



Wildwoods

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Dear Wildwoods Family,

We are excited to invite you to our **Sweet 16!** That's right, Wildwoods is celebrating 16 years of service and we want you to celebrate with us! We are planning an afternoon of fun at Canosia Grove Farm and Cidery in Duluth (5508 Martin Road) on **September 11 from 2pm-6pm.**

We'll have food, games, raffles, informational tables, bonfires, and more! Guests include **Hawk Ridge, Sax-Zim Bog, Fond du Lac Resource Management Division,** and **Wolf Ridge's Great Horned Owl** ambassador animal. We'll be sharing information about beavers, native plants, wolves, building bird houses and bat boxes... Music and dancing will be provided by **Terrence Smith and friends.**



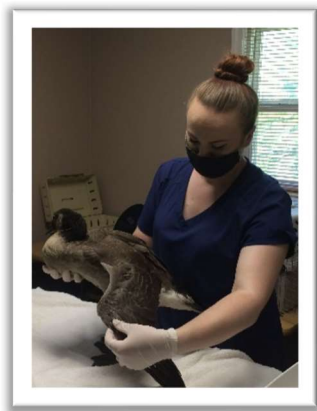
Purchase your tickets using the enclosed card and envelope – mail in by August 31, or purchase on our website through September 10 at wildwoodsrehab.org.

What have we been up to this summer?

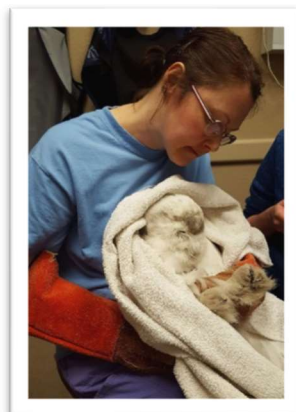


We received our **General Permit from the MN DNR** this summer, which allows us to treat all adult injured and sick animals on site (with the exception of large mammals such as bear and deer). We have worked toward this goal for more than two years and couldn't be more pleased with this accomplishment!

We expanded our Certified Veterinary Technician staff!



We needed support further afield and the timing was right for **Bri Klennert**, our former Clinic Manager and CVT, to transition to a **Consulting CVT** position while she focuses on her home rehabilitation. Having a **Consulting CVT in the Iron Range** is a huge help to Wildwoods!



Jennifer Brei, CVT, is our new Clinic Manager. She holds an Advanced Wildlife Rehabilitation permit in Wisconsin and brings with her years of experience in this field. She is also a registered nurse and has plenty of experience caring for patients and responding in emergency situations.

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza hit the wildlife rehabilitation community hard this spring, and we had to put in place a moratorium on certain species for a bit. We have since been able to **convert our basement into a quarantine area** and are successfully providing emergency support and stabilization to susceptible bird species including raptors. This loon is one of the many animals that have passed through our quarantine. Other animal species we've quarantined: broad-winged hawk, cooper's hawk, red-tailed hawk, merlin, hooded merganser, and ring-billed gull.

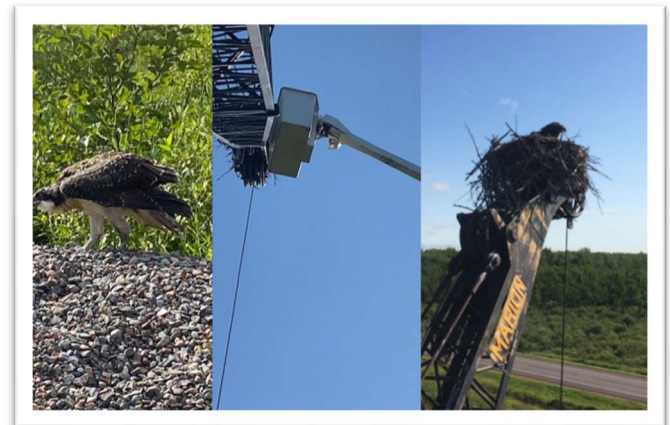


With the support of Partners 4 Wildlife, Carl and Verna Schmidt Foundation, Minnesota Power, Four Cedars Environmental Fund of the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation, and Miller Creek Landscaping, **we doubled the size of our outdoor pre-release conditioning area** where animals are placed before their release so that they can learn to forage, acclimate to the weather, and build strength and endurance for their release. We will be building new cages this fall and early next spring.



This year, more than **700 animals representing 92 species** have passed through our doors, and we expect many hundreds more before the year is out. We've provided education and support to more than **1,700 people**, working hard to spread the word that we *can* live in peace and share this beautiful space with wildlife.

In addition to working in-house, we help animals off-site whenever possible! The osprey pictured to the right was found at the base of a crane, having fallen from its nest at the top. **With the help of a cherry picker and the kind owner of the crane, Wildwoods staff successfully renested the osprey.**



We have a goal of raising \$16,000 to celebrate our 16th year! The first \$3,000 in donations will be matched dollar for dollar. This has been an incredible year for Wildwoods, and we need to sustain our work. Please donate if you can! Even better, come and celebrate with us at our Sweet 16!

Thank you for all you have done to make sure that we are here to serve our Northland community today.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely belonging to Jessica LaBumbard.

Jessica LaBumbard
Executive Director