

EAGLE VALLEY RAPTOR CENTER

caring for nature's injured and orphaned wildlife

FLIGHTS OF FANCY NEWSLETTER

JULY, 2006

We at Eagle Valley hope everyone is having a wonderful summer! We've had quite a bit of activity and managed, despite the heat, to get a lot of things accomplished. The Friends of Eagle Valley finished staining the flight pen, even braving their acrophobia to get the top boards above the bird pens. A group of Boy Scouts broke out their tools and framed up the new pens for our wild birds in need of rehabilitation, in exchange for the privilege of camping out near the creek that runs behind the center. And we painted the floors in the public bathrooms, which look terrific!



We also asked a construction company to come out and roll and crush the parking lot. This will make it much easier for visitors in wheelchairs, not to mention those of us who just want to walk on it!

Special thanks go out to Wichita Fireman **Mark Garcia**. Mark provided the material for and built a large swinging door for the new rehab pens. This door will allow us to combine two small pens into one large, providing more exercise space for our recuperating wild patients. They will certainly appreciate it – and so do we!



Eagle Valley Promoted on Tourism Websites!

Representatives from Kansas Travel and Tourism visited our facility the weekend before the holiday and were very impressed! Eagle Valley is now featured on two websites: kansastravel.org (click on Kansas Zoos) and greenpeople.org (click on Non-Profit Organizations and select Kansas). The Kansas Travel site has some good pictures up, including a terrific one of our star attraction, Wasu the bald eagle!

We hope that these links will help generate some visits to our facility. Be sure to check them both out – and pass them on to your friends!

Update on Spirit

Spirit, our female bald eagle, is doing *very* well. We are pleased to see her settling in and becoming more and more comfortable in people's presence. "She probably didn't have a very high opinion of humans," says Ken Lockwood, Program Director. "She was shot by humans, had her wing amputated by humans, been stuffed in and out of shipping crates. It's such a wonderful feeling to see the beginnings of trust."

One of Spirit's favorite activities is to receive a bath – and we are more than happy to oblige her. Visitors to our facility enjoy the opportunity to bathe a bald eagle (Wasu gets a turn in the sprinkler as well), and the birds enjoy it. "It has a calming influence on them," Ken explains, "especially in this heat. And it helps form a positive image of people in their minds."

Upcoming Events

In July, the Boys and Girls Club of Wichita is coming out to Eagle Valley for a visit, as well as a group from Central Christian Church, led by long-time supporter Angie Whiteman. We've also been asked by Wichita City Arts to bring some birds to one of their summer art classes. The students will get the opportunity to draw or paint live models, as well as see the birds up close!

Volunteer Day!

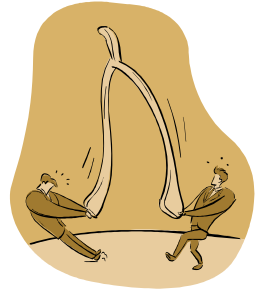
We've scheduled a volunteer day with some easy summer projects for **Saturday, July 29th**, starting at 8:00 a.m. (so we can beat the heat!).

Our wooden picnic tables need to be sanded down and given a coat or two of clear varnish. If you provide the manpower, we'll provide sandwiches and drinks for after.

Wish List

Below is a list of items we need:

- Mini refrigerator for the clinic
- Pine bark and/or cedar mulch
- Baby scale (preferably digital) for the clinic



Special Projects

Our new rehab pens are nearly complete...we just need the boards to finish them. We also are in need of more jump boxes for our birds. Contact Ken Lockwood at 316-393-0710 for more information, or if you'd like to donate towards a particular project.



Looking for a unique gift for a birthday or anniversary? What about Christmas in July? Or maybe you just want to do some shopping. Don't forget about our online store, The Eagle's Nest! It has some terrific merchandise, and all profits support Eagle Valley. What a deal!

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