements, migration patterns, its sounds and calls, and other wild facts. Participants may have the opportunity to climb the observation tower overlooking Chautauqua Lake to possibly see thousands of snow geese. Kids will be able to make-n-take home their own snow goose decoy.

Participants should dress appropriately for the outdoors. Registration is required by Wednesday, February 21. Call 309-535-2290 or email <u>illinoisriver@fws.gov</u> to register or for more information. Admission is free; donations are appreciated.

The Illinois State Museum-Dickson Mounds is located between Lewistown and Havana off Illinois Routes 78 and 97. The museum is open free to the public from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day. Tours and special programs are available for groups with reservations. For more information call 309-547-3721 or TTY 217-782-9175. Also visit us on Facebook at Illinois State Museum-Dickson Mounds or online at the Dickson Mounds link on the Illinois State Museum website at www.illinoisstatemuseum.org.