

## A YEAR LATER

Dana DeBenham, Wildlife Director

One year ago, we sounded the alarm. More injured and orphaned wildlife had arrived at our Rehabilitation Clinic than any year before and we just couldn't keep up. You, our wonderful supporters, came to our rescue and helped us get through the crisis. Your generous donations paid for additional staff, food, caging and medicine needed for the surplus of wildlife taken in. The wildlife and our entire team are forever grateful!

This summer was no different than the last. By August 15th we have taken in over 3,100 wild patients, the record breaking total from 2016! Over 600 orphaned ducklings, over 500 orphaned opossums, fox kits, songbirds and hundreds of other helpless wild babies have been pouring in since April.

As the baby season winds down, we will begin to see the emaciated young hawks and owls who are now on their own, but lacking the life skills to survive. Injured adults from car accidents, window strikes and dog or cat attacks will fill our cages throughout the fall. As winter approaches we will see hypothermia, frostbite and starvation cases coming in as well. The demand for this vital community service continues to grow, but we are determined to be here to answer the need.

Our Wildlife Clinic is open 365 days a year because our local wild friends need our help every day. Your continued support will allow us to keep our doors open, heal their bodies and give them a second chance at a healthy and free life in the wild. Thank you for helping us to help them!





## FROM THE DESK OF DICK GRANT:

Richard Grant, CEO



Looking over the last 40 years, so many individuals and groups have made a difference here at the Howell Nature Center. Everyone knows that an organization of this magnitude does not get where it is by just one person, it literally takes an army of dedicated individuals to make the difference. Standing tall beside our proud staff are various groups making an impact.

Our volunteers have stood the test of time. Starting with just a handful in the early 80s and growing to 100+ in recent years, these people have taken us where we are today. The majority arrive on a weekly or daily basis to help our wildlife program. They have built structures, fed countless animals, scooped mountains of droppings, started and staffed various fundraisers, just to name a few tasks. Anything a volunteer can do, has been done.

Work camp volunteers have traveled here over the years and made a huge impact as well. What is a work camp you ask? A group, primarily youth groups from various churches who travel from all parts of the country to pay – yes, pay – to work at the Howell Nature Center for a week. Since our first work camp in 1979 we have had over 150 groups from 16 states come. You may have heard these called mission trips, but no matter the name, the people within these groups have made a HUGE difference.

We have also had the benefit of more than 50 Eagle Scouts performing their service project here. Whether they have built picnic tables, fences, barns, habitats, gardens, waterfalls, pavilions or other specialty projects, one cannot roam the property without seeing a finished Eagle Scout project.

Well over 3,000 people - volunteer, work camper or Eagle Scout - have made their mark here at the Howell Nature Center. As I am writing, over 50 United Way of Livingston County "Day of Caring" volunteers are weeding, mulching, painting and helping with other important tasks to keep us in great condition.

I have built friendships that have and will last for years and these individuals have truly made their mark in a huge way.

Thank you one and all for a job so very well done!





# UPCOMING EVENTS!

**ALL PROGRAMS REQUIRE PRE-REGISTRATION: \*\*ONLINE REGISTRATION AVAILABLE\*\***

**Contact the Welcome Center or look online at [howellnaturecenter.org](http://howellnaturecenter.org) for more info.**

## **Save the Wildlife 5K Run/Walk\*\***

**September 16th**

Come help Save the Wildlife with us! All proceeds benefit the Wildlife Rehabilitation Clinic which treats 3,000+ injured and orphaned birds, mammals and reptiles each year!

5K Trail Run or Walk \$25/person online before NOON on Sept 15, \$30 After.

One Mile Little Critter Walk: \$15 online before NOON on Sept 15, \$20 After.

## **Woof for Wildlife\*\***

**October 1st**

HNC will go to the dogs for a 5K trail walk with your best four-legged friend. Registration includes a dog bandana and contest prize packs will be available for the winners of our doggie frozen yogurt eating contest! \$15/dog. One dog max per walker (see website for details).

## **Zip Line and Tower Days\*\***

**See calendars for registration dates**

You can choose to climb one of Michigan's tallest outdoor climbing tower, ride our 500 foot zip line or customize your adventure. All safety equipment and training provided for this program. Age 5 and up with a 250 lb. weight limit. (see website for details, waiver & cost)

## **Zip Line Glow Tours\*\***

**See calendars for registration dates**

Ride six of our exhilarating zip lines after dark! Glow equipment is provided. All training is provided for this program, for 4th grade and up weighing between 60 & 250lbs. Riders 16 and under must be accompanied by an adult. ZIP AWAY! (see website for details, waiver, restrictions and cost)

## **High Ropes: North and South Pines\*\***

**See calendars for registration dates**

Come and join us on our obstacle courses suspended by cables 25 feet up in the trees! All safety equipment and training provided for this three-hour adventure, which includes a 250-foot zip line ride at the end! North Pines 7th grade and up, South Pines 5th grade and up (see website for details, waiver, restrictions and cost).

## **Glacier Valley Eco Zip Line Tour\*\***

**See calendars for registration dates**

Named for the natural features that are highlighted in this 3 hour adventure, the Glacier Valley Eco Zip Tour is a 7 zip, 1/2 mile ride. All training and equipment is provided for this program, for 4th grade and up weighing between 60 & 250lbs. Riders 16 and under must be accompanied by an adult. ZIP AWAY! (see website for details, waiver, restrictions and cost)

## **Photography Workshops\*\***

**October 14th & 15th**

Learn inside tips from professional photographer Steve Gettle on all aspects of the best ways to photograph birds of prey at the Howell Nature Center. Free lunch included, additional \$5 for a pre-workshop guided tour of Livingston County's only zoo! \$79/person/day and \$25/non-shooting participant.

## **Little Critters Pre-school Program \*\***

**See calendars for registration dates**

For nature lovers ages 3-5. Children will explore a new nature themed topic through hands-on activities, stories, songs and play. Each program includes a LIVE animal appearance! See website for schedule of animals, hosted 10AM to 11AM & 11:30AM to 12:30PM, \$6/child and adult pair. No drop-offs.

## **Scout Badge Workshops**

**September 23rd for Cub Scouts, October 14th for Girl Scouts**

Whether you're bringing a troop or an individual, there's something for every scout at the Howell Nature Center! Experience hands-on activities on our 270 acres of beautiful woodlands and meadows. This is a wonderful opportunity to earn badges in a FUN, CREATIVE and OUTDOOR way! (\$12/ scout, add a zipline ride for \$8) Call 517-546-0249 to register. Please contact Emily DeLong at: [emilyd@howellnaturecenter.org](mailto:emilyd@howellnaturecenter.org) for details.

## **Zoo Enrichment Days\*\***

**See calendars for registration dates**

You'll build an enrichment activity with materials provided by the Nature Center, then watch as the lucky animal recipients exhibit such natural behaviors such as foraging, exploration, locomotion and social interaction. Recommended for ages 5 & up, children 17 & under must be accompanied by a paid adult. Early Registration: \$7 per person until the Wednesday before the event. \$10/person thereafter. See website for details!

## **A Wild Wonderful Night Gala\*\***

**November 2nd**

Join us as we celebrate local cuisine and support local wildlife. Cocktail attire and cash bar. All proceeds benefit wildlife education and rehabilitation programs at the Howell Nature Center. Enjoy live and silent auctions, gourmet food tasting and live jazz. Hear all that the year has brought us, and see a slideshow of our most outstanding rehabilitation cases, and have your photo taken with one of our many animal ambassadors at our live animal display. \$75/person or see our website for sponsorship and group packages.

## **Howl-a-ween at HNC\*\***

**October 20th & 21st**

Come celebrate with the Wild Wonders Wildlife Park for a spooky night of fun! Trick or Treat our Wildlife Park (candy provided) and come dressed to impress for our critter costume contest and enjoy a FREE Live Animal Presentation of our creepiest critters! (see website for details)

**See our entire event calendar online at:**  
<http://howellnaturecenter.org/calendar-of-events/>  
-Or- Follow us on Facebook for daily updates!

# September 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Register online at <a href="http://howellnaturecenter.org">howellnaturecenter.org</a> for our events or contact our Welcome Center to Register: 517-546-0249 or <a href="mailto:hcnc@howellnaturecenter.org">hcnc@howellnaturecenter.org</a>					1	2 Zip Tour 9AM-12PM 1PM-4PM
3 High Ropes 1PM to 4PM	4	5	6	7	8	9 Zip Tour 9AM-12PM 1PM-4PM
10 Zip & Tower 11AM to 3PM	11	12 Little Critters: Kili the Bald Eagle 10AM-11AM or 11:30AM-12:30PM	13	14	15	16 Zip Tour 9AM-12PM 1PM-4PM Save the Wildlife 5K Run/Walk 9AM-12PM
17 Zip Tour 9AM-12PM 1PM-4PM	18	19	20	21	22	23 Cub Scout Workshop 9AM-12PM & 1-4PM High Ropes 1PM to 4PM
24	25	26	27	28	29	30


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- Jim Fowler

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# October 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Woof for Wildlife 1PM-3PM Zip Tour 1PM-4PM	2	3	4	5	6	7 Zoo Enrichment Day: Pumpkin Playtime! 10AM to 12PM High Ropes Zip Tour 1PM to 4PM 1PM-4PM
8	9	10 Little Critters: Awesome Opossum 10AM-11AM or 11:30AM-12:30PM	11	12	13	14 Photography Workshop: Creating an Image 11AM to 4PM Girl Scout Workshop 9AM-12PM 1PM-4PM
15 Zip & Tower 11AM to 3PM Photography Workshop: Images that Communicate 11AM to 4PM	16	17	18	19	20 Howl-a-ween! 4PM to 7PM Zip Tour 1PM-4PM	21 Howl-a-ween! 4PM to 7PM Zip Tour 1PM-4PM
22 Zip Tour 9AM-12PM 1PM-4PM	23	24	25	26	27	28 High Ropes 1PM to 4PM
29	30	31		1 Glow Tours! On any date with a shaded number. 7PM-9:30PM		

## LOOKING FOR A CORPORATE RETREAT OPTION THAT YOU AND YOUR CO-WORKERS WILL REMEMBER FOREVER?

The Howell Nature Center offers open spaces, high adventure, team-building, wildlife programming and outdoor venues to make your retreat a remarkable one! After business is taken care of, explore 270 acres of unique terrain with your co-workers to unwind and relax. Contact our reservationist Sally Grant for more information: 517-376-9352 or by email at [SallyG@howellnaturecenter.org](mailto:SallyG@howellnaturecenter.org)



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Show your support for  
the largest wildlife  
rehabilitator in the state  
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Albert Schweitzer said,  
"It doesn't matter if an animal  
can reason. It matters only that  
it is capable of suffering and that  
is why I consider it my neighbor."

*Kathleen M. Goetsch*

Attorney at Law



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121 S Barnard St # 6, Howell, MI 48843  
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**SPECIAL THANKS!** On behalf of the people and animals that we serve, thank you! Whether you've shared your time and talents as a volunteer, or your treasure as a donor/sponsor, we are grateful for your generous support.

# November 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 Zip & Tower 11AM to 3PM
5 Zip Tour 9AM-12PM 1PM-4PM	6	7 Little Critters: Tortoise and the Hare 10AM-11AM or 11:30AM-12:30PM	8	9	10	11 Zip Tour 9AM-12PM 1PM-4PM
12 Zip Tour 9AM-12PM 1PM-4PM	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Zip Tour 9AM-12PM 1PM-4PM	20	21	22	23	24 Annual Christmas Tree Sales Begin!	25 Zip & Tower 11AM to 3PM
26	27	28	29	30		

Tear away lower portion to send your support to the Howell Nature Center

**YES!** I would like to support the Howell Nature Center with a tax deductible gift to:

- Wildlife rehabilitation and education
- Camp scholarships for low-income youth
- Facility maintenance and improvement
- Please use where my gift is needed most

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## Howell Nature Center

1005 Triangle Lake Rd. // Howell, MI // 48843 // 517-546-0249

Camp is more than a day or week away from parents, it's an impactful experience in a child's life. Camp is life with lots of strangers that soon become lifelong friends. A place where you leave home and go on an adventure all your own.

Our staff enjoys guiding campers out of their comfort zone and completely engulfing them in nature. During the summer at Howell Nature Center, that happens every week.

Our leader's hearts are filled when they see their positive impact shine through their campers. They teach core values and how to identify them, friendship, compassion and even fun through swimming, canoeing, building and games. Each time we see a camper running to tell their parents about their exciting camp adventures our leaders are reminded of the impact they make on each camper, their families and their future.

This summer, just like every summer, our leaders learned that every camper interaction matters. They learned that their efforts make an impact and that children follow their positive attitudes. They learned that everything they do leads to a successful summer.

2017 marked a record year at the Howell Nature Center for campers and staff. Our team successfully ran camp programs for a record breaking number of campers this year. Thank you to all of our leaders and campers for making 2017 a fun and enjoyable celebration of nature. We look forward to seeing you all next year!



**Thank you to John Shoemaker for initiating and organizing this project, as well as the following amazing businesses for their contributions without which we would not have been able to expand our in-house laundry facility to keep all of our WILD Rehabilitation Patients on comfortable and clean linens. It takes a lot of suds to clean 3,000+ animals worth of laundry!**

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Brighton Twp. (810) 360-2876**

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## HOWELL NATURE CENTER SAVE THE WILDLIFE 5K RUN/WALK SEPTEMBER 16TH, 2017



9AM Race Day Registration  
& Packet Pickup  
with Live Wildlife Encounter  
PLUS Critter Craft Fair

10AM Race Begins!

11AM Awards Ceremony

## Save the Date

A GALA EVENT



Johnson Center at Cleary University, November 2nd, 2017

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Wildlife Rehabilitation and  
Education Programs



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