

# 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Montezuma Muckrace, September 14-15<sup>th</sup>, 2018

## Pledge Form



### Why Support the Montezuma Wetlands Complex?

The Montezuma Wetlands Complex is one of the most important places for birds in North America. This 50,000-acre region at the northern end of Cayuga Lake, known for its abundant wetlands is a major migration stopover for waterfowl, shorebirds, and land birds and provides breeding habitat for several species of conservation concern, including Bald Eagles, Black Terns, and Cerulean Warblers. Designated as an Important Bird Area of global significance in 1997, the Complex is a hub of bird conservation activity and research – past, present and future-- that has benefits extending far beyond its boundaries.

### What is the Montezuma Muckrace?

The Muckrace is a “Big Day” birding competition within the Montezuma Wetlands Complex. Teams of some of the best birders as well as novice birders from across New York State and beyond, compete in the 24-hour event to see how many species they can identify. In addition to providing some good fun and excitement, the Muckrace raises money to support avian research and conservation within this important site.

### Please do your part for the birds!

The fund raising goal for this year's event is \$10,000. Proceeds will be used to support the goals of FOTMWC focusing on habitat restoration and improvement in cooperation with USFWS and NYSDEC, and other entities that are working to improve the complex. Public education and access continue as primary goals as we support the Montezuma Audubon Center, and various related projects within the complex.

**I would like to support the Montezuma Muckrace!** I pledged \$\_\_\_\_\_ per species identified. The team I am supporting found \_\_\_\_\_ species of birds.

**OR**

I would rather give a flat donation to this effort!

Enclosed is my check for \$\_\_\_\_\_.

I am supporting the \_\_\_\_\_ team.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to 'Friends of the Montezuma Wetlands Complex' or simply 'FOTMWC'. Write the name of the team you are supporting in the memo line, and return by September 30, 2018, to a team member, or mail directly to:

FOTMWC, attn: Treasurer  
c/o MNWR, 3395 US Route 20, Seneca Falls, NY 13148

**THANKS!!**

This event is organized by the Friends of the Montezuma Wetlands Complex in cooperation with USFWS, NYSDEC, and Audubon NY

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