

Animal Tracks^(TM)

The Wildlife Sanctuary Newsletter

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Board Appoints New Officers



For nearly two years it was an honor and a pleasure to work on The Wildlife Sanctuary with Craig "Grizzly" Cylke. In the fall of 2009, I became a board member of this wonderful organization. Never did I imagine that the heart and soul of the organization, "Grizzly," would pass away just a few months later.

In January of 2010, two people stepped up to move the sanctuary forward. I took on the responsibilities as the Executive Director, and Debbie Cylke, Craig's wife and the Associate Director for all the years Craig was involved, stepped up to Wildlife and Program Director. We both did so with heavy hearts.

Difficult as it is, the Board has elected to move the sanctuary forward as long as there are funds to support its efforts. That means its survival now depends on you, our supporters - ***right now***. We have created new opportunities for your support and hope you will visit our web site to jump on board. As you read on, you will learn just what we have in mind. It is an exciting list of upgrades, expansion, and new ways to support the wonderful cause of rescuing, raising and releasing wild animals, with new education programs. Please click here to do what you can immediately: [Donate Now!](#)



The Babies are Coming! The Babies are Coming!!



Each spring, cubs, fawns, bunnies and other babies are born in the wild. Sadly, some lose their mothers before they are old enough to survive in the wild. That is why The Wildlife Sanctuary is so important. We take in injured or orphaned wild animals, nurse them to health, and release them back into the wild.

Raising babies takes special handling and special food. It isn't as easy as just going to the grocery store for milk. Many require special formulas that are up to 100 times more expensive than milk. That is why we hope you will become a Sanctuary Supporter! Save the Babies is our annual spring fundraiser for the infants that will be left in our care March through May. They will be raised and released from June to August.

However, if we don't have your contribution, we may have to turn some babies away. That means they will not survive. Please don't let this happen. Be the difference between life and death for a helpless young animal by becoming a Member, Animal Sponsor, or

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1,000 Points of Light Contributors



The Wildlife Sanctuary's income is mostly from donations. It takes more than \$250,000 to run the sanctuary each year.

We are looking for 1000 people with a heart for saving wild animals to make a donation of \$250 or more. We will honor these donors with very special certificates or plaques for their gift.

This tough economy makes it a difficult year for us, too, so every gift, large or small, is much appreciated. **The need is urgent - please donate today.**

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How You Can Help! Memberships! Sponsorships!



Did you know that you can now become a member of The Wildlife Sanctuary? When you do, you will receive free passes for a tour of the sanctuary. These passes are fully transferable - give them to anyone you would like! To become a **Member**, just [click here](#).

You can also become an animal sponsor with an annual or monthly donation. These funds go to help feed and care for our permanent residents, which includes 6 Western cougars, 3 Eastern panthers (the most rare and endangered cat in the world!), 7 American black bears, 1 Canadian lynx, 3 ferrets, 2 squirrels, 2 flying squirrels (endangered in Georgia), 2 raccoons, 1 groundhog, 2 opossums, 1 chinchilla, 1 wallaby, 1 screech owl, 1 red-tailed hawk, 1 Macaw, 8 snakes, and 3 spiders. All of these critters require food, cages, care, and the support of people like you. To **Sponsor** an animal, [please go here](#).

Projects at the Sanctuary



The Wildlife Sanctuary is looking to upgrade all of its animal habitats, buildings, roads, pathways, signage and grounds. We need lots of supplies to do this.

You can help by e-mailing us if you have contacts who can provide lumber, marine plywood, gravel, sheetrock, interior woring, electrical boxes, sockets, wall plates, marine grade paint (for outdoor cages), road grading equipment, boulders, pond liners, working pond pumps, planting soil, flowers or bulbs, bags of cement or concrete, aluminum bleacher seating, 4"x4" square tubing - you name it. We'll also be putting a list of items we need online. Donate what you can, or forward the list to someone you know who might just have (and be willing to donate) something for a sanctuary project. We are also looking for a 30'x60' two-story metal building to assemble on our 40'x80' concrete pad.

You may e-mail us at wildlife@ellijay.com and let us know what you have in mind or on hand. All donations in kind are greatly appreciated.

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