



# The Wolf Mountain Nature Center

SEQUOYAH, A TWO AND A HALF YEAR OLD ALASKAN TUNDRA WOLF

## Head Animal Caretaker's Message... Will Pryor

Such a green summer here at Wolf Mountain, but the fall season approaches...changing leaves, geese overhead, and crisp, frosty mornings. Reflecting on the summer, we completed a new four-acre area that is currently the home for Cypress and Tauriel, who absolutely love the meadow and pine forest. Also, we are only a few weeks away from completing another enclosure which is planned for Nakoa and Dancing Turtle.

In my years of working with captive wolves, the most challenging task has been compatibility issues between adult animals. Just when I think I have the "perfect plan", the wolves remind me that they are still wild and in charge. Still, as I walk about animal enclosures, I see healthy animals that are content and stress free. I personally feel blessed to have this gift from the creator, even if my aging body experiences the physical pain of all the work it takes to create such wonderful captive animal habitats.

Before the first snowflakes float softly to cover the newly fallen leaves upon the Earth, I hope to have the driveway repaired, new large trees planted in Nakoa's enclosure, and all the animal preparations done for the long winter months ahead. Speaking of tree planting, we have a local tree farm that has made us a great deal on 25 foot tall red maples and spruces that would be perfect in the new enclosure so that our animals can

have shade and protection. However, we need funds to purchase these trees and get them planted this October (the best time to successfully plant trees is fall). Please consider donating any amount to the center to help defray costs for these needed trees!

A special thanks to New Berlin Eagle Scout, Deegan Chase, for the new storage shed that he and his helpers built this past summer. At last we have a secure place to store tools and lawn equipment out of the elements! The shed was constructed in such a way as to allow for a "staging" area for our Red Riding Hood puppet show which will be performed in future months!

Another thank you to all our volunteers who put in hundreds of volunteer hours doing everything from pounding poles, hauling gravel, doing tours, and caring for animals! You are greatly appreciated!

As hunting season approaches, remember, we love to accept unused venison meat. We do not want just the carcass—the entire deer, or at least the meat, is what the wolves want and need. Their favorite parts are the heart and liver! If you have leftover frozen meat from last year's hunt that you need to get rid of, we will also take that. In addition, we also love donations of chicken (de-feathered), and red meat of any type. Drop it off at the center or call for local pickup 607-627-6784.



Wolf pups Cypress & Tauriel got lots of attention and bonding opportunities from our puppy parents this summer!



# Summer Happenings...

This past summer was very busy for us! Besides being open four days a week instead of the usual one day, we held weekly Wolf Communication Programs, three different Camp with the Wolves programs, a "meet the puppy" day, a Wolves & Watermelons event, raised wolf puppies, visited other wolf sanctuaries (and welcomed them to our center), built a new enclosure, and hosted many special tour groups.



Campers enjoyed an overnight under the stars while also learning about and feeding wolves, cooking out, sharing stories, and even getting engaged!!



Staff from Wolf Mountain, Wolf Park, & Wolf Hollow all come together! Networking is essential to not only build relationships, but to also share ideas.



## Eagle Scout Project by Deegan Chase (a new tool shed/ puppet show stage)



## Upcoming Events for Fall/Early Winter 2017:

### Special Events:

**October 8---11<sup>th</sup> Annual "Honoring the Spirit of the Wolf" celebration** (see page 4 for details)

**October 14---Photography Session---8 am – 11 am**  
Pre-register as there is a maximum of 10 participants for this. Take a short hike to our platform to get photographs without fencing in the view. Please note this event costs \$75 per person.

**October 28---Howl-een Party---4-7 pm**  
Wear a costume & join us for a howlin' fun evening of animals, games, goodies, Red Riding Hood show, & lots of wolf howling!

**December 10---Winter with the Wolves---11 am – 3 pm**  
A celebration of the winter solstice and snow! Watch as the animals receive holiday gifts of their own to open and enjoy! We anticipate visits from Santa, The Grinch, and the Sled dogs of Smokey Hill!

Visit our website for more details as events approach!  
[www.TheWolfMountainNatureCenter.org](http://www.TheWolfMountainNatureCenter.org)

### Wolf Communication Programs:

Come meet our wolves and learn the variety of methods used by wolves to communicate: including scent marking, body language, behaviors, and vocalizations. Understand why and when wolves howl and the diverse types of messages behind each howl. The evening concludes with a pack howl!

**October 28---4 pm – dark**  
(this date coincides with our Howl-een Party)

**November 4---4:30 – dark**

**December 2---3 pm – dark**

(Please note that our Arctic fox exhibits are closed during these wolf communication programs—if you wish to visit our foxes, please visit during our Sunday hours.)

All events are only \$5 admission per person and money goes towards feeding and caring for the animals here at the center!



*The 11<sup>th</sup> annual*

# *"Honoring the Spirit of the Wolf"*

*Fall Celebration/Fundraiser*

*Sunday, October 8, 2017*

*11 am - 4 pm*

*Watch as the Wolves, Arctic Foxes, & Eastern Coyotes receive & enjoy their stuffed pumpkin treats!*

*Also scheduled: tours of animal exhibits, sled dog demonstrations, Utica Zoomobile, entertainment, magician, children's tent with pumpkin painting, DEC K-9 exhibit, Native American Indian crafts, tipi program & storytelling, Mother Earth drum & singers, food vendors, & more!*

*Admission only \$5 per person (5 & under free)*