



## **Coming this Summer!**

### **2010 Resident Goose Bandings** **A unique educational opportunity for volunteers...**

Listed below are potential banding areas for the 2010 goose bandings in Virginia. Bandings will begin on **June 24** and end on **July 7**

- Eastern Shore areas**
- Hampton – Newport News areas**
- Loudoun County area**
- Frederick, Shenandoah,**
- Clarke & Warren County areas**

Additional information will release by the VDGIF in the future. **Stay tune & Volunteer!**

*Canada geese are banded in several areas of Virginia annually with many of the same objectives as for ducks: to learn about production of young, to map the distribution and timing of the harvest and to calculate survival and recovery rates. Banding typically takes place in late-June and early-July at a time when adults molt their flight feathers and cannot fly and the goslings are not yet able to fly.*

*Typically, bandings take place in short periods of time. Geese are peacefully corralled into a holding pen. After a band is put on one leg, the health, age and sex of each bird is determined by a VDGIF biologist. The collected data is recorded and the birds are released in a quick & safe manner.*

