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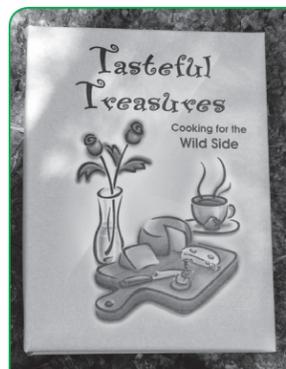
Kathy Cantafio releasing Mallard ducklings.

Busier Than Ever!

AS WE FREQUENTLY TELL FOLKS interested in Cedar Run, we are NJ's busiest wildlife rehabilitation center, and we are now busier than ever. Over the past several years, many other wildlife rehab centers in NJ have closed their doors or lost their needed permits. As more centers and independent rehabbers close, more and more of those wild animals in need are finding their way to Cedar Run. This year Cedar Run rehab staff will see and treat over 4,100 injured, orphaned or displaced wild animals,

more than any prior year. We are all pitching in and doing our part to successfully treat and release as many of the wildlife as we can. Local merchants, staff, members, volunteers and the vets at Animal Bird & Health Care Center are all making a contribution through outright donations, volunteering, or sending needed sheets and blankets to help with the increased demand for our services. Even our full time office manager, Kathy Cantafio is now busy with the wild side of things, as she is shown here releasing Mallard ducklings back to the wild.

did you know? Butterflies taste with their feet!



Tasteful Treasures: Cooking for the Wild Side

BOARD MEMBER AND EVENTS COMMITTEE MEMBER Paula Carson has written and published a new cookbook with recipes by Paula, Sandra Cram and Sandy Sampson. For all of you who have attended *Wine & Wildlife*, the appetizer table is Paula's baby. The recipes range from appetizers, soups, main dishes to cocktails. The book is gorgeous and very well thought out. And it is dedicated to Betty Woodford and the many volunteers who make Cedar Run run. The proceeds from the sales of the book will help ensure Cedar Run continues into the future. So stop on in and check it out.

Reflections on a Cedar Run Summer (cont'd from page 3)

Through nature hikes, games, and crafts the campers learned about the animals and plants that share our home in the Pinelands. If you've sent a camper to Cedar Run this summer, you probably know that a popular destination was always the wetlands. We spent a lot of time in the marshes around the lake (the wetlands) where we would look for frogs, investigate the flora, and most of all get as muddy as possible. It was very satisfying and heartwarming to hear the kids say, "this is my favorite camp ever!!" With every week I had a different age group of campers and a different syllabus. The campers never ceased to impress me in their fast learning, their creativity, their genuine interest of nature and undying amounts of energy.

That first morning I wore my green shirt proudly, in all of the bright, clean, green glory. By the last day of the last summer camp, I wore my dull, paint splattered, mud stained not-so-green-anymore shirt with even more glory. It is difficult to put to words how much fun I had this summer working at Cedar Run, how many laughs I shared with children and the Cedar Run staff, and how much detergent I will need to clean my camp clothes. I will hold my summer at Cedar Run esteemed in my heart forever.

–Johna Iannitto, 2010 Summer Camp Intern

Save the Date!
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~with the~
Animals
SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 6TH, 2010
check out our website www.cedarrun.org for details!

Don't forget to tell your friends about us!

Please remember we do not receive funds from local, state or federal governments.

We rely on YOUR donations to provide animal care and education programs for your community.

Please consider becoming a member!

See inside for details.



Raccoons in a Bucket!

EVERY YEAR OUR WILDLIFE HOSPITAL ADMITS about 75 raccoons. Most of them are orphaned youngsters, but we get a few sick or injured adults as well. Raccoons are a challenging species to work with because they are susceptible to many diseases and it takes a lot of work to prepare them for release. They are also a very fun species to work with because of their curiosity and eagerness to play with anything we give them.

Raccoons are susceptible to a few fatal diseases. At the hospital we occasionally see rabies, distemper, and parvovirus. All three of these diseases have similar symptoms. An infected animal will appear drunk (lethargy, diarrhea, disorientation, stumbling, circling, lack of balance, overly friendly or aggressive). Just being out during the day doesn't mean a raccoon is sick. If they are showing any of these other symptoms, then there is reason to be concerned. In 2008 and 2009 we lost some of our orphaned raccoons to parvovirus and distemper. This year we built a new enclosure that we hoped would prevent these diseases from spreading through the raccoons in our care. The new enclosure gives the raccoons more space and is much easier to disinfect. So far this season, 32 raccoons have used the new enclosure and all of them were successfully released back into the wild.



Raccoons: Before and After

Raccoons are very curious animals that find food in all kinds of places. We prepare the raccoons for release by offering them a lot of enrichment. We offer foods as close as possible to what they would find in the wild, things like blueberries, apples, crickets, and mice. We hide their food in logs and in piles of leaves. We fill kiddie pools with water, so they can swim and fish out their food. They get pine cones, freshly cut branches and logs to play with and climb on. Although working with raccoons is a challenge, they are some of the cutest, most entertaining animals we take in.

–Stephanie Stewart

Pinelands-Friendly Yard & Garden Fair 2010

Saturday, September 25, 11am – 4pm

This is the third year for this interesting and informative event that's a must for anyone that wants to live lightly in the Pines. Learn about native plants and even purchase them from one of several nurseries that will be on hand with information and suggestions. Get expert advice on such diverse topics as wildlife gardens and composting.

Join our naturalists for a walk through the Pinelands habitat on the Refuge. Visit our wildlife ambassadors. Enjoy wildlife programs by our staff, and two special presentations: Carole Brown of Ecosystem Gardening and John Black, Master Naturalist of Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge.

There will be demonstrations about rain barrels, rain gardens and how to create ecological sensitive landscapes. Exhibitors include Rutgers University and The Burlington County Master Gardeners.



Cedar Run Lake, Summer 2010



MISSION

Woodford Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge is a 174 acre wildlife refuge, wildlife rehabilitation hospital and environmental education center whose mission is to function as a definitive resource on the importance of protecting and enhancing healthy ecosystems for all.

To that end, Cedar Run engages in: ecologically based land management; the operation of a Federally and NJ State licensed hospital facility that cares for nearly 4,000 injured, orphaned or displaced native wild animals each year; the education of over 19,000 students annually through our various on-site and outreach programs; and serves as an active resource to the greater New Jersey community on all wildlife and habitat related questions and issues.

Jeanne A. Woodford
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Annual Trustee's Appeal

THUS FAR WE HAVE HAD A GOOD RESPONSE to our annual Trustee's Appeal. Each year our Board of Trustee's run this appeal to ensure Cedar Run has the funds we need to keep our resident animals fed and healthy and the refuge moving forward. If you have not renewed your membership or responded yet to the appeal, we encourage you to do so. It truly takes a village to run a refuge and we cannot do so without you.

Kids Pitch In to Help!

AS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, support comes to Woodford Cedar Run in many different ways. Be it time, money, or supplies we appreciate everything given to us more than words can say. Yet, there are some endeavors that make us very proud and they are the efforts put forth by our local children! Children give to us in many ways—some groups raise money, others gather supplies, and still more give their time. They do it because they care about Woodford Cedar Run and its wildlife residents. Some recent efforts brought to us by children include:

- **Joseph D. Sharp Elementary, Cherry Hill:**
- **Milton H. Allen Elementary, Medford:**
- **Junior Girl Scout Troop #22693**

Other schools that have helped this spring and summer include: Florence V. Evans Elementary, Marlton; Lindenwold #5 Elementary-K, Lindenwold; Moorestown Friends-1st grade, Moorestown; Small World Nursery School, Medford; Cub Scout Pack #76, Mt. Laurel; Joyce Kilmer Elementary-1st grade, Cherry Hill; Wenonah Elementary- 4th grade, Wenonah; Daisy Troop #30289, Cherry Hill.

—Erin Kiefer

Family Programs: Night Hikes & "Wild Side" Hiking

ON SECOND SATURDAYS of the month, a naturalist will help you explore the Refuge during twilight hours. Call for times and themes or check our website for an updated schedule. Pre-registration is required. \$10 per adult; \$5 for ages 17 and under.
ON THIRD SUNDAYS of the month, join our Naturalist in search of the wild! Meet at 1:30pm at the Education Center for a guided hike. Included in the price of admission.

Enrichment for Captive Wildlife

EVERYONE WHO VISITS CEDAR RUN'S WILDLIFE HOUSING AREA is familiar with many species that live here and help educate visitors on the importance of protecting habitat. Our animal residents are those animals that cannot be released back to the wild, for a variety of reasons. While it is obviously important for us to care for the physical well-being of our residents, it is equally important to care for their mental and intellectual well-being as well. The connection between physical and mental good health are well documented. Cedar Run employs wildlife care specialists whose job it is to care for our residents. As you tour the wildlife housing area you may see someone placing an ice ring filled with fruit or a new toy, or even hiding treats or food within the enclosures. These actions are all about providing enrichment to our wildlife, to keep them intellectually engaged and to introduce new, interesting items to be explored. We have an obligation to provide for these animals, food, water, health care and mental stimulation, and we take these issues seriously. So next time you are here, keep an eye out for the enrichment items.

—Jeanne Gural



Abby Gess, Voorhees, 14, in conjunction with the Girl Scouts Destination Program, made special treats for some of our resident wildlife, including our raccoons. The "frozen Frisbees" were made out of either cantaloupe and fruit juice or carrots and peas in ice — a perfect and nutritious way to cool off!

Wine and Wildlife 2010



This past May we hosted our annual Wine & Wildlife event. And it was the biggest and most successful thus far! Slightly more than 300 people attended that day, enjoying wine tasting, a grand array of appetizers, great food, good music and exciting auctions.

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Reflections on a Cedar Run Summer



AFTER DRIVING IN THE CAR FOR 2 HOURS from my home in Northern New Jersey, I finally saw the sign on Sawmill Road for Woodford Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge. Riding down the dirt road to Cedar Run on my first day I was experiencing many different emotions. I was excited about having a summer job away from home, I was ecstatic to work with kids, and I was intrigued by the prospect of living and working at a wildlife refuge. I walked up to a group of people huddled around some baby birds in a box. Immediately I saw the passion for animals held by each member of the Cedar Run staff. The second thing I noticed was that they were all donning the same shirt- the one with the little fox on the front and the tail on the back. From the get-go I could see that this was going to be a wild summer (pardon the pun) at an amazing establishment that is Woodford Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge.

As an intern, I spent the first few weeks of my summer learning about Cedar Run, following naturalists as they led programs on the Refuge grounds. Groups arrived by the dozen to explore the wildlife housing area and take a guided hike through the Pinelands. I also had the opportunity to follow naturalists to off-site programs to everywhere from middle schools, to preschools, to libraries, to camps, and more with the Refuge on Wheels. I usually consider summer as a time off from learning, but the knowledge I gained from Cedar Run is different from anything I have or will learn at college. The naturalists taught me not only about the animals that live in my back yard, but I also gained awareness about the unique habitats that we have in South Jersey. Honestly, before this summer I never really paid much attention to wildlife in New Jersey. I knew I had really gained an appreciation and love for the native animals when I recognized the sound of a red tailed hawk overhead when I was at my friend's house last weekend.

Other than following the naturalists and learning and exploring the refuge on my own, I had two other big concerns. My top priority was

getting my materials and plans ready for camp. I had to prepare for the big 7 weeks between the end of June and the Middle of August. Second on my list was getting the Cedar Run fox shirt. Day by day I chiseled away at lesson planning, finally satisfied and ready for camps. At long last, I got to wear the fox shirt for the first time when I led a program at a Middle School called "Hunters of the Sky." Erin, a naturalist here at Cedar Run, and I took three education ambassador birds who live here on the refuge to a local middle school, where we presented to 8 groups that day. I was exhausted yet proud afterwards, for I knew enough about barred owls, red tailed hawks, and kestrels to stand in front of a group and teach about these birds. Plus, I was wearing the coveted Cedar Run shirt, finally (or at least I thought it was coveted, turns out I could have bought one in the store for \$10).

I hardly slept the night before my first camp. I was running over and over in my head all the activities I had planned, what parts of the refuge I would take the campers to explore, what I would pack for lunch, over and over. That morning I put on my crisp new green Cedar Run tee shirt (the one with the little fox on the front and the tail on the back) laced up my hiking boots, and went out to wait for the first set of campers. I dutifully delivered every camper their brand new green camp shirt as they took a seat at the picnic tables. They were all shy at first, and it was a bit of a struggle to get them to engage in a name game. I had them introduce themselves then say their favorite animal. I wanted them to get a little bit more comfortable before we went hiking, so we played charades to get the blood flowing. After all of about 30 seconds of the game, the kids opened up, and I almost wished by the end of the week that they were as quiet and shy as they had been in the first couple minutes on Monday morning.

I learned that many of my campers came to Cedar Run year after year, and looked forward to the week they would spend exploring the Pine Barrens. They would beg to go to the places they remembered exploring in previous years, and marveled at the places they had never been to.

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Membership/Adoption Form

membership (please choose one)

Annual memberships support our three-fold mission of habitat conservation, wildlife rehabilitation and environmental education.

- FRIEND** \$1000
- EAGLE CLUB** \$500
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- SUPER FAMILY** \$100
- FAMILY PLUS** \$50
- FAMILY** \$30
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RACCOON
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RED-TAILED HAWK
GREAT HORNED OWL
RED FOX
GRAY FOX | <input type="checkbox"/> \$25
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- YES!** JOIN OUR TEAM OF VOLUNTEERS.
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