

Hoo's Woods Raptor Center

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Women's Wellness Weekend, Camp Edwards, East Troy Wisconsin www.campedwards.org

Friendships through Nature

I recall the days when my son David would bring home a new girlfriend to meet the family. Shortly upon arrival, David would be giving her the grand tour to "meet the birds." It didn't take long for his father and I to figure out this was some sort of a compatibility test. A few passed while others failed. However, two years ago David brought home a special young lady, Alissa, with a niche for the outdoors and wildlife. I'm pleased to announce Alissa will be joining our family this fall when she and David get married.

In June, Alissa and her mother, Cheryl, invited me to join them for a Women's Wellness weekend at Camp Edwards near East Troy, Wisconsin. This was my first experience as a participant. The weekend was well attended with over 40 women enjoying a variety of outdoor activities on beautiful Lake Beulah. However, what I found to be most inspiring about these women were the special friendships they had developed. Some of them have been meeting at this camp each year for over 30 years. I found myself envious of the history and camaraderie they shared. Sunday morning I drove home to retrieve a few of my birds for an evening presentation. Following a luau dinner, everyone gathered in the main lodge around a rustic fireplace, anxiously waiting for the program to begin. With an eagle perched on the floor and Alissa assisting, it was an event to remember. I can't think of a better ending to a special weekend.

Here's to the ladies of Camp Edwards! Thanks for your kindness and allowing me to be a small part in your history book. I hope to see you next year! Aloha!

Dianne Moller
Executive Director of Hoo's Woods

Meet the Raptor Gang!

Open House

Sunday August 8, 2010

11:00 am- 2:00 pm

Raptor Release 1:30 pm

Hoo's Woods Raptor Center cordially invites you to our annual open house. It is through your support and generosity we continue our work in raptor education and rehabilitation. We offer this unique opportunity for you to visit our facilities. You will meet our education birds including: "Wapaha" the golden eagle, "Winston" the peregrine falcon, "Hoodini" the barred owl and all the others. Tours will begin at 11:00 am. We will be releasing two American kestrel falcons at 1:30 pm (weather permitting). You won't want to miss this opportunity. Bring your cameras! There is no charge for admission, however, donations are welcome.



Male American kestrel falcon

Please note the following:

- Children must be supervised by an adult at all times
- Individuals must stay together in a group
- Photos are welcome, however, contact with the birds is prohibited
- We are not handicap accessible
- Fund raising items will be available for your purchase
- No public restroom on site available

We are located approximately 6 miles east of Milton at 11330 E. Six Corners Rd. Whitewater, Wisconsin. Please note we are not open daily to the general public. Scheduled group tours are available by appointment only.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Hoo's Woods Awarded Grant by the James E. Dutton Foundation

Thanks to this generous grant received we were able to purchase a peregrine falcon and a projector to enhance our raptor education programs. "Winston" is a captive bred bird and was purchased from a breeder in California. He will be a great addition to our education birds. I will be using him for flight demonstrations and public programs. Peregrine falcons were close to extinction due to the ill effects of DDT. Peregrines are the fastest animals in the world diving in excess of 200 mph.

Winston will be presented in conjunction with a peregrine education poster that is currently being developed. I will be sharing more information about this in the next newsletter. The projector will be used to show power point presentations, slide shows, video and other education materials in the classroom. You can meet Winston and the other birds at our open house or by scheduling a raptor program.

On behalf of the Hoo's Woods board of directors, I want to thank the James E. Dutton Foundation their generous support.

Cygnus Business Media- Fort Atkinson Great Horned Owl Rescue



One evening in March, I received a call from my friend Lisa Beck, a former long time wildlife volunteer, regarding a two week old great horned owl. The infant bird was discovered on the ground by caring employees of Cygnus Business Media, in Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin. Lisa was unable to locate the nest and asked for my assistance. We always make our best attempt to relocate young raptors back into active nests. Since we were unable to do so in this case, we placed the young owl in with an adult Great Horned Owl who fostered the bird at our center. "Cygie" named by employees, has grown into a healthy two foot tall, three pound owl and will be ready for release later this summer. I would like to thank the Cygnus staff and Lisa Beck for their assistance in rescuing the owl. Special thanks to Janet Simon for organizing a fund raising effort to assist in caring for the owl. We appreciate your support!

Cygnus employees- would you and your family members like to join me in the release? I will provide details at a later date.

MISSION STATEMENT: Hoo's Woods is a non-profit 501(c)(3) raptor education project located in Southern Wisconsin. Active since 1998 our mission is:

- To make education both meaningful and fun, while creating an atmosphere fostering respect for our land and the stewardship of all living things.
- To educate schools and the public through the use of birds or prey and falconry birds
- To provide an educational opportunity to understand and appreciate the co-existence between wildlife and man and the importance in preserving the world in which we live.

Adopt a Raptor for A Year

Support the Hoo's Woods educational program through a donation or by adopting a raptor. You will receive a receipt for your tax records, and a photo of your raptor with a life history included. Your tax deductible donation of \$50.00 includes adopting one of the following raptor species: bald eagle, golden eagle, barn owl, barred owl, great horned owl, short eared owl, screech owl, peregrine falcon, gyrfalcon, American kestrel, red-tailed hawk, rough-legged hawk, or vulture.

YES, I want to sponsor Hoo's Woods with this tax-deductible contribution:

Name _____

Address _____

Contribution amount or Adopted Raptor _____

Please remit to: Hoo's Woods, P.O. Box 21, Milton, WI 53563

Tidbits

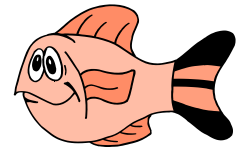


Eagle Scout Merit Awards: Our golden eagle” Wapaha” was present as guest of honor at two eagle scout ceremonies; *Alec Vicenzi of Milton, and Hayden Simonis of Janesville.* Congratulations to these two fine young men for your hard work and determination in achieving this prestigious award. Alec’s younger brother, Ryan, is currently working towards completing his Eagle Merit Badge by assisting with projects at our center. Go Ryan!

Raptor Research Foundation As a director on the board of the North American Falconer’s Association (NAFA) and President of Hoo’s Woods I have been invited to be a guest speaker at this year’s conference in September. The topic of my presentation is “Women and Raptors in the 21st Century.” Many of the world’s leading raptor experts, past and present, are women who have dedicated their lives to the conservation and welfare of birds of prey. This unique opportunity to speak at this event would allow me to share my knowledge and experiences and inspire other women to follow a career in conservation. The Raptor Research Foundation is a non-profit international organization with members in some 50 countries focusing on the scientific information of raptors. The Raptor Research Foundation does not pay or reimburse individuals for their expenses when participating in these events. I would respectfully ask you to consider helping me with a donation that would enable me to attend this conference.

‘Lunatics’ Donate Fish

Thank you to Phil Monk, owner of Lunatics Tackle and Bait shop on Main St. in Stoughton Wisconsin for his ongoing donation of fish to help feed the eagles at our center. The bald eagle flier he placed in his store as drawn much attention resulting in many fisherman donating their unwanted catch of the day. “Madeline” our female education bald eagle, has been especially enjoying the fresh fish all summer. Remember, when fishing or hunting; use alternatives to lead shot such as steel, copper or zinc. These are much healthier and friendlier to the environment. Thank you!



E-Newsletter: Hoo’s Woods believes it is important to consider our environmental impact. Last spring we began providing a full color newsletter in email format to reduce our use of paper. This will allow more of your donated money to go directly to helping the birds. If you would like to receive your newsletter via email, please contact me at falco5@ticon.net Please feel free to share this publication with family, friends or groups of interest. For those that prefer the paper newsletter form in black and white, we plan to continue this service as well.

Nesting Box Plans

If you would like plans to build a nesting box for a kestrel falcon, screech owl, or barred owl please contact us at falco5@ticon.net

Thank You 2010 Raptor Backers!

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Dr. Diane Zilker, Token Creek Veterinary Clinic
Dr. Dean Rasmussen, All Care Animal Clinic -
Wisconsin Rapids

We apologize for any names omitted



Raptor Funnies: What birds spend all their time on their knees? Birds of Prey!

Our Raptor programs are available to public and private groups.

We visit many schools, scouts, libraries and community events. Here are a few of the places we've recently visited; ***UW- Rock County Earth Day, Evansville School Energy Fair, Janesville Renaissance Fair, Camp Edwards East Troy, Oregon Boy Scouts, Evergreen Elementary School Holman, Good Shepherd Lutheran School.***

If you are interested in a raptor program please contact us at falco5@ticon.net or 608-883-2795

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"Life is not measured by the breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away."