



Black Pine Animal Sanctuary FOOTPRINTS

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LEGACY GIFT EXPANDS CAPACITY



Fifteen parrots, including Ol' Yeller (front) and Elliott (back right) will benefit from an all-new structure designed to better meet their needs thanks to a legacy gift from Richard J. Hoffman.

A generous gift from the Richard J. Hoffman estate is going to help improve and save more lives!

Mr. Hoffman, a Fort Wayne resident and businessman, lost his battle

with cancer in November 2013. Trustees selected Black Pine to receive a portion of Mr. Hoffman's Estate to build an avian house for displaced, captive-raised birds, and to help more animals in need

SPIDER MONKEY HOUSE COMPLETED

Lucy and Goober, the spider monkeys that arrived in late 2013, have been enjoying their all-new outdoor habitat completed earlier this summer!

We are so grateful to sponsors Renee Runkle and Harry Perry, their

son, Cameron, and their daughter and son-in-law, Emily and Tim Bedwell.

We also want to express our sincere thanks to Mark Thaler, Harry Perry, and Amy Hartzell for constructing an enriching new space for the mon-

in the years ahead.

Doug Hofer, co-founder of Corporate Construction in Auburn, IN, will oversee the construction of the aviary. (Hofer previously managed the construction of the W. Paul Wolf Family Resource Center and the Reptile House.)

Floor plans have already been drawn up and Hofer hopes to have contractors on site to break ground by early November.

In addition to housing the 15 birds already in

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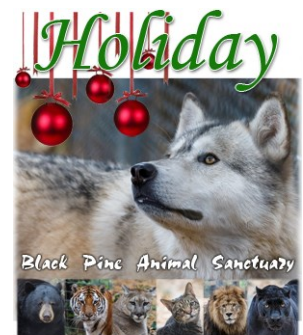


Lucy peers across the sanctuary from atop one of the hanging platforms that adorn the new spider monkey habitat.

keys to enjoy for years to come. Goober and Lucy love it!

Everyday Wish List:

Hand sanitizer
Water softener salt
Simple Green cleanser
Scopable cat litter
Toilet paper
Paper towels



Wish List
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EXTENDED HOLIDAY HOURS IN WOLF DEN GIFTS & THINGS

The Wolf Den Gifts & Things will be open for holiday shopping every Sunday afternoon from November 23 through December 21, 2014 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Located at the Sanctuary's main visitor entrance, the Wolf Den offers a wide selection of exclusive Black

Pine logo items including t-shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies, photo magnets, photo note cards, 2015 photo wall calendar, water bottle koozies, insulated beverage cups, pens, and flashlights. A selection of decorative items includes hand-crafted Fair Trade products, many made from recycled materials. Animal-themed jewelry for men and women, and a

variety of children's toys and plush animals are also featured.

Park Pal members will receive a 10% discount off all merchandise purchased when they present their member cards at check-out.

All proceeds benefit the animals! Happy Holidays!

ANIMAL ENRICHMENT DAY RETURNS DEC. 27



Mark your calendars to join us on Saturday, December 27 for an afternoon of fun for the animals!

Animal keepers will spend several weeks preparing hand-crafted "prey" animals and other toys and treats to be delivered to the cats, canines, bears and other

animal residents. Public visitation will be available from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

"Enrichment" can be anything that stimulates an animal's senses and natural behaviors. This may include scents, items the animals must manipulate for a reward, sounds, and chang-

es to their overall environment.

Dress for the weather, enjoy a cup of hot coffee or cocoa, and join us!

Watch for any weather-related updates as the date approaches at our website at www.blackpine.org, and on Facebook.

NEW LANDSCAPE FEATURES ENGRAVED BRICKS



We are thrilled with our new landscape!

In early October workers from Countryscapes and Gardens in Ligonier, IN finished up several weeks of work landscaping the W. Paul Wolf Family Resource Center and the nearby commissary building. As part of this major project, exca-

vation work was done to address drainage issues that often left our footpaths icy in winter and muddy after a spring rain. Storm run-off from the Resource Center and commissary now runs underground and dumps safely off the pathways.

We are especially excited by
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BRICK PAVERS

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the permanent installation of all of the engraved bricks purchased by donors in support of our Relocation Project from 2006-2007, as well as those purchased more recently, during 2012-2013.

This project has been a long time coming, but we hope you agree the results are worth the wait!



New patio features engraved donor bricks!



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residence, the building's size will increase capacity to help more parrots in need.

A portion of the Hoffman gift will also be used to complete Phase II of the Ohio Tiger Relief Project, adding capacity to give Top Cat and Millie, tigers currently living in temporary spaces at Black Pine, as well

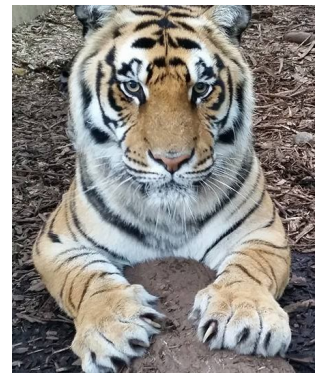
as up to two more big cats in need of permanent habitats.

Construction on big cat housing will continue into fall and winter.

Our hope is that those who knew Mr. Hoffman will join us in honoring his memory by enjoying the opportunity to meet and observe the many animals positively

touched by this wonderful gift, now and in the months and years ahead.

We look forward to the enhancements these projects will bring to the animals, as well as our very dedicated animal care staff who will be able to work more efficiently and effectively.



Top Cat, Sumatran tiger.

PEIVDF CONDUCTS MULTIPLE DENTAL SURGERIES

Peter P. Emily, DDS, Hon. AVDC, founder of the Peter Emily International Veterinary Dental Foundation (PEIVDF), and a team of veterinarians and technicians from near and far, descended upon Black Pine in June and completed six dental surgeries on resident

cats.

We are beyond grateful for the amazing charitable gifts and talents of this non-profit Foundation and hope to host another mission here in 2015. We thank them all!



To learn more, or donate, visit www.peteremilyfoundation.org.



Black Pine Animal Sanctuary

Exotic Animal Rescue ~ For the rest of their lives!

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HOLIDAY ORDER FORM – THIS FORM MAY BE COPIED AS NEEDED

LAST CHANCE AT THESE RATES!

New Rates Coming January 1, 2015

Business Sponsorships

Platinum "Great Ape" \$5,000 and up ☐
Includes Lifetime Membership & 30 guest passes

Gold "Big Cat" \$1,000 – 4,999 ☐
Includes 10-year membership and 20 guest passes

Silver "High Flyer" \$500 - 999 ☐
Includes 5-year membership and 15 guest passes

Bronze "Guardian" \$100-499 ☐
Includes one-year membership and 10 guest passes

Park Pal Memberships

Individual Pal \$30 ☐
One-year membership for one person age 10 or older

Couple of Pals \$55 ☐
One-year membership for two adults (age 10 and older)

Parent Pal \$60 ☐
One-year membership for one adult and their dependent children under 18 years of age

Family of Pals \$75 ☐
One-year membership for two adults and their dependent children under 18 years of age

Grandparents & Pals \$75 ☐
One-year membership for two seniors and their grandchildren under 18 years of age

Membership benefits offer free general admission for one full year, plus 10% off souvenir purchases, e-Bulletin subscription, and direct mail updates.

HOLIDAY ORDER SUMMARY:

___ 2015 Benefit Calendars \$20 ea:... \$ ___

Park Pal Membership (mark at left) .. \$ ___

Add my donation of \$ ___

Total Due: \$ ___

Date _____

Bill to Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Telephone # _____

E-mail Address _____

☐ Check this box if you DO NOT wish to receive our e-Bulletin updates.

Membership indicated at left is for:

☐ Check if same as Bill To info above.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Telephone # _____

PAYMENT:

☐ Check/money order enclosed, or

☐ MasterCard or Visa Account #:

Expires _____ 3-digit CVV Code: _____

Signature of Cardholder _____

INTERNET USERS CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

There are many ways to support Black Pine's mission from the comfort of your own home or office!

Prairie Farms "Our Caps Your Cause": Look for the "Your Cause" sticker on the caps of Prairie Farms milk products. Peel off the top layer of the cap to reveal a code. Enter that code online to donate 5 cents to Black Pine!

Shop smile.amazon.com:

If you already shop Amazon.com, take a minute to change the route you take to shop by going to smile.amazon.com and choose Black Pine as your charity of choice! It costs you nothing, and Amazon will make a donation to us every time you buy!

Do you ebay? If you sell or buy on ebay.com you

can select Black Pine to receive proceeds or add a donation. Check out ebay's "giving works" program.

Shop i-Give.com: If you surf and shop, check out igive.com's hundreds of major retailers who will make a donation to Black Pine every time you buy!



UPCOMING EVENTS



Animal Enrichment Day

Sat., December 27, 2014
1:00-4:00 p.m.

Cats 'n' Cocoa

Sat., February 14, 2015
1:00-4:00 p.m.

St. Catty's Day

Sat., March 14, 2015
1:00-4:00 p.m.

2015 Opening Weekend

Sat. & Sun., May 2-3

Mother's Day Gift!

Sun., May 10, 2015
First 40 moms!

Wine in the Pines

Sat., June 20, 2015
6:00-9:00 p.m.

2015 BENEFIT PHOTO CALENDARS ARE HERE!

Our 2015 benefit wall calendar features more full-color photos of Black Pine's animal residents than ever before!

Enjoy this full twelve-month calendar with all of Black Pine's special events and fund raisers, plus many animal resident birthdays

noted throughout.

Use the order form in this newsletter to order for yourself, and to satisfy your gift-giving needs this holiday season! Copy the form to place multiple orders. Checks, money orders, MasterCard and Visa accepted. Limited time offer.





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“BEST PRACTICES” BRING IMPROVEMENTS

We have learned so much, and improved continuously, in large part thanks to opportunities to observe and listen to our peers.

That is why we are proud that our assistant manager, Amy Hartzell, has been serving in a working group of sanctuary staff members from across the nation to develop “best practices” related to big cat nutrition.

The working group is a project conceived as the result of the Big Cat Sanctuary Workshop made pos-

sible by the International Fund for Animal Welfare and Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries in late 2013. Each working group will ultimately develop best practices for sanctuaries, typically working with very limited resources, to meet the needs of captive-raised animals.

Black Pine, for example, feeds whitetail deer carcasses from car-deer accidents to carnivores in residence. Some of our peers, however, are not equipped or experienced in how to

manage a program that makes use of this “recycled”, yet highly nutritious food source.

It is thanks to the observations of our peers, too, that we have been working to consolidate small cat populations by allowing them to cohabitate, freeing up capacity to help more cats in need.

We look forward to more lessons to learn and ways to contribute!



O'Malley (above), Thunder, and Walter are all male adult neutered bobcats that live at Black Pine. Efforts to cohabitate them in one living space, if successful, will enrich their lives and free up existing habitat space to help more animals in need. Many small cats are housed together in other sanctuaries, inspiring us to try.