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***Raptor Flight Show and White Mountain Nature Center***

**Email Newsletter ~ March 5, 2023**

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**Raptor Show & Nature Center news for this week:**

- **Volunteers graduated & returned home**
- **New website feature - past issues archived**
- **We need more Volunteers**
- **White Mountain Nature Center supports STEM Science Fair**
- **Bighorn Sheep Presentation on Saturday drew 35 guests**
- **Eagle Fest Rescheduled to March 25th due to weather.**

If you want to donate, [click here](#) and then click the Raptor Show Donation button - ***we need your help*** to feed and care for our show ambassadors and to build their new enclosures and viewing area.

**Thank you so much!**



## The best animal trainer school on the planet

Aubrey Austin and Susan High flew to Orlando for a week of learning how to train Raptors using choice-based training methods. Yesterday they returned. Although they may look the same, they both say that the

knowledge they gained from the course was unbelievable. We are going to have a formal debriefing dinner on Monday to go over any new techniques they may have picked up that we can apply to our training and bird welfare methods. Great job ladies!

### NEW WEBSITE FEATURE!

NEW at <http://www.wmnature.org> - Newsletter Archives! Now you can see any of the newsletters published over the past year by selecting the Newsletter menu on our web site. Each newsletter is available as a PDF so you can easily share them with friends and family.



**News from the White Mountain Nature Center**

# Calling All Volunteers!

The Nature Center needs you! Register for our new Volunteer Force and help us do more than ever before to connect people with nature! Click here to get started: [WMNCVolunteerSignup](https://www.wmnc.org/volunteer-signup)

We are going to need a bunch of new volunteers to help build a home for a new raptor we hope to get transferred to the Nature Center from a rehab facility back east. Do you know how to work a drill or a power saw, install sheet metal roofing material, dig dirt to make way for gravel? We need you!



Five Nature Center volunteers assisted in judging the district Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM) K-12 entries Saturday, March 4 at Northland Pioneer College. The Nature Center supports the STEM educational programming in our county. The volunteers also participated in the interactive Nature Center display at



the Science Fair held that afternoon. The Nature Center always welcomes opportunities to help children and their parents learn about nature and the many activities at the Nature Center. Pictured: Left-Ron Miller describes pinecones to students, Right-Lynn Krigbaum and her husband, David, judge an elementary school student's entry.



Rick Langley, the Wildlife Program Manager for the Pinetop Region with the Arizona Game and Fish Department gave a fascinating presentation covering the last decade of bighorn sheep management in the Pinetop region and the future direction of that management last night at the Nature Center. 35 people were in attendance.





## White Mountain Eagle Fest

Saturday March 25th

The Arizona Game and Fish Department is partnering again with the White Mountain Nature Center in Pinetop-Lakeside, Ariz., for this year's Eagle Fest.

Eagle Fest will open starting at 9 a.m. with a Family Friendly program, followed by a live eagle presentation by Liberty Wildlife and a presentation about eagles in Arizona from Phoenix, and even more information from an AZGFD biologist.

Then, bald eagle viewing will be available to all participants from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at nearby Lazy Oaks Resort on Rainbow Lake to observe bald eagle behavior first-hand, weather permitting. AZGFD biologists and experienced naturalists will be there along with a limited number of binoculars and spotting scopes.

Participants are advised to dress appropriately for weather conditions for that day and to bring a set of binoculars or spotting scope for improved observation.

Directions to the viewing location will be available at the Nature Center.

Be sure to buy an Eagle Fest shirt with the beautiful design by Anne Groebner.

For questions or more information, please call Dan Groebner at the Pinetop Game and Fish office at 925-532-2305 or [dgroebner@azgfd.gov](mailto:dgroebner@azgfd.gov)

A \$10 donation to the White Mountain Nature Center is suggested for adults.

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