



**Woodford**  
cedar run wildlife refuge  
4 Sawmill Road  
Medford, NJ 08055-8133

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**Monday – Saturday:** 10am – 4pm  
**Sunday:** 12pm – 4pm  
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## New “Animal Ambassadors” Awe the Audience

WHILE WOODFORD CEDAR RUN’S EDUCATION DEPARTMENT reaches more than 20,000 students a year, they also conduct programs for many other segments of the population. During the past year, our naturalists have presented at festivals, senior centers, outdoor-oriented retail locations and more. This fall we even have a Bar Mitzvah on the schedule. Our programs range from formal presentations to informal question & answer sessions and almost always include a live animal visit. Our wildlife “Education Ambassadors” include a barred owl, a red-tailed hawk, an American kestrel, corn and pine snakes and eastern box turtles. Currently in training to join the team, we also have a great horned owl and a peregrine falcon. Both came to us through the rehabilitation hospital, but sustained injuries that prevent them from being released. They are currently freelofted in the education mews, a special housing area for our bird team where birds remain untethered and can move around at will.

The newest fully trained Education Ambassador at Woodford Cedar Run is a charismatic eastern screech owl named Otus. He takes his name from the original scientific name for the eastern screech, *Otus asio*. While the eastern screech owl has been reclassified as *Megascops asio*, we’ve kept Otus’s name to remind people that scientists are constantly drawing new connections between organisms within our environment. Otus came to us on September 1st, along with three female box turtles. While the turtles have been spending their time keeping our veteran turtle, Tommy, company in the

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**did you know?** *The American bald eagle population is on the rise in New Jersey. The total is now over 330.*

## Picnic Pavilion Dedication

THIS PAST FALL, Woodford Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge christened a brand new picnic pavilion dedicated to the memory of Georgia Wurster, the daughter-in-law of Woodford Cedar Run’s matriarch, Betty



Woodford. Built by our volunteers, the HOMERS, the pavilion has eight large picnic tables built by an Eagle Scout and may be rented out for personal or group use for \$50 per hour or \$250 for six hours. Admission to the Refuge grounds, wildlife housing area, trails and nature center for 30 people is included in the rental fee. Additional admissions can be purchased at the reduced rate of \$2 per person for guests 4 years of age and older. Guests 3 and under remain free of charge.

## New “Animal Ambassadors” (cont’d from front page)

nature center, Otus has been busy wooing our visitors. Prior to joining our education team, Otus worked in education at the Newark Museum. At 8 years old, Otus is fully grown and weighs in at less than half a pound. He stands approximately 6 inches tall. Otus became an education bird when he was involved in a car accident when he was younger and needed to have a wing amputation. While he can fly enough to perch in his enclosure, he would not be able to hunt effectively or defend himself against predators. Being a raptor, Otus eats a strictly carnivorous diet. It would be too difficult for him to catch prey with only one wing to carry him along.

Currently, he is living the high life in the education offices because he is unaccustomed to being outside. Hopefully by spring, he’ll be ready to go on his own play dates, visiting the screech owls currently residing in the Wildlife Housing Area. Until then, he’ll be joining the rest of our education team to teach the public about native wildlife. Keep an eye out for him at local festivals this fall—he’s a real charmer!

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## New & Improved “Online Presence”!

**www.cedarrun.org**  
*We are going live with a BRAND NEW website soon!*  
*Videos, pictures and informative animal updates!*  
**& find us on Facebook too:**  
**www.facebook.com/cedarrun**

## Did you know?

...that 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.

Our programs reach out to 30,000 people annually. More than 19,000 school children and Scouts are served by our education programs, and last year over 4,000 injured and orphaned animals were treated at our wildlife hospital.

**Please consider becoming a member!**

See inside for details.



## Baby Squirrels Get a Home Makeover

HAVE YOU EVER WANTED A SQUIRREL AS A PET? They’re cute and cuddly just like *Alvin and the Chipmunks* and would make the perfect pet... right? Not quite! Though they are cute, squirrels are not meant to be domesticated; instead, they should think of humans as a predator. If squirrels, in their early stages of life, are frequently exposed to humans, they may think of their caretaker as their parent!



Once a baby squirrel opens its eyes to the world awaiting it, the squirrel may imprint on any human which it comes in contact with very often. By definition, imprinting means to establish a long-lasting behavioral response to a specific individual or object.

Imprinting on humans is extremely dangerous for squirrels; they will lose their fear of humans and will be less likely to thrive when returned to their natural habitat. For instance, if a squirrel raised in the wild is approached by a human, the squirrel’s first instinct is to run away, but if that natural instinct of fearing humans is taken away, the squirrel is very vulnerable in the wild. It will be naïve about predators, making safe shelters, finding its own food and watching out for cars and other impending dangers.

At the Cedar Run Rehab Center, caretakers tried their best to reduce human contact with baby squirrels. However, when it came time for cleaning their enclosures, the process was stressful for both the baby squirrels and the caretakers, since the squirrels had to be caught with nets and taken out of the enclosures. New enclosures with detachable nesting boxes were absolutely necessary! The nesting boxes on the enclosures would allow for the squirrels to be in a closed-off area while caretakers clean the enclosures preventing human and squirrel contact.

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## Here Comes Autumn with The Animals! Families Go Wild at Woodford Cedar Run

Saturday, November 5th, noon – 4pm

**\$10** per person over 4 yrs of age. **Members receive \$1 off** per person

**\*SAVE \$1 PER ADMISSION – Look for us at the Medford Halloween Parade to receive a coupon or stop by the Refuge to see us.**

THIS COMING NOVEMBER we are hosting our annual **Autumn with the Animals** event at the Refuge. Enjoy naturalist-led hikes and activities, train rides through the woods, crafts, a behind-the-scenes look at our wildlife hospital, contests and many other fun adventures.

**Please call for tickets or info: 856.983.3329 Ext. 100**

“Digger”





**MISSION**

**Woodford Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge** is a 174 acre wildlife refuge, wildlife rehabilitation hospital & environmental education center whose mission is to serve as a community 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 over 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.

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**2011 Annual Trustees Appeal**

THUS FAR WE HAVE HAD A GOOD RESPONSE to our annual **Trustees' Appeal**. However, we are \$10,000 down from where we need to be. Each year our Board of Trustees 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.

**Squirrel Home Makeover**

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Over this past summer, Cadette Girl Scout troop #30292 took up the project to build these new enclosures as part of their Silver Award Leadership activity with the help of Mr. Glenn Nec, who has been working at Cedar Run for seven years now. The troop used the money they made selling Girl Scout cookies to buy about \$430 worth of supplies to build the new enclosures.

Under the guidance of Mr. Nec, they spent several days using power tools, nails and wood to construct new residences for the squirrels. New enclosures were greatly in need since the old ones were deteriorating and lacked nesting boxes, but originally were put on hold for next year's budget to cover. The Refuge would have had to depend solely upon donations from the community to pay for materials needed for the new enclosures and Mr. Nec would have had to take on the project himself. Thanks to the hard work and the generosity of Girl Scout Troup #30292, Cedar Run is ready to house several of the squirrels orphaned in the aftermath of hurricane Irene.

The new enclosures will also allow for the rehabilitation center to nurse more baby squirrels *without* the risk of them imprinting on their caretakers. The impact these new enclosures will have on the releasing of squirrels into the wild is tremendous. As a member of Girl Scout Troop #30292, I feel very proud of our accomplishment and hope it will inspire others to do their part in taking care of our ecosystem. As Jeanne Gural, Executive Director of Cedar Run says, "If you want to make a change in the world, start with making a difference in your own corner of the world!"



—Rhea Prabhu  
GIRL SCOUT CADETTE TROOP #30292

**Wine & Wildlife 2011**

This past May we hosted our annual Wine & Wildlife event. Slightly more than 300 people attended that day, enjoying wine tasting, a delicious array of appetizers, great food, good music and exciting auctions.

**special thanks also to our event sponsors:**

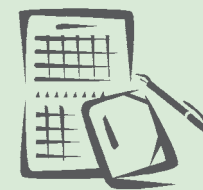
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**did you know?** A portion of the grounds of the Refuge are typical of Atlantic White Cedar Swamp. You might notice a brownish foam in the water. This is caused by the iron content in the water. When the foam builds up it creates an oil slick. As the oil collects, it becomes heavier and sinks to the bottom. Over thousands of years, the oil solidifies and becomes "bog iron". You can see the rusty iron in the mud.

**Upcoming Events: mark your calendars!**

**Note:** Parents are asked to remain with children during **homeschool** and **knee-high naturalists** programs.



**YOUNG NATURALIST'S ECO-CLUB**

On the **SECOND SATURDAY MORNING** of the month explore the ecology of the Pinelands while learning the importance of environmental stewardship. Meet other nature lovers, learn about volunteering with hands-on experience and investigate the Refuge environment. **10am-noon** Ages 8 through 15. Pre-registration appreciated, but not required. \$5.00 per child.

**WALKS ON THE WILD SIDE**

Explore the Pines with us on the **THIRD SUNDAY** of the month, join our Naturalist in search of the wild. Meet at 1:30 p.m. at the Education Center. Call for themes or check our website for an updated schedule. *Included with the price of admission.*

**October 16th 1:30 PM "Arachnids"** What has eight legs and can be found in the woods? That's right, arachnids! Visit the Refuge and discover spiders and other 8-legged Refuge residents.

**November 13th 1:30 PM "Fall Scavenger Hunt"** Explore the Refuge with a special fall-themed scavenger hunt and see if you can find all the signs of the season across the Refuge.

**December 18th 1:30 PM "Winter Crafts are for the Birds"** When food is sparse during the winter months, many animals have to search for their food. Come join us and make some edible crafts for the birds.

**NIGHT HIKES**

Join us for a seasonal night hike to experience the wonders of the Refuge after dark! *Advanced registration is required. \$10.00 per adult and \$5.00 per child. Please call ahead for times.*

**Saturdays: February 11th and May 12th 2012**

**Is your budget low and you're looking to GO WILD?! Contact us about our affordable on and off-site education programs for all ages! We meet NJ Core Curriculum Standards. Call 856-983-3329 Ext.103 for more details.**

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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
- SUSTAINING** \$250
- SUPER FAMILY** \$100
- FAMILY PLUS** \$50
- FAMILY** \$30
- INDIVIDUAL** \$25

**MEMBERS RECEIVE:**

- Free admission to the refuge
- Invitation to members-only events
- Our quarterly publications
- Discounts on merchandise

Please mail form with your check to:  
**Cedar Run WR**  
**4 Sawmill Road**  
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We accept **Visa, MC, Amex and Discover** cards.

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**adopt-a-wild-one!** (please check your choices)  
If you are giving an adoption please **also** provide the name and address of the recipient.

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**Annual Adoptions include:** Adoption Certificate with Color Photo • One Year Subscription to our publications • Educational Materials • One Free Visit to the Refuge

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- YES!** RUN A "WISHLIST" FUND DRIVE.