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REMEMBERING THE SIMPLE MOMENTS



Being outdoors is something that was always very normal for me. I was fortunate because I grew up in a home surrounded by a wooded lot. It probably wasn't that big, but to me, at the age of three it seemed immense. Some of my earliest memories are wandering around the backyard, digging in the dirt, looking for turtles and hiding out beneath our weeping willow. I often think back and wonder, had I not experienced those things when I was young, where might I be today? Many of us may remember similar experiences from childhood, but sadly today's youth may not be so lucky. Pressures from school, test scores, sports and other commitments often limit a child's time to explore the outdoors on their own. Therefore, it is my job to make sure that every child visiting Cedar Run leaves here remembering a single, simple moment of pure joy. Whether the experience is finding a caterpillar on the trail, a turtle sunning itself in the lake or seeing an owl for the first time; I want to know that I have made a difference in their lives when they leave here, even it is just for a moment. Child advocacy expert, Richard Louv, coined the phrase "nature-deficit disorder" and linked it to some of the

most disturbing childhood trends, such as the rise in obesity, attention disorders, anxiety, and depression. Extensive research has shown many benefits to spending time outdoors for all of us. "We do know that time in nature can help kids learn to have confidence in themselves," Louv said in a February, 2014 interview. "Hyperactive children can become calmer, better able to focus. Studies of creativity show that kids who play in natural or naturalized play areas are far more likely to invent their own games, far more likely to play cooperatively. Children who have nature-play experience also test much higher in science. We have learned that children who evolve as leaders in flat, hard-surfaced play areas tend to be the strongest, while the leaders who evolve from play in natural areas tend to be the smartest." Children are born with an innate curiosity for the natural world, however it is from parents, caregivers, and teachers that they learn whether to embrace it or ignore it. It is not difficult to spend a few moments of each day going for a walk, climbing a tree, digging in the dirt, watch the passing clouds, looking for birds, planting flowers or watching butterflies. These things are all around us. You do not need to have my job in order to make a difference in the life of a child, and I hope that each of you will remember those simple moments of pure joy from your own childhood and share them with a child wherever you are.



By Denise Peters, Director of Education

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SAVE THE DATE

March 15, Sunday at 2:00 pm
Volunteer Information Session
Cedar Run Nature Center

March 15 - March 31
Spring Baby Shower
Cedar Run Wildlife Rehabilitation Hospital

May 8, Friday & May 9, Saturday
Native Plant Sale
Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge

May 16, Saturday 4:00 - 9:00pm
Whiskey, Wine & Wildlife Festival
Flying W Airport, Medford



MEET OLIVE

CEDAR RUN'S NEWEST EDUCATION AMBASSADOR

Olive arrived to Cedar Run on December, 16, 2014 from a rehabilitation center in Locust Valley, NY where she and her ten littermates had been cared for until they were ready to be released back into the wild. In Olive's case, when it came time to release her, it was evident that she had unintentionally become habituated to humans. As a friendly and calm opossum, our education team has been preparing Olive to become one of our featured wildlife ambassadors in our education programs. She is currently being housed indoors, but will move to our outdoor housing area in the spring.



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OUR MISSION:

Dedicated to the preservation of New Jersey's wildlife and habitats through environmental education, conservation and rehabilitation.

To that end: Cedar Run operates the region's busiest wildlife hospital, and engages in conservation efforts through environmental education and ecologically based management of our 171 acres of Pinelands habitats.

Cedar Run offers environmental educational programs for all ages that highlight the connection between wildlife conservation, human health and the importance of protecting the habitats we all share.

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A Message of Thanks

Happy New Year!

We, here at Cedar Run, would like to take this opportunity to say thank you.

Thank you to all who helped make our recent Holiday fundraising drive such a success. With each orphaned wild baby we are able to successfully release back to the wild, and through the eyes of each and every child with whom we can spark appreciation for our natural world, you, our supporters, are there.

This newsletter is sent to those that embrace and believe in our mission and support our work. You are holding this in your hands because you have made a difference. You may wonder how the money or donated time we receive is used, or how it helps. At Cedar Run, you can see it in everything we do.

So come see us in 2015... and watch what we accomplish together.

Warmest regards,

Jeanne M. Gural
Executive Director

CARE TO SHARE WITH INVESTORS BANK CARE2SHARE AFFINITY PROGRAM

If you are reading this newsletter, then you care about Cedar Run. Investors Bank cares about us too.

They have committed to making a difference for organizations like ours.

How does it work?

When you bank at Investors, you can link your personal checking or savings account to any non-profit organization that is enrolled in the program. That's where we come in. Investors Bank will calculate and send quarterly contributions to us based upon the average monthly balances you maintain in your linked accounts.

Wait. What?

That's right. When you link your eligible accounts to Woodford Cedar

Run Wildlife Refuge, our organization will receive from Investors Bank .25% on the average monthly balance of your checking account or .15% on the average monthly balance of your savings account. And it doesn't cost you a single penny.

Simply complete a Care2Share Account Linking/Un-linking form to let them know you'd like to support Cedar Run. Then, be sure to tell everyone you know about Care2Share, because the more accounts linked to Cedar Run, the more donations we'll receive, the more animals we can help and the more kids we can educate!

Care2Share is free and easy. Account Linking/Un-linking forms are available at any Investors branch or by visiting www.myinvestorsbank.com/care2share.

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Wildlife Hospital Annual Baby Shower March 15th through the 31st

Purchase a new gift from the hospital wish list below and drop it off at the Rehab Hospital between March 15 and March 31. In appreciation we will offer you free admission to the nature center, the wildlife housing area and hiking trails for the day as our guest. Want to donate but can't come out to Cedar Run? Have your gift shipped. Our Amazon wishlist is located online at www.amazon.com. Whatever way you choose to get it here, the staff and much anticipated baby wildlife thank you from head to paws!

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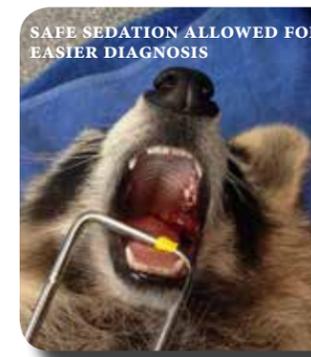
Cedar Run Tackles Raccoon Emergency

At least a few times a year we see patients come through our wildlife hospital tangled in fishing line or tackle. Fishing line can cause lacerations and cut off circulation, while fish hooks can do extreme damage to tissue, both internally and externally. Animals encounter these items when fisherman cut their lines and do not retrieve their tackle. While most people consider this a problem for water birds and turtles, traps by humans of any sort do not discriminate. Raccoons, who love to hunt frogs and crayfish in nearby streams, are also susceptible to being caught by this form of entrapment.

In early September we admitted an adult raccoon that was humanely trapped by some concerned citizens that had noticed a fishing line and tackle hanging from the raccoon's mouth. While in the trap the finders removed the line and tackle but could not see a hook. During admission the raccoon was chewing on something that was not immediately visible and bleeding from her mouth, a clear sign that the hook was lodged somewhere inside of her mouth. Upon examination she also had multiple abrasions to her front legs from trying to escape the humane trap, but seemed otherwise unharmed and was surprisingly attempting to eat soft foods. With the help of Dr. James Boutette at Animal and Bird Health Care Center, we sedated the patient and got a better look inside of her mouth. To our surprise, the hook had punctured the palate in the roof of her mouth. Dr. Boutette was able to quickly remove the hook and clean the wound. The injury was significant and likely very painful, but it was an injury that would heal nicely with time and care. The raccoon's abrasions were scrubbed and cleaned and determined to

be superficial. She was underweight, most likely due to difficulty eating while the hook was lodged in her palate. The raccoon was moved to an outside enclosure soon after her vet visit to reduce the stress of daily handling. She was an excellent patient and easily took antibiotics in her food twice a day for a month. She was also administered pain medication for a short period of time. Near the end of her treatment, she became the feisty and healthy raccoon that she should have been. She was climbing all around her enclosure, had gained weight, and demonstrated her wildness daily. She was released a little over a month after admission and was certainly happy to be free again. Without the kindness of her human neighbors that found her, she would definitely have succumbed to this injury over time. She was one lucky raccoon.

By Lori Swanson, Director of Wildlife Rehabilitation



WOODFORD CEDAR RUN AWARDED \$50K GARDINIER ENVIRONMENTAL FUND GRANT

Woodford Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge is proud to announce the receipt of a \$50,000 grant, as awarded by the Gardinier Environmental Fund, Inc. The grant will be utilized to complete energy efficiency upgrades to Cedar Run's facilities in order to help decrease energy costs and reduce our carbon footprint. In addition, the same investment will allow Cedar Run to contract with Jantek Industries to replace all their inefficient windows and doors in the Nature Center, Wildlife Rehabilitation Hospital and Staff Housing.

"I am delighted to accept this very important grant on behalf of Cedar Run," said Jeanne Gural, Executive Director of Cedar Run. "In all of our education programs, we focus heavily on the ideas of environmental sustainability, stewardship and conservation. These concepts have strong merit and help to form a lifelong interest in, and caring for, our natural world. " With this grant, Cedar Run will continue to be a powerful a voice on the need for all to reduce our carbon footprint and live with an awareness of the future.

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Spotlight on Erin Kiefer, Award-Winning Educator



We are pleased to announce that our Senior Educator, *Erin Kiefer*, has been awarded ANJEE's (Alliance for New Jersey Environmental Education) Excellence in Environmental Education Award for

her outstanding achievements in the field of non-formal environmental education. Erin is one of the most creative and dynamic young people we have working for us. Her ability to develop innovative interpretive materials, activities, and programs, combined with her vast knowledge of New

Jersey's wildlife and habitats, enables her to teach important, engaging lessons about the natural world while maintaining the enthusiasm and interest of her students. She embraces her role to engage and inspire the next generation, always keeping content fresh and new.

Erin started as a summer camp intern at Cedar Run in May 2009 and quickly became a full-time staff member in our Education Department. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Science from Stockton College and grew up near the shore in Ocean County. Before starting at Cedar Run, Erin worked as an outreach intern for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at Edwin B. Forsythe NWR.

Erin will be honored at the awards dinner as part of the annual New Jersey Environmental Education Conference, January 23, 2015 at The Conference Center at Mercer in West Windsor, NJ.

Woodford Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge Appoints Senior Birder



Cheryl Fisher, Educator and Wildlife Assistant at Woodford Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge, has accepted the position of Senior Birder. In this role, Cheryl will be leading regular birding hikes and programs, leading avid local bird enthusiasts in activities that connect them with avian species native to the Pinelands. She will also be the primary author of Cedar Run's new Wildlife and

Nature Blog, to be launched this spring. A graduate of Rowan University, with a bachelor's

degree in Biology. She also holds an associate's degrees in both Environmental Science and Biology from Camden County College.

Cheryl's career with Cedar Run began in 2011, when she joined the organization as an intern at the Wildlife Rehabilitation Hospital. An avid birder, hiker, and outdoorswoman, Cheryl soon joined Cedar Run's education team as well, leading tours and programs, and educating participants about the flora and fauna of the pinelands.

A seasoned handler of Cedar Run's resident wild animal ambassadors, Cheryl can often be found engaging visitors with a red-tailed hawk, peregrine falcon, or barn owl on her arm.

Prior to joining Cedar Run, Cheryl worked in formal education for ten years.

2014 Memorials



There are many different ways to honor friends and loved ones who share a commitment to helping native New Jersey wildlife and habitat.

Here are the names of the people whom we honor through the generosity of donations given in their name this past year:

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Farewell To Class Act Bill Stokking



It is with a very heavy heart that we honor the recent passing of our dear friend, *Bill Stokking*, former principal cellist of the Philadelphia Orchestra. Bill graciously inaugurated Cedar Run's "Serenade for Wildlife" concert series, which enjoyed a 23-year history in support of our organization, where he often performed Saint-Saëns' Swan to the delight of the audience. He was an absolute master of sound and his musical mastery likened him to a magician. All of us here at Cedar Run are forever grateful for Bill's love of all creatures, great and small. He was a beautiful, vibrant, talented and gracious soul and we are grateful to have known him and worked with him all these years. Our heartfelt condolences go out to Bill's friends and family. He will be sorely missed.

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...our hundreds of volunteers, whose generous time and skilled work is invaluable to us.

2015 Upcoming Programs & Events: mark your calendars!

2015 PROGRAMS

HOMESCHOOL PROGRAMS: Knee-High Naturalists, Nature Nuts and Eco-explorers

Classes for ages 3-14. Theme varies each month. Knee-high Naturalists (ages 3-4) and Nature Nuts (ages 5-7) Classes are on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Times are 10-11:30am or 1-2:30pm each day. Eco-explorers (ages 8 and up) are 10-12pm or 1-3pm each day. \$10/child. Advanced registration required.

Jan 13 & 14: FEB 10 & 11: MAR 10 & 11: APR 14 & 15: MAY 12 & 13: JUN 9 & 10: SEPT 8 & 9: OCT 13 & 14: NOV 10 & 11

MOMMY AND ME PRE-K PROGRAM - Join our Education staff for a fun and engaging program about one of our resident animals. We will read books, do a craft and learn about a different animal each month. 10-11am. Ages 2-5. \$5/child. Advanced registration is required.

FEB 2: Mar 2: APR 6: MAY 4

COOKING WITH NATIVE PLANTS - Learn new and fun ways to cook with some of the plants that are common and native to this region. Each session will focus on using a variety of natural ingredients that are commonly found around here. You will sample an appetizer, main entrée and dessert and be provided with recipes to take home. Meets at the nature center. 5-7pm. Cost: \$15 (member), \$20 (non-member). BYOB. No children please. Advanced registration required.

MAR 21: APR 18: MAY 30

WALK ON THE WILD SIDE - Join us for a themed hike through the refuge. Trails are family-friendly. Begins at 1:30pm. \$10/adult, \$8/child age 4 and up, ages 3 and under free. Advanced registration required.

APR 12: MAY 10 JUN 14: JUL 12: AUG 9: SEPT 13: OCT 11

REFUGE NIGHT HIKE - Explore the refuge at night! One of our Educators will take participants through our trails from dusk to dark in search of our nighttime visitors. \$10/adult, \$8/child. Suitable for ages 8 and up. Program meets at 7:30pm. Bring flashlights, water and comfortable shoes. Advanced registration required.

APR 18: MAY 9: JUN 20: JUL 18, (July 18 is a regularly scheduled refuge night hike with program focused on the bats of NJ.): **AUG 15: Sept 19: Oct 17**

RAPTOR PHOTOGRAPHY SESSION - Join us for a morning of photography. Our trained handlers will bring at least 6 birds out of their enclosures for photographing up-close and personal on perches and in a natural setting. This program will be limited to 12 participants. \$30/members, \$40/non-members. 9-11am. Pre-registration and pre-payment are required.

MAY 2: JUN 7: SEPT 12: OCT 4

FULL MOON NIGHT HIKE - Experience the refuge in an exciting way, at night! Enjoy a guided hike under the light of the full moon to visit nocturnal habitats that are home to owls, raccoons, opossums and other wildlife that emerge after dark. Be there as the 'night shift' awakens. Program begins at the nature center. 8-9:30pm. Wear comfortable shoes, bug spray recommended. Hike is approximately 1 - 1.5 miles. \$10/person. Suitable for ages 8 and up. Advanced registration required.

JUN 13: JUL 11

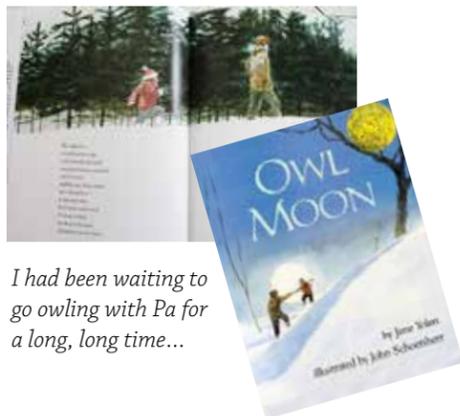
Advance registration is required for many of the programs.

Contact us at 856-983-3329, EXT. 103 or visit our website; cedarrun.org, to register or for more information.

Programs fill up quickly and/or have a minimum required number of participants needed to run.

Program costs do not include regular admission rates.

Winter Storywalk® now on White Trail



I had been waiting to go owling with Pa for a long, long time...

The days are cold and the wind is bold, but that's no reason to stay inside. Winter is a great time to be outside, especially with children. So dress warmly, gather up the kids, and come out to Cedar Run for a nice brisk walk on our White Trail while reading our newest StoryWalk® book, *Owl Moon*. It's a great way to combine the benefits of physical activity, time outdoors in nature, literacy, and family time too! *Owl Moon* is a touching story of a child

and parent finding magic and adventure in a simple, snowy nighttime search for the great horned owl. Written in 1987 by Jane Yolen and illustrated by John Schoenherr, *Owl Moon* won many awards including the Caldecott Award in 1988 and has appeared on the TV show "Reading Rainbow." This beautiful book is a treasure for longtime fans, and awaits being introduced to a whole new generation.

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2015 EVENTS

STARGAZING AT THE REFUGE - JAN 17: Spend time with us under the stars and join us for a night filled with stargazing and a lesson in astronomy. Telescopes will be available for use, but you may also bring your own. Begins at 5pm in the covered pavilion. Advanced registration required. \$5/person. Rain/snow cancels event.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY - JAN 19: Enjoy a special day of programs at the refuge. We will present Hunters of the Sky at 11am and 1pm—a hawk and owl will make a special appearance as you learn all about the special adaptations that make these birds fierce predators. Kids can also make a special craft inside the nature center. All ages welcome. Program included with the price of admission.

VALENTINE'S DAY AND GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT - FEB 13-15: Children ages 12 and under will receive FREE admission Friday – Sun. when they bring in a handmade valentine for one of our resident animals. Other programs include Make a Pinecone Birdfeeder and coloring pages in the nature center. Kids will also receive a bird checklist to complete and turn in for a prize.

PRESIDENT'S DAY - FEB 16: Enjoy a special day of programs at the refuge. We will present All About Reptiles at 11am and 1pm--Native New Jersey snakes and turtles join guests for this exciting program. Observe each species' unique characteristics and learn about their habitats and adaptations for survival. Kids can also make a special craft inside the nature center. All ages welcome. Program included with the price of admission.

OWL PROWL - FEB 20: Winter is often the best time of the year to locate owls in the forest as they are in the midst of nesting season. Program begins inside the nature center for an up-close experience with our resident owls followed by a hike on the trail in search of our local species. Program will focus on Eastern Screech-owl, Barred Owl and Great-horned Owl. 6-8pm. Please dress accordingly and wear comfortable shoes. No flashlights, please. This program will fill up! Advanced registration required. Suitable for ages 8 and up. \$15/person (members), \$20/person (non-members).

REFUGE BABY SHOWER - MAR 15-31: Each year Cedar Run takes in nearly 4,000 orphaned, injured and displaced baby wildlife. In addition to our expert Rehabbers and skilled volunteers, we required a large array of supplies specific to properly care and manage our little bundles of joy. That's why we throw a Spring Baby Shower! The registry includes everything from baby bottle brushes and bleach to Pedia-lite and plastic baby keys. A list of needed items can be found on our website. We also need monetary donations to feed all those little mouths and get them ready to be released. For more information contact Lori Swanson, lori.swanson@cedarrun.org or 856-983-3329 and press 2.

RAPTOR EGG HUNT - APR 4: Enjoy a non-traditional raptor Egg Hunt. We will begin with a short program about raptors, their nests and eggs. We will also introduce you to a live raptor. The program will be followed by a non-competitive and fun raptor egg hunt in which children ages 3-12 will hunt for wooden raptor eggs hidden in the forest! Each child will get a special prize after the egg hunt. Program cost is \$5/child. Additional trail admission applies for children and adults. Programs at 11am and 2pm. You must pre-register your child's name and age. This program will fill up!

DAY OFF ADVENTURE - APR 6: No School? Enjoy a full day of fun at Cedar Run. Activities include hiking, games, live animals, crafts and more. Children in grades K-6 can join us from 9am-3pm for exciting adventures at the refuge. \$60/child. Children should dress for the weather and plan on spending most of the day outdoors. Bring a lunch, snack and water bottle. Advanced registration required.

THE WILD DIFFERENCE - APR 11: You will learn the difference between wild animals and pets. We will also discuss how you can make a difference to the animals that live near you and what to do if you find injured wildlife. We will also make enrichment items and tour the wildlife housing area. Program meets in the nature center. 1-2:30pm. \$5/person. Advanced registration required.

2015 SUMMER CAMP: mark your calendars!

June 29-August 21. Children ages 3-12 can join us for a week long summer day camp filled with hands-on lessons, experiments, fun and lots of time spent outdoors. Sessions are half day or full day 9am-3pm for ages 6 and up. **Early bird registration deadline is April 15.** Please check our website for more details and registration information.