



Raptor Flight Show and White Mountain Nature Center

Email Newsletter ~ October 9, 2022

Raptor Show news for this week:

- Astro is out for audiences to see!
- Ten volunteers are taking Raptor class from Carolina Raptor Center
- Balinda Strosnider published in Industry Journal - WMNC mentioned
- Two more benches reserved in the last week - get yours soon!
- Training 3 PM Every Day - Continues for now - Attendance tops 1,300

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!

Astro is Out for Audiences to Enjoy!!



Astro is putting on quite a show every day when he comes out. Amazing speed and agility, plus beautiful colors and markings make for quite a spectacular exhibition! He is doing extraordinarily well on his



training, coming quickly when cued, and anticipating where the next cue will be. This was the first audience to see him out flying. In the back on the left is our Nature Center Board of Directors President, Diana Butler!



Ten students from our Raptor Program plus students from several Zoos, Rehab Centers, and the Audubon Center for Raptors are attending a five-week course by the Carolina Raptor Center, one of the biggest and best Centers in the US.

October 4: Raptor Welfare

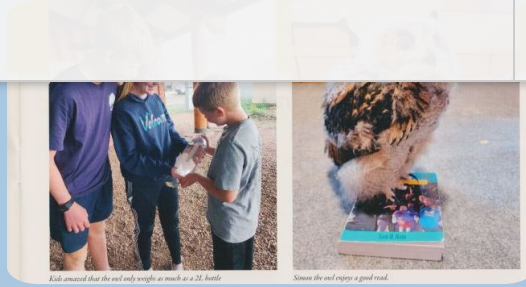
October 11: Bird Behavior

October 18: Food Management

October 25: Training Techniques

Balinda gets Published Again!

Teaching Science Beyond Fact and Figures - by Balinda Strosnider
Land on Sky Wildlife Experiences at the White Mountain Nature Center
International Association of Avian Trainers & Educators, IAATE Journal - Fall 2022



This was Balinda's 3rd published professional article and featured some kids from the audience plus a picture of baby Simon the owl standing on a book!

New Contractor is beginning work - Amphitheater by summer?

Amphitheater Memorial Benches

FOR MY BELOVED WIFE
JANICE CARTER
JAN 1961 - JUL 2021

- 8 ft. Available \$3,000
- 6 ft. Available \$2,500
- 4 ft. Available \$2,000
- Taken

250 Seat Amphitheater

Dedication plaques are available now for phase 1 of the new amphitheater seats. Two more sold last week! Now that we have a new contractor, you should see progress every week. The roofing material and trusses are already on site. Email: bench@wmnature.org to reserve yours

FREE Training Exhibition 3 PM

Through October 20th or maybe a bit longer, weather permitting.



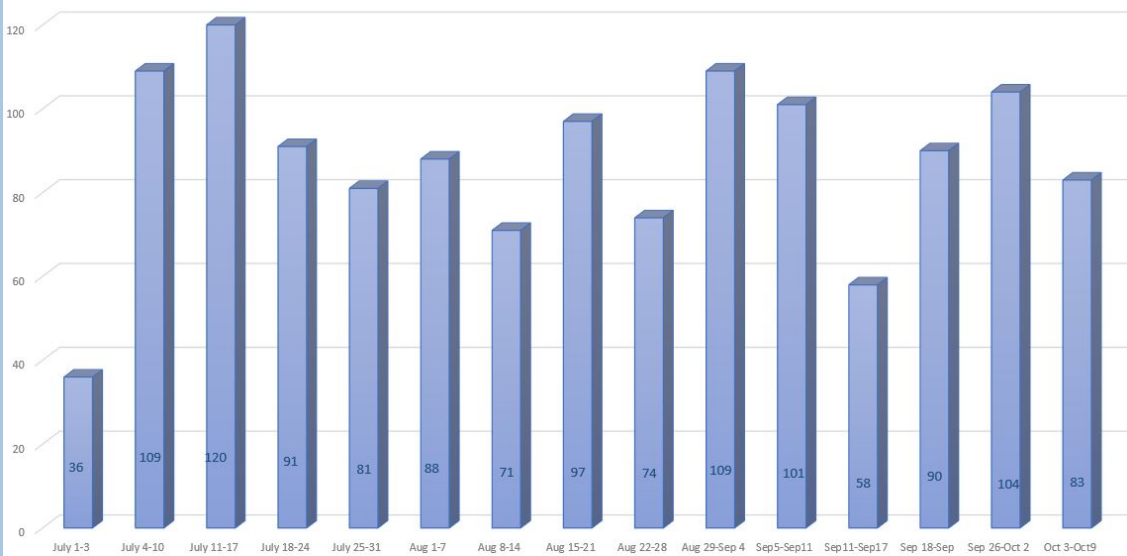
FREE Training Shows ~ 3:00 to 4:30 PM Daily (weather permitting)

Come see our amazing birds fly and perform natural behaviors on cue. Ask questions about modern "animal choice" training. We had 83 guests this week! Astro is flying in the training area for guests until the weather no longer permits.

Don't miss him!

Use the driveway just South of the Nature Center to park next to the Rehab Bldg.

Raptor Training Exhibition Weekly Attendance



WE REACHED 1,322 GUESTS IN 15 WEEKS!



[MORE News from the White Mountain Nature Center](#)

Oct 8th, Dr. Randy Fuller updated WMNC Guests on the Forest Service's 4FRI Initiative



Dr. Fuller has over 40 years of experience in academia, private business, and public service, including the last 14 years which he spent working with the U.S. Forest Service. He explained the Four Forest Restoration Initiative, which covers over 6 million acres of the Kaibab, Coconino, Tonto and Apache-Sitgraves National Forests. Attendees were amazed to learn that the Arizona portion of 4FRI is over 300 miles from end-to-end and takes 8 hours to drive! He also talked about working on the large landscape fires in northern California's Sierra Nevada forests. The audience appreciated his insights regarding modern methods of fire suppression and prevention.

Coming Soon to the Nature Center

Mexican Gray Wolf ~ AZ Game & Fish - Geocaching 101 John & Balinda
October 15, 2022 Both at 10 AM October 29, 2022



This multimedia presentation will describe what the Mexican Wolf Interagency Field Team does in the course of each year.

There will be plenty of time for questions from the audience.

There will also be a decoy of the gray wolf, handouts for children and presentations.

While this is a program for all ages to enjoy it is particularly beneficial to children.

Introduction to GEOCACHING

Presented by
Balinda Strosnider
& **John Glitsos**

October 29, 2022
10:00 AM
White Mountain Nature Center

Want something fun to do outdoors? Geocaching is a treasure-hunt game played by millions of people around the world.

Longtime enthusiasts Balinda and John will introduce you to the game at the Nature Center at 10 AM with a quick presentation. **Bring your smartphone** to load the free Geocaching App.

After the presentation we will go out and Find a Geocache! Bring a pencil, tweezers, and gloves. This event is **FREE**.

Calling all volunteers! The Nature Center needs you!

We are compiling a list of people who want to help in general tasks at the Center.
Email - john@landonsky.org with what areas you are interested in helping out.

