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Lots of fun activities coming up in the next couple of weeks! Help us move into Fall.

Last Discovery Day of the Year - Migration Station

This Sunday, September 27th, is our last Family Nature Discovery Day of the year. Come help us explore the marvels of migration. Activities will be from 12:00 noon-4:00 pm.

Families can play Migration Bingo to learn about migrating raptors and some of the obstacles they face along the way. Kids can put on raptor wings and hunt mice in the Mouse Hunt game, and can make raptor silhouettes for their windows. These silhouettes can help prevent birds from striking windows not only during migration but year-round. While visiting the Raptor Center, families can view over 45 permanent resident birds. Sponsored by KVAL.

Activities are recommended for children between the ages of 4 and 12 and children must be accompanied by an adult. Cost of Migration Station activities are \$2 for children participating. Ride your bike or hike the Ridgeline Trail to the Raptor Center and we'll waive your activity fee!

Hope to see you here!



Ninkasi Pints for a Cause

Kick off the start of the Fall season with a pint of beer at Ninkasi. Join Dmitri Eagle Owl on Thursday, October 1 when Ninkasi will generously donate 25% of all pint sales in the tasting room from noon to 10 pm to the Cascades Raptor Center! Dmitri will be there at 5:00 on the patio. Enjoy the fire pit, some cold brew, and good company for a good cause. Hope to see you there,



25th Anniversary FREE WEEK!

As you know, Cascades Raptor Center is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year. We are opening our doors the week of October 6th-11th for FREE admission as a thank you to our wonderful community for supporting us these 25 amazing years.

Come watch training sessions and learn about our birds through Keeper Talks throughout the day at different locations around the property. For this week only, in honor of our anniversary, we are rolling back the cost of a Household Membership to \$50. Please consider becoming a member (and visit free for one year), as your contribution helps us in our mission to provide excellent care for raptors in need, exciting educational programming for school children, and a special glimpse into the beauty of Oregon's natural riches to visitors from all over the world.

Current members who visit this week will receive a gorgeous decal for their car!

Help us name our new Swainson's Hawk by submitting suggestions. The person submitting the name chosen will win one of our artful t-shirts! So put your creative thinking caps on: we like names that have meaning in cultural or popular mythology, science, something species-specific or unique to this bird. See the last article below for the personal story of this bird.



Mask-Making at Laughing Planet

Please join us on October 25th from 1:00 pm-5:00 pm at Laughing Planet for good food (15% of all food purchases throughout the day will be donated to Cascades Raptor Center), a chance to meet Dmitri, our ambassador Eurasian Eagle Owl, and an opportunity to make an owl mask just in time for Halloween!

Laughing Planet, 760 Blair Blvd, Eugene 97402.

This is a TREAT!



Who Am I?

This lovely lady Swainson's Hawk (*Buteo swainsonii*) came to us for assessment as a possible educational ambassador in June with a bit of a checkered past. Found in the summer of 2014 as a youngster, in Northern California, she was held illegally for some period of time before being taken to WildCare, a wildlife rehabilitation facility in San Rafael. There, it was determined that she had possible metabolic bone disease and was also possibly a human imprint. WildCare worked to lessen her dependence on people, gave her time in a large flight enclosure, and then sent her to a falconer for assessment and conditioning. However, she did not demonstrate the ability to fly well enough for the long distance migrations of this species. By the time she was offered for placement, she had missed two migrations and that critical period of her development in which she should acquire search images of possible prey and practice hunting.

Our assessment process for adding a bird to our Education Team is complex. We want a bird that is comfortable, physically and mentally, and confident, and one that chooses to be part of our work. This bird has made an amazing transition from a scared, unhandled bird to an enthusiastic participant in whatever we ask of her.

Swainson's Hawks are a fascinating soaring hawk. They nest in the plains of Canada and the US and migrate to the far reaches of South America for the winter. In the 1990's, researchers here

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