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Monday – Friday: 9am – 5pm

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Supplement With Seed. Just like many of us, birds and other wildlife are stressed in winter. Their food sources decrease, they have to work harder to keep warm, fed and hydrated, and still have to avoid predators, which are also under increased stress. Supplementing with high quality bird seed is a great way to attract birds to your yard and offer you an entertaining winter view. Just remember to make sure to put the feeders in a safe, predator-free spot. You should also make sure you offer food all winter long, and get the best quality you can, such as safflower seed, sunflower seed, or peanuts. Many seed blends have lots of fillers, which do not offer much nutritional value to birds.

Defrost the Water. Did you know that some birds are able to melt snow if they really need a drink? They can, but it takes a lot of energy for them to do so. Just like us, birds and other wildlife can become dehydrated in winter due to fewer water options and dryer air. By providing them with clean, drinkable water their limited energy can be used elsewhere. Heated birdbaths are widely available, or you could place a brick heated from your oven into birdbath for temporary frost-free drinking.



By Jeanne Gural, Executive Director

Winter StoryWalk® Now on the White Trail



Under the snow is a whole secret kingdom...

The days are cold and winds are bold, but that’s no reason to stay inside. Winter is a great time to be outside. So dress warmly, gather up the kids, and come out to Cedar Run and visit our new StoryWalk®, *Over and Under the Snow* by Kate Messner. Gliding through the woodland on skis, a girl and her father watch for signs of animals. A squirrel’s tail flashes red as he disappears down a

crack in the snow. A fox steps into view. Guided by her father, the child becomes increasingly aware of “the secret kingdom beneath the snow,” where voles pass through tunnels, bullfrogs sleep in mud, and a queen bee hibernates in the ground. A great book for winter reading this quiet but eye-opening picture book will heighten a child’s awareness of the natural world.

Woodford cedar run wildlife refuge tales from cedar run



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SUSTAINABLE JERSEY FOR SCHOOLS AND CEDAR RUN - A PERFECT PARTNERSHIP

The Cedar Run Education Department is always looking for new and exciting ways to partner with schools. Three years ago, when we learned that a local elementary school was having problems with water in their school, our Executive Director Jeanne Gural suggested installing a rain garden that would also double as a pollinator garden and serve as an outdoor classroom. The project was a perfect partnership and helped us reach students in a new way with a focus on STEM-based environmental education. After the project was complete, we didn't really think about how else it could serve the students, until they enrolled in the Sustainable Jersey for Schools program last year. The Sustainable Jersey for Schools is a "certification program for New Jersey public schools that want to go green, conserve resources and take steps to create a brighter future, one school at a time." The program is still in its early stages and has only been in effect for a little over a year, but already there are 136 registered districts and more than 350 registered schools across New Jersey. Schools can participate in a variety of ways to earn points towards certification and Cedar Run has identified several key areas where we can help schools achieve certification or move up a level. The program is designed so that teachers, administrators and students work together to achieve a better and healthier environment for the future and this is where Cedar Run fits in!

In September, Taunton Forge Elementary achieved the bronze level of certification, a prestigious level given to only a few select schools within the state. The award was obtained

Taunton Forge
Elem. students
in their rain
garden.



in part by the 1,000 square foot rain garden installed by Cedar Run staff. Working with the schools to provide for a more sustainable environment just makes sense. We have resources and experienced staff that a school alone may not have access to. It is our goal (and hope) to partner with additional school districts across the state. We can assist with biodiversity audits in the schoolyard, provide STEM-based science programs using native wildlife, provide insight and ideas for water and habitat conservation, install a rain garden or complete numerous other action items that are required for a school to obtain certification. We can also work with the school administrators and teachers to help them obtain the necessary grants for these projects. It's a win-win situation for schools and for Cedar Run! If you are interested in partnering with us and the Sustainable Jersey for Schools program, contact our Education Department to discuss how we can help your school earn points towards certification.



By Denise Peters, Director of Education

SAVE THE DATE

**January 17, February 21, or
March 20, Sunday at 2:00 pm**
Volunteer Information Session

March 1 - March 31
Formula 500 - Race to Fill the Bottle
Cedar Run Wildlife Rehabilitation Hospital

March 25 - April 3
NEW! Digital Photo Contest (ages 3-18)

March 28, Monday 9:00am-3:00pm
Day-Off Adventures (grades K-6)

SAY "HI" TO APOLLO

CEDAR RUN'S EDUCATION AMBASSADOR



Apollo, the Turkey Vulture, has been a resident of Cedar Run since summer 2014. He has been housed "behind the scenes" while being trained for use during education programs. We'll keep your eyes out for him now, as he makes his long awaited appearance in his new enclosure! As an imprint Apollo loves attention, so don't forget to stop over and say "hi!" He'll probably be sunning himself like vultures love to do.



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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 and our year a success. We do not receive any funding from Federal, State or local tax dollars so we value each contribution made to us. At Cedar Run, it is not difficult to see the good your donations can do. 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 spark learning and wonder 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. At Cedar Run, we can see you in everything we do.

Come see us in 2016... and watch what we accomplish together.

Warmest regards,

Jeanne M. Gural, Executive Director

Create A Winter Haven For Wildlife

While our autumn was mild, winter really will come for all of us, wildlife included. There are steps we all can take to help wildlife endure the stresses of winter. With the loss of habitat and the shifts in resources that can occur, backyards can become viable habitats for our native wildlife throughout the year and can be especially important in winter. Here are some tips to help winterize your yard for wildlife while offering you a great opportunity for bird watching and wildlife viewing.

Go Native, at least in part. Native plants have high habitat value and can offer several benefits to our native wildlife, including winter food and shelter. Winter fruit-bearing plants such as Winterberry Holly and American Holly can offer a direct benefit in the form of high fat berries, perfect to keep the birds fed and warm in the long winter months. While these winter berries can have high nutritional value, they typically do not have a desirable taste and are often the very last things eaten in the wild. Other native plants, such as the evergreens, Northern Bayberry, Choke Cherry, and Rhododendrons can offer winter cover and respite from wind. Even native flowers, such as Black-eyed Susan, Coneflower and Goldenrod can offer nutrition in the form of dried seeds.



Winterberry Holly American Holly

Leave some of the dried flowers in place, and allow them to overwinter. The birds will put them to great use.

Leave Some Leaves. Leaves offer much more than shade in the summer and color in the fall: they offer valuable nesting materials and winter warmth for wildlife. When you do your fall and winter clean-up, leave a few leaves on the ground and take comfort in knowing the squirrels and birds can use them in their winter nests.

Give Them Shelter. Another way to help wildlife in winter is by leaving a few logs or organic debris piles in place. Log piles can make great cold weather nesting spots for overwintering animals such as chipmunks and beneficial insects. Pick a corner, make a small pile of sticks and logs, and allow some leaf litter to build up and presto! you have a backyard micro-habitat.

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Adoptive Families

We do not often see original families here in our wildlife hospital at Cedar Run, though we have admitted the occasional mother opossum with her joeys or a mother duck with her ducklings. Usually, we create families of adoptive siblings of the same species to reduce stress and to prevent imprinting. If the babies are young there is usually no fuss, but some of the older mammal babies will voice some dissent. Luckily, these disagreements are short-lived and they quickly become one happy family. These family units become even more critical when animals require long-term care because daily interaction with humans can result in habituation, which can be just as problematic as imprinting.

We currently have an adoptive family of Southern flying squirrels that will be with us until they can be released in spring. This family of four flying squirrels is made up of babies from three separate admissions to our hospital. We first accepted two siblings that were 25 grams each and then a single baby at 20 grams. When we introduced the single baby to the original two, he was readily accepted. Numerous weeks later we admitted three flying squirrel babies that were only 5 grams each with their eyes still closed and furless bodies. Flying squirrels that tiny can be difficult to raise and have a much lower survival rate. In these instances, they move to a foster home for more individualized care. Our fosters are amazingly dedicated volunteers who are able to devote countless hours to animals that would not thrive in a fast-paced hospital. After months of care at the foster home, one of the three babies had survived!! Flying squirrel babies are born at approximately 5 grams, so this little girl was a miracle and it was obvious how much critical care was put into her survival. She was such a late baby, however, that we had some concerns about introducing her to the group!



The fragile 5 gram babies need extra loving care.



Young flying squirrels enjoy a meal of seeds, green, and oh so tasty mealworms!

Flying squirrels are a naturally gregarious species and live in colonies in the wild, so we were hopeful that the new family member would be welcomed. We offered multiple nesting and feeding areas to reduce competition, but there was adequate opportunity and space for interaction. The now juveniles lived separately (3 in one nest box and the single in the other) for four days and we were worried they would not intermingle. On a happy note, we had not seen signs of fighting. On the fifth day while cleaning their enclosure we noticed that the single juvenile had moved in with the others! They have been living happily together now for over a month and will be released together this coming spring. Flying squirrels born in late summer/fall will stay with their mother through the first winter and will rely on her food cache until spring. This is not an option for our flying squirrels, so we will care for them as hands-off as possible until they are able to forage for themselves.



By Lori Swanson, Director of Wildlife Rehabilitation

2016 Summer Camp: mark your calendars!

Sessions run June 27-August 19. Children ages 3-13 can join us for a week long summer day camp filled with hands-on lessons, experiments, fun and time spent outdoors. Half day or full day sessions available. Early bird registration deadline is April 15. Visit our website for more information

- June 27-July 1 & August 15-19: Discovery by the Day (9-3pm, ages 6-10), Fledglings (9-12pm, ages 3-4)
- July 5-8: Pond Paradise (9-3pm, ages 7-8), Awesome Adventurers (9-3pm, ages 9-10)
- July 11-15: Polliwogs (9-12pm, ages 5-6), Earth Avengers (9-3pm, ages 11-13)
- July 18-22: Polliwogs (9-3pm, ages 5-6), Pond Paradise (9-3pm, ages 7-8)
- July 25-29: Polliwogs (9-12pm, ages 5-6), Awesome Adventurers (9-3pm, ages 9-10)
- August 1-5: Forest Frolic (9-3pm, ages 7-8), Wild 4 Wildlife (9-3pm, ages 9-10)
- **NEW!** Drop-off days available every Wednesday (9-3pm, ages 6-10)



2016 Upcoming Programs & Events: mark your calendars!

2016 PROGRAMS: JANUARY - JUNE

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), Nature Nuts (ages 5-7) and Eco-Explorers (ages 8-14). Classes are on Tuesdays or Wednesdays starting at 10am or 1pm. \$10/child. Advanced registration required.

JAN 12 & 13 FEB 9 & 10 MAR 8 & 9 APR 12 & 13 MAY 10 & 11 JUN 14 & 15

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 required.

FEB 2 MAR 1 APR 5 MAY 3

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 ages 4 and up, ages 3 and under and members/FREE. Advanced registration required.

APR 10 MAY 8 JUN 1

RAPTOR PHOTOGRAPHY SESSION - Join us for a morning of photography. Our trained staff 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 is limited to 12 participants. \$40/member, \$50/non-member. 9-11am. Advanced registration and pre-payment required.

MAY 7 JUN 5

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. Times vary by month. Suitable for ages 8 and up. \$10/person. Advanced registration required.

APR 23 MAY 22 JUN 19

ACTIVE ADULTS PROGRAM - Enjoy a short lecture and then a guided hike through the refuge. Topic varies monthly. Bring water and wear sneakers or walking shoes. Hike is optional and along easy terrain. 2-3:30pm. FREE/member, \$5/non-member.

APR 4 MAY 2 JUN 6

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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** \$50
- FAMILY OF TWO** \$30
- INDIVIDUAL** \$25

ALL MEMBERS RECEIVE:

- Free admission to Woodford Cedar Run Nature Center
- Year-round hiking trails, picnicing and wildlife watching
- Invitation to members-only events
- Discounts on programs and parties
- Our quarterly Newsletter
- Discounts on purchases of \$5 or more

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- bald eagle
- peregrine falcon
- barred owl



► \$100 Level

- red-tailed hawk
- great-horned owl
- gray fox
- raccoon



► \$75 Level

- American kestrel
- barn owl
- turkey vulture
- white-tailed deer



► \$50 Level

- screech owl
- pine snake
- corn snakes



► \$35 Level

- mute swan
- American crow
- fish crow



► \$25 Level

- eastern box turtle
- Canada goose
- gray squirrel

Annual Adoptions include: Adoption Certificate with Color Photo • One Year Subscription to our Newsletter • Educational Materials • One Free Visit to Cedar Run

other ways to help! (please check below to receive information)

- YES!** LEARN HOW TO LEAVE A LEGACY WITH A BEQUEST GIFT.
- YES!** JOIN OUR TEAM OF VOLUNTEERS.
- YES!** RUN A "WISHLIST" FUND DRIVE.

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2016 EVENTS: JANUARY - APRIL

STARGAZING AT THE REFUGE - JAN 16: Spend time with us under the stars and join us for a night filled with starwatching and a lesson in astronomy. Telescopes will be available for use, but you may bring your own. Begins at 5pm in the covered pavilion. \$5/person. Rain/snow cancels event. Advanced registration required.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY - JAN 18: 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 make a special craft inside the nature center. All ages. Program included with the price of admission.

INTRODUCTION TO SKULL ID - JAN 31: This informative program will teach you basic tips and tricks to help you identify various mammal skulls. We will use both replica and real examples (or bring one of your own). 1-2:30pm. FREE/member, \$5/non-member.

VALENTINE'S DAY AND GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT - FEB 12-15: Children ages 12 and under will receive FREE admission Friday – Sunday 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 15: 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. Program included with the price of admission.

OWL PROWL - FEB 27: 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. 6-8pm. Please dress accordingly and wear comfortable shoes. No flashlights, please. This program will fill up! Suitable for ages 8 and up. \$15/member, \$20/non-member. Advanced registration required.

FORMULA 500 - RACE TO FILL THE BOTTLE - MAR 1-MAR 31: *NEW this year!* Cedar Run is initiating a campaign to help us cover the cost of baby formula that can only be purchased by licensed rehabbers. Caring for nearly 4,000 orphaned, injured and displaced baby animals each year is expensive and can exceed \$15,000 during the spring and summer months! Monetary donations will be accepted to help us cover any necessary formula, food, medication and other supplies and get the babies ready to be released. For more information contact Lori at lori.swanson@cedarrun.org or call (856) 983-3329 and press 2.

DIGITAL PHOTO CONTEST - MAR 25-APRIL 3: *NEW this year!* Children ages 3-18 can participate in our digital photo contest and submit their favorite refuge photo for display at the nature center. Photos can be taken with a digital camera or phone, but must be taken and submitted during this week only. Photos will be judged based on age and subject and displayed during our gallery weekend May 6-8.

RAPTOR EGG HUNT - MAR 26: 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! \$5/child. Additional trail admission applies for children and adults. Programs at 11am and 2pm. Advanced registration required. This program will fill up!

DAY OFF ADVENTURE - MAR 28: 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.

AMAZING ANIMAL ADAPTATIONS - APR 10: In this fun and educational program you will learn all about the various adaptations that animals have to survive. You will get to see and touch many animal artifacts including skulls, wings and skins. Program is suitable for all ages. 1-2pm. FREE/member, \$5/non-member. Advanced registration required.

Join Us on January 28 for Give 20 at Iron Hill Brewery - A Night Out for Wildlife



Iron Hill Brewery in Maple Shade is donating 20% of food sales (non-alcoholic items only) to Cedar Run throughout the day. Just bring a copy of the Give 20 flyer. It's easy, you'll enjoy a great meal and support an important cause! Visit our website or Facebook to get a copy of the flyer. Don't miss a night out for wildlife!

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THANK YOU

We are sad to say goodbye to several wildlife friends, feathered and furry, this year. Thank you for being ambassadors of your species and touching many hearts through the years. You will be missed by young and old.



Reggie, Eastern Screech-Owl
(resident since 2001)



Little Joe, Red-tailed Hawk
(resident since 1989)



Olive, Virginia opossum
(resident since 2014)



Azul, Eastern Bluejay
(resident since 2014)



Daisy, groundhog
(resident since 2009)



Austin, Eastern Screech-Owl
(resident since 2009)

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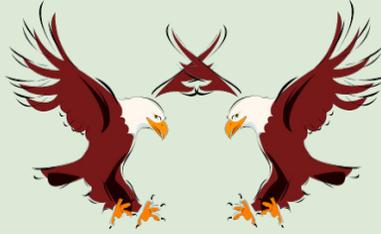
There are many different ways to honor friends and loved ones who share a commitment to helping native New Jersey wildlife and habitat.

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

- Albert Roach, Jr.
- William "Bill" Stokking
- Thomas Mike Bevan
- Eva Weiss
- Walter B. Freas, Jr.
- Dr. I. William Belmker, Jr.
- Kimmi Bell
- Pugsly
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- Julia Chaslong
- Bella
- Frank A'Ponte
- Joseph Esterly
- Paul Stone
- Darlene
- Ted
- George Abugel
- "Cat"

If you would like to make a Memorial Gift in memory of a family member or friend, to not only affirm your environmental values, but also recognize that these values were shared by the individual being honored, please call us at (856) 983-3329.

Cedar Run would like to thank our **GUARDIANS OF THE WILD**



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... all the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts that do their special projects for Cedar Run.

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

Our Legacy Club Members

Who remember us in their wills

Miriam Mason



Hallie, Bald Eagle photo by Kristen Volpi

Did you know... 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 36,000 people annually. More than 20,000 school children and scouts are served by our education programs, and last year more than 4,000 injured and orphaned animals were treated at our wildlife hospital. Please consider becoming a member! See center page for details.