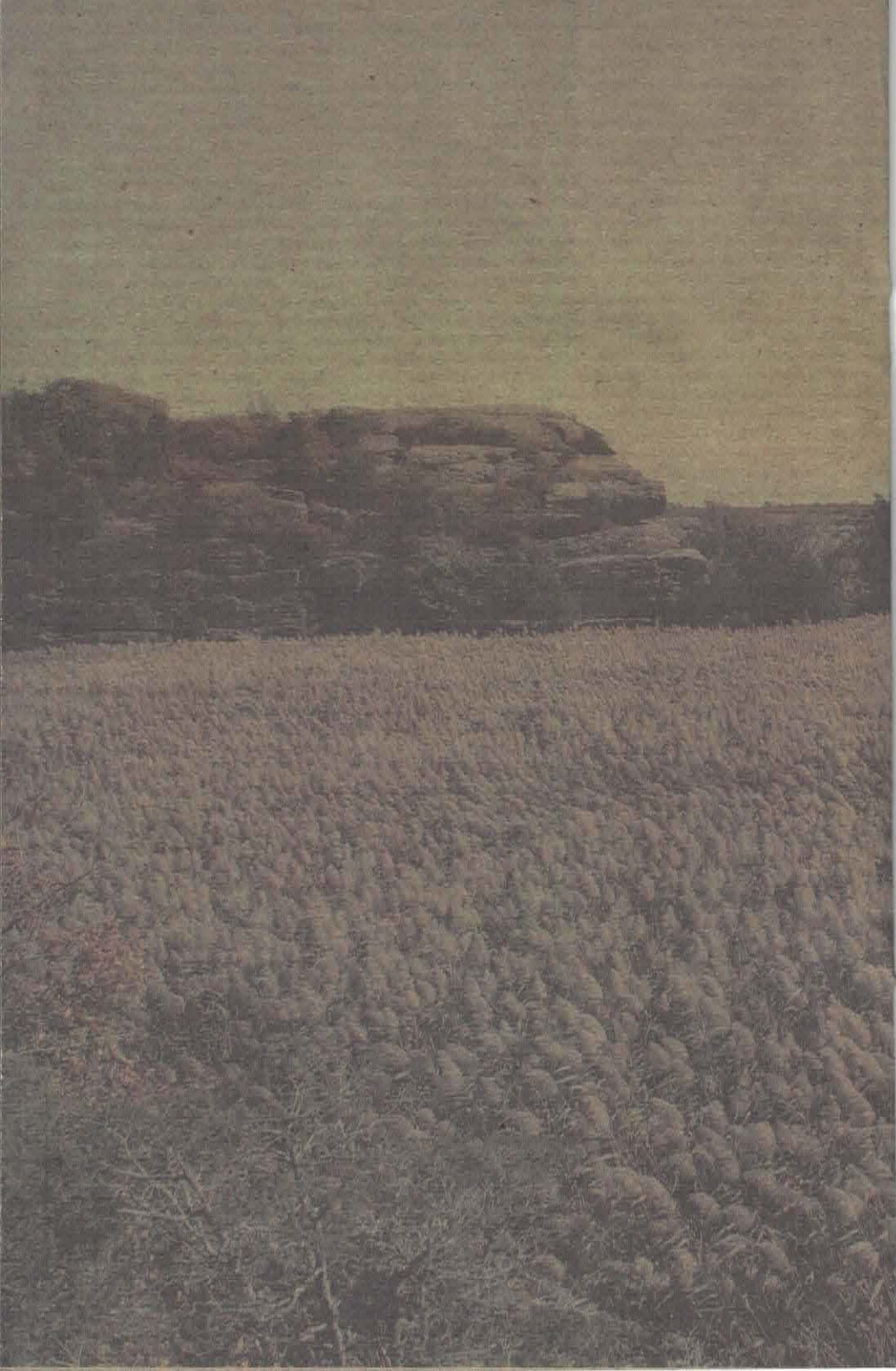




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Dear NBS Friend,

Another Norman Bird Sanctuary season complete! This year marked many anniversaries for all of our events and programs, a lot of success and some fun as well! Our team of eight full time staff members and four dedicated Americorps are diligent and dedicated but we need A LOT of help to pull off what is necessary to have a successful season of operating. In addition to a wonderful seasonal staff we have an incredible outpouring of community energy. So much thanks and appreciation go to our volunteers, Board of Directors, Committees and donors (read more on this in most recent Annual Report).

As it gets chilly the property looks as beautiful and alive as ever. It is my favorite time to walk the trails, the humid heat is gone and the view into the forest is a little clearer. We really look forward to the productive cooler season, no less busy but exciting and refreshing as we reminisce about the past year's successes and plan for what comes next. As I ended my day last week and came in from a visit to our garden I took this picture of the moon rising over a stand of trees, the office lit up and buzzing with late afternoon activity. The Education staff was back from a day of invigorating teaching, trading stories of the darnedest things that kids say and basking in the glow of another successful program. Coming into the office I was struck with how much we all enjoy this place and all that comes with the job of being here every day, in every season.

After 60 years we are still a work in progress and always striving to hold on to the traditions and history while staying fresh and pertinent to a wide range of people. We are planning for some great winter programs and begun the brainstorming for the 2012 events and offerings. Stay tuned to see what comes next here at the Norman Bird Sanctuary!

Sincerely yours,

Natasha Harrison
Executive Director

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Mabel Norman Cerio

The **Norman Bird Sanctuary** was established in 1949 at the bequest of Mabel Norman Cerio. Its mission, under the charge of her will, was to maintain 235 acres of land "for the propagation, preservation, and protection of birds, and where birds and bird life may be observed, studied, taught, and enjoyed by lovers of nature and by the public generally so interested in a spirit of humanity and mercy."

Over the years, NBS has grown to include more than 325 acres of diverse habitats, and its mission remains true to Mabel Norman Cerio's original vision. Today, the mission of the Norman Bird Sanctuary is to preserve and protect its habitats and resources for the benefit of birds and other wildlife, and for people's education and enjoyment.

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TRAILS AND TIDES

An historical note by: Bob Weaver

Our scout troop, (troop 3 Sheffield School) started volunteering at the Norman Bird Sanctuary (NBS) around 1958. We began this journey while Mr. James Baird was the Executive Director.

The office was in the studio building, and Jim & his family lived in the back half of the building. We had many projects, repairing the dam at the pond which was just dirt back then, putting up Carolina wren nest boxes in woods, clearing areas to set up mist nets for banding etc. For well over a year it was a weekend thing. Anywhere, from 3 to 12 scouts showed up each week putting in 8-12 hour days working in all kinds of weather. I remember our troop leader, Joe Mahoney, talked to us about an award called the WILLIAM T. HORNADAY CONSERVATION AWARD bestowed upon a troop that gives over a year of service. I remember as a fourteen year old boy that the thought of one whole year of service was way out of site.

Another scout who was as interested in birding as myself, worked many extra hours at the Sanctuary where we learned how to install mist nets, remove trapped birds, record data etc. I also learned how to make bird & mammal study skins for the Bird Sanctuary's collection. We spent many nights sleeping on couches in the studio, looking out the large North facing window at the night sky. If we were lucky to observe a Barn Owl flying by (the owls then nested every year in the water tower next to barn) we would quietly rejoice, containing the excitement, while hoping to get another quick view.

Our biggest project was cleaning out of the quarry, (someday I hope they'll name it WEAVER QUARRY???) which was used as the dump when the property was known as Paradise Farm before the birth of NBS. It was filled with everything from cans, tires, trash, lumber, a few old cars & trucks, broken glass, etc.; we really didn't find anything that was salvageable. I think the license plates on the cars & trucks were from the early 30's.

Our troop did finally earn the WILLIAM T. HORNADAY CONSERVATION AWARD (first troop in R.I. to do so) I cannot recall the exact date. Jay Mahoney and I in addition received the WILLIAM T. HORNADAY MEDAL for the many hours we spent working on a focused project in the field along with the volumes of migration notes we recorded. We did these reports every week, there was always something new to observe and learn.

To this day, I'm still in contact with Dr. Baird who now lives in Petersham, Mass. His voice sounds the same as he did fifty four years ago. He's a true friend & mentor who taught me so much about the natural world and instilled my love of birding that I continue to enjoy, each & everyday.

Hope these few notes will give you some insight to our long involvement, and always, wonderful memories of days past at NBS. I hope it helps you with article.





TRAILS AND TIDES (CONT.)

Joseph McLaughlin

This particular partnership between the Norman Bird Sanctuary and Boy Scouts of America as you have read is as old as the hills. Today, the Boy Scouts are still one of the key organizations helping the NBS provide a lasting nature based experience for our visitors.

I would like to take this opportunity to highlight two young men who have made a significant improvement to the NBS infrastructure. Michael Flynn troop 3 and Samuel Gallipeau troop 29 each earned the rank of Eagle Scout which is the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouts of America. A Scout who attains this rank is called an Eagle Scout or Eagle. Since its introduction in 1911, the Eagle Scout rank has been earned by more than 2 million young men. The title of Eagle Scout is held for life, thus giving rise to the phrase "Once an Eagle, always an Eagle".

The two lads and I agreed it would be best to focus their energy down at The Norman Bird Sanctuary Third Beach Education Center located on Third Beach Rd. The buildings were renovated in 2009-2010 leaving some interior and exterior improvements when resources allowed. Only two of the five rooms that make up the center had finished interiors and little to no landscaping was part of the original budget. Michael Flynn with the help of twelve Troop 3 Boy Scouts, Sean Napolitano, owner of A-1 Roofing, scout leaders, friends and family, got to work. They prepared the interior walls, and installed all of the plywood and trim, leaving NBS with two completed rooms ready for use. Material donors to the project were A-1 Roofing, The Home Depot, the Flynn Family, One Stop Building Supply, and JT's Lumber. Samuel Gallipeau with the help of 12 troop 29 Boy Scouts, St. Michael's classmates, scout leaders, friends and family volunteered time to undertake the much needed landscaping in front of the center. The 175ft shrub bed was rottotilled, soil amended, native shrubs planted, watered and mulched. Material donors for the project were Hoodgendorn Nursery, Johnny Peckham, J.A.M. Materials and the Gallipeau Family. The Boy Scouts accept registrations year round: for more information, please contact Glenn Gardiner, Scoutmaster (855-2899) or Mike Flynn, Assistant Scoutmaster (338-0614).



your gift means so much to us!

xox, nbs

As we approach the end of the year, another event season behind us, we take the time to reflect on all that has transpired over the very busy spring and summer months. The consensus among the NBS staff is that we are the luckiest people around to hold our positions as stewards of this truly magnificent place. Because of this, we bring heart and soul to everything we do.

In the Development Office, we do our best to inspire individuals and families to come to know the sanctuary and make NBS part of their lives. We seek funding from Local, State, Federal, and Foundation grants and from sponsorships of events. But, the largest percentage of revenue is generated by contributions from people who value the sanctuary for all that it brings to the quality of their lives and, who believe as we do, that environmental education and preservation of the largest area of continuous open space on Aquidneck Island is of the utmost importance during this age of climate change and environmental pressures. Through membership dues, annual appeals, memorial gifts, matching gifts and planned giving, there are a number of ways to support NBS.

With the holiday season soon upon us, won't you please consider a year-end gift to this special place that shares nature's gifts throughout the year? NBS is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and, as such, all donations are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.

The AmeriCorner

This September, we welcomed a group of four amazingly talented AmeriCorps members to the Norman Bird Sanctuary. We are lucky enough to welcome back second year member Chelsea Pescosolido. Our new members are Danielle Leitao, Jacqui Mitchell, and Erica Thomson. They will spend a year hiking our trails, learning the land, sharing their knowledge of the natural world, and inspiring hundreds of children to love nature. Read on for more information about each one of our AmeriCorps educators.



NAME: Danielle Leitao
CODE NAME: Kestrel
BIRTHPLACE: Connecticut
SUPER POWER: Teleportation

Local families may know Danielle from recent sessions of NBS Summer Camp. After studying Elementary and Special Education at Salve Regina University, she spent time in a bilingual Providence classroom. Since then, Danielle has spent two summers working in Yosemite National Park. She has a deep appreciation for the transformative power of nature, especially when students are able to connect with the outside world through their own backyard.

NAME: Jacqui Mitchell
CODE NAME: Gyrfalcon
BIRTHPLACE: Massachusetts
SUPER POWER: The "Fonzi elbow"

Don't be fooled by Jacqui's quiet demeanor; she is a wealth of information on biology and environmental science. Jacqui has spent extensive time at Clark University investigating coral health, blue mussel and barnacle interactions, invasive insects in hemlock trees, and genetic studies in algae and salt marsh plants. She has traveled to Bermuda and Australia during her studies, and is a certified arborist. We are lucky to have Jacqui on our team.



NAME: Chelsea Pescosolido
CODE NAME: Osprey
BIRTHPLACE: Connecticut
SUPERPOWER: Sleeping

After a second year, Chelsea is back for more. She won over happy audiences at places like the MLK Center in Newport and Central Falls elementary classrooms. Chelsea's background in PreK-grade 12 Education and art instruction at St. Michael's College helped launch her into an energetic first year as an AmeriCorps member. She has strengthened her knowledge as a naturalist, and shares her enthusiasm with every group that she leads. We are looking forward to Chelsea's independent project this year, which involves her interest in expanding the NBS preschool program capacity.



NAME: Erica Thompson
CODE NAME: Caracara
BIRTHPLACE: California
SUPERPOWER: The "Care Bear Stare"

Erica crossed the country for the opportunity to come work at the NBS. Her studies in Zoology at California State Polytechnic University Pomona have well-prepared her for her role as a teacher/naturalist. Her enthusiasm about working with kids and the environment are evident. Erica has hands-on experience with a variety of animals as well as science tutoring, which will serve as a springboard for her work with NBS education animals and informal science programming.



thanks for a great summer!

Nicole Lavoie, *Camp Director*

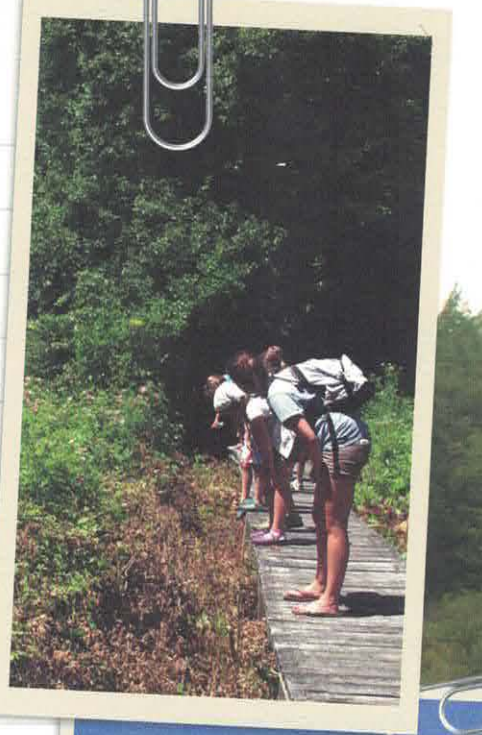
As the warm weather comes to an end, the Norman Bird Sanctuary would like to thank community members, family and friends who helped make our 2011 Summer Camp Season a success.

This camp season was an exciting one at the Norman Bird Sanctuary. We were happy to reach over 675 campers and launch two brand new camp programs, while remaining true to camp and NBS traditions. This year, we were lucky to have Charles Avenengo to facilitate our beach programs at the Third Beach Education Center. Under Charles' guidance, campers explored tide pools and used seine nets to collect fish for our aquaria. These activities truly made this camp season special and we are looking forward to expanding coastal camp programs next year!

In addition, our High School Community Service camp was particularly exciting. For one week during the summer, nine high school campers participated in service projects at local organizations around the community. We would like to thank our service camp partners, Grand Islander Nursing Home, Casey Farm and Bristol Good Neighbors Soup Kitchen, for providing a fun and memorable experience for our campers!

We are grateful to Munroe Dairy, for their generous donation of milk each week, which was used to make our traditional puddingstone snack! Additionally, we would like to thank community members who made donations to our scholarship fund, making it possible to provide over 50 scholarship opportunities for campers. Of course, thank you to all our camp families for your continued enthusiasm and support!

For more information, please contact Camp Director Nicole Lavoie at 401-846-2577 ext.32 or nlavoie@normanbirdsantuary.org



This past September, I checked off another item on my bucket list. My son and I climbed Half Dome in Yosemite National park.

I flew into San Diego, CA where my son Tim lives. After spending several days with him we headed up to Yosemite, an 8 hour drive away.

Yosemite was established in 1864 and is located in the Sierra Nevada Mountains. It comprises more than 747,956 acres, at elevations from 2,000 ft to over 13,000 ft. It is known for its waterfalls, most of which are fed by snow melt from the upper mountains. The most famous is Yosemite Falls which drops some 2,700 feet and is the 5th highest in the world. Yosemite has an array of wildlife with birds, reptiles, amphibians, and mammals. There are over 1,000 species of flowering plants and 37 types of trees including Giant Sequoias. It offers beautiful views and vistas, and 800 miles of trails.

We entered the park through the South entrance and camped at night in the Wawona area. We had dinner at the Wawona Hotel, which is known for great food and ambiance. The hotel and previous Inn have occupied this site since the 1850's. The next morning we visited the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias, seeing the Grizzly Giant, the California Tunnel tree, and others.

The same afternoon, we drove 32 miles to Yosemite Valley. As we exited the Wawona Tunnel and gained our first look at Yosemite Valley, El Capitan, Cathedral Rock, Half Dome, Bridalveil Fall, and Sentinel Rocks, along with several meadows. The entire scene was spectacular.

As we checked into the Lower Pines Campground the NPS ranger required me to read and sign a paper which outlined the parks bear policy. A signed copy of the bear policy was required to be on our dashboard at all times. All food and anything with a scent including toothpaste had to go into a bear box. After setting up camp and packing a picnic supper we drove to Glacier Point (elevation 7,214 ft), which overlooks the Valley. The sunset was quite a sight, with shadows moving up Half Dome and red skies glowing in the background.

The next two days we spent exploring the Valley. We made a stop at Yosemite Village, visited several museums, the Ansel Adams Gallery, and a Native

Yosemite

Robert Helmbrecht

*We did it! We hiked
Half Dome- what is
next on the list?*



American culture exhibit. Viewed water falling over Yosemite Falls, it is usually dry at this time of year (snow melt feed). Watched rock climbers at the base of El Capitan, hiked to Mirror Lake, and enjoyed several other short day hikes.

The next day, we were up at 5 AM and hit the trail head by 6:30 AM. Once there, we found a poster of a couple who were last seen going over Vernal Falls in late July. A reminder of how dangerous this place can be. After an hour of hiking we turned onto the Mist Trail which climbs some 2,000 ft to Little Yosemite Valley. The Mist Trail runs along the Merced River (not snow fed) and passes Vernal and Nevada Falls. The trail was mostly over granite, with steps cut into the rock and slick sections covered by mist from the two falls.

The Muir Trail through Little Yosemite Valley was a dirt trail with only a 200 ft elevation gain. Leading to our first view of Half Dome to our left. Leaving the valley we hiked for another mile and a half, with a 1,000 ft elevation gain to the junction of the Muir Trail and the Half Dome Trail.

The Half Dome Trail is two miles long with an 1800 elevation gain to the top. Halfway up is a ranger station where we had to show our permit to use the 'cables'. The last section of the Dome Trail is at a 45 degree angle and the cables assist hikers on their ascent to the top. It can become dangerous as people must stay inside cables which are only 3 feet apart. Passing other climbers going both up or coming down can be tricky. Not until this year no permits were required and as many as 800 people a day would use the cables. Now the National Park Service only issues 400 permits daily. The NPS recommends that you do not use the cables if it is or there is a chance of rain or lightning. Two people fell to their death the previous weekend when they slipped off the cables in a rain storm.

At the top of Sub Dome we got our first look at the cables in the distance. It looked like a bunch of ants going up a wall. I had bought some carabineers and runners and we clipped ourselves to the cable. Most people do not take this safety step. As we took tiny steps upward we pulled ourselves on the cables occasionally struggling and turning sideways to allow others to squeeze by. When we got to the top we hugged and congratulated each other. We walked around, snapped some pictures, and soaked up the view. In all, we spent only ten minutes on the Dome. It was an incredibly rewarding moment to share with my son.

Going down was easier than I thought it would be. Although I had to focus on being balanced and in control so as not to slip. Off the cables and over Sub Dome back to the John Muir Trail and down into Little Yosemite Valley to Nevada Falls. As we had only an hour of sunlight left, we decided to continue on the John Muir Trail instead of taking the Mist Trail, which would be dangerous to do in the dark. We finally arrived back to our camp site at 9:15 PM. We could still see Half Dome in the moonlight above us. I thought about what we had done- kicked for over 14 hours, covered 17 miles and had a 4,700 foot elevation gain.



PUBLIC PROGRAMS

November 2011 - March 2012

BIRD TALES

Join NBS staff for a nature story followed by a craft or adventure on the trails.

Appropriate for ages 3.5 - 6 years.

Thursdays: 10 - 11 a.m.

\$4 members, \$6 nonmembers,
one parent per child is free-of-charge.

Registration and payment in advance is required. Thank you!

November 10 - The Salamander Room

December 8 - Stranger in the Woods

December 22 - Mr. Willowby's Christmas Tree

January 5 - Pass the Energy, Please

January 19 - Owl Moon

February 2 - Crickwing

February 16 - Forest Bright, Forest Night

March 1 - The Bugliest Bug

March 15 - On One Flower: Butterflies,
Ticks, and a few More Icks

March 29 - In the Trees, Honeybees

HOMESCHOOL AT NBS

Homeschool programs are offered for

two groups: ages 5-8 and 9-13.

Groups may be combined based on registration. Siblings may be placed in the same group upon request.

SPRING 2012 SCHEDULE

Every other Friday (10:00 - 11:30 am)

March 23, April 6, 20, May 4, 18

Theme: Animal Extremes

Ever wonder which animals can fly the farthest, swim the deepest or run the fastest? Each week we'll answer those questions, as we take a closer look at our animal super stars.

Pricing (Per each 5 week session)

One Child: Members \$50/Non-members \$60

Families with Multiple Children: Family discount of \$10 off the total cost

Adults: Adults are welcome to attend, but not required. One adult per child is free; additional adults are \$5 per class.

> FAMILY PROGRAMS

FAMILY CRAFT NIGHTS

Thursdays, December 1st and

Monday, December 19th

5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Members: \$5 members, \$7 non-members

Join NBS staff for a relaxing, informal craft night in the studio. We will teach you how to make magnets, bead jewelry, ornaments and more from recycled materials and natural items. Price includes materials for one bracelet, earring set, or necklace, one ornament, and as many magnets or other crafts you have time to make. This is the perfect time to save money and the environment by making a special holiday gift for someone you love. You'll have fun with friends and family while you make it too!

You are also welcome to make additional ornaments or jewelry for a small fee during the program. **Registration and payment is required in advance but you are welcome to join us anytime between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. to get started. Appropriate for ages 7 and up.**

HOLIDAY MOVIE NIGHT

Wednesday, December 21, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Still have shopping to do and don't know what to do with your kids? Bring them to NBS for movie night. We will show *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* with Jim Carrey. Following the movie, we will string our left over popcorn for the birds and then head out for a night hike if weather permits or stay in for crafts and games. Don't forget, you can also do some of your shopping here in the Barn Owl gift shop and if you're a member you'll get a 10% discount.

Appropriate for ages 5 and up.

Registration and payment is required in advance. Cost: \$15 members, \$20 non-members, for families with multiple children the cost is \$25 for two and \$10 for each additional child. Non-member cost is \$35 for two and each additional child is \$15



OWL PROWLs

Thursday, December 22, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
with calls, Rain date: Thursday, December 29
Thursday, January 26, 6:00 – 7:30 without
calls, Rain date: Friday, January 27

Winter months are the best time to go out in search of owls. During this time of year they are hooting and screeching in search of mates, in defense of their territories, and are also out in search of cavities to nest in. The program will start indoors where you will learn about the different species of owls in Rhode Island, their unique adaptations, and then you will be introduced to Micah, our resident barred owl. Following the presentation, we will head out on the trails in search of owls. Please note that the December 22nd program will be the only owl prowl that we will try to call in the owls. We are limiting our calling programs in order to reduce any potential stresses on owls during their breeding season. This program is appropriate for ages 5 and up with the understanding that young children will need to be silent during calling times. **Registration and payment is required in advance. Cost: \$8 members, \$10 non-members**

WINTER CONSTELLATIONS

Thursday, January 19, 6-7:30 p.m.

Join Kim Botelho, Director of Education, for an evening with the stars. During this introductory program, you will learn about the life cycle of stars and will hear the stories of old of our winter constellations. Following the presentation, we will head outside to find the constellations then onto the trails for an interactive night hike.

Registration and payment is required in advance. Appropriate for ages 8 and up. Cost: \$3 members, \$5 non-members

WINTER TREE IDENTIFICATION

Saturday, January 21st, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Rain date: Saturday, January 28th

Learn to identify winter trees with NBS AmeriCorps Member and certified arborist, Jacqui Mitchell. While exploring the Norman Bird Sanctuary for common New England Trees, Jacqui will teach you about clues to identifying

trees by their buds, branches, leaf scars, bark, form, and location. This presentation will begin indoors with PowerPoint presentation. Dress appropriately for winter conditions. **Registration in advance is required. Appropriate for ages 8 and up. Cost: Free for members, \$3 for non-members.**

WOODCOCK WALK

Thursdays, March 8, 6-7 p.m. and March 15, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Join Education Coordinator, Rachel Holbert and Properties Director, Joseph McLaughlin, for an indoor slide show on woodcocks, followed by an evening interpretive walk to witness the wonderful "sky dance" of this amazing, aerial acrobat. This program is appropriate for ages 8 and older. **Space is limited, so please call to register in advance. Cost: \$6 members, \$8 non-members**

> ECOTOURS

WINTER RARITIES

Saturday, January 7, 6:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.,
Rain date: Saturday, January 21

Mark your Calendars. Expert birders Jay Manning and NBS staff will lead this popular annual trip, which features visits to birding hotspots throughout the region. The itinerary is planned to coincide with current sightings, so participants have the best chance of spotting rare winter migrants. Past trips have included visits to scenic Cape Ann, Massachusetts, and coastal Connecticut. Snacks and all transportation costs are included - participants should bring their own bagged lunch, binoculars, and dress appropriately for cold weather. **Space is limited, so please call early to reserve your spot! Cost: \$60 members, \$70 non-members**

CT RIVER EAGLES TRIP

Saturday, February 11, 6:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Rain date: Saturday, February 18

The Connecticut River has long been recognized as a winter gathering spot for Bald Eagles. Travel with the Norman Bird Sanctuary to observe these majestic birds as they soar over the water or, as we observed one



winter, catch a ride on a raft of ice! We will depart from NBS at 6:30 a.m. and will make our first stop in East Haddam, CT and then follow a scenic route along the Connecticut River to its mouth at Old Saybrook. Should time permit, we will also stop at birding hot spots in eastern Connecticut or southern Rhode Island to check for any interesting species. Warm clothing and appropriate footwear is required. Please bring a bag lunch and binoculars. **Registration and payment is required in advance. Cost: \$60 members, \$70 non-members**

> EVENTS

HOLLY DAYS

Saturday, December 10, 11 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Join the NBS Sanctuary for Holly Days, a celebration of the holiday season. We will have crafts, face painting, animal presentations, Mable's Polar Express, cookie decorating and much more. **Register in advance and receive a discount. Entrance fees the day of will be an additional \$2 each. Cost for early registration: Members - \$5 Adults, \$3 Children 3-12 years, under 3 are free, Non-members: \$2 extra per ticket.**

> VACATION CAMPS

All camps are held from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. on the days indicated. Please note that some age groups may be combined depending on group size. Scholarships are available. For more information or to register, please contact Nicole at 401-846-2577 ext. 32 or by email at nlavoie@normanbirds sanctuary.org 2011-12 Vacation Camp Details:

WINTER MYSTERIES

(Tuesday December 27th- Thursday December 29th; Grades Pre-K to Grade 6) Put on your detective hats and join NBS staff for some fun filled mystery solving! During these three days we will follow winter animal tracks, identify animal signs, examine animal migration routes, and learn how native animals survive the winter. **Two age groups available: Pre-K to grade 2; Grades 3 to 6, Limit 16 campers per group. Program Cost: \$120**

WINTER SERVICE CAMP

(Tuesday December 27th- Thursday December 29th ; Grades 7-12)

Earn your service hours and have fun over your holiday break! During this three day service camp we will work with local nursing homes, soup kitchens and community centers to serve our neighbors. We will also complete a service project right here at NBS. Campers will also have the opportunity to participate in team building activities and explore some of NBS' more challenging trails. **This program is limited to 10 campers. Program Cost: \$150**

WHAT'S YOUR COVER?

(Monday February 20th-Friday February 24th; Grades Pre-K to 6)

This week is all about all about fur, feathers, scales and skin! Campers and staff will spend their days examining animal groups and their unique animal coverings. Crafts, games, hikes and animal presentations will be part of this exciting camp session.

Two age groups available: Pre-K to grade 2; Grades 3 to 6, Limit 16 campers per group. Program Cost: \$205

SPRING SERVICE CAMP

(Monday April 16th-Friday April 20th; Grades 7 to 12)

Spring is the perfect time to get outside and do something for the environment! During this week long camp, we will celebrate Earth Day by completing eco-friendly projects here at NBS and other local organizations. We will also get to know each other through team building activities, hiking, games and nature exploration. **This program is limited to 10 campers. Program Cost: \$280**

FAMILY FIRESIDE TALKS:

Watch for details about the return of Fireside Talks in the Studio: Topics will include Coyotes with Numi Mitchell, RI Geology with Jon Boothroyd and more. **If there are topics you would like to learn more about, please contact Kim Botelho at 846-2577 ext. 15 or kbotelho@normanbirds sanctuary.org**





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