



2009 - 2010 Update

We are pleased to see the presence of our organization in the region grow in recognition and popularity this year. Grand Canyon National Park staff can frequently be seen wearing our t-shirts and our bumper stickers have become a regular sight in Flagstaff and at the Grand Canyon. Our yearling wolf ambassador costume commonly encourages photographs of children with “Wolfie” and has been an added draw at our events. Here is an update on some of the events the Grand Canyon Wolf Recovery Project has been up to over the last year. We appreciate your continued support of the Grand Canyon Wolf Recovery Project!

2009 Events

- **“Meet the Commissioners” Awards Banquet of the Arizona Game Commission** (networking opportunity) – Phoenix, AZ – January 17th, 2009
- **Northern Arizona University’s Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society meeting** (presentation to college students about GCWRP) – Flagstaff, AZ - February 12th, 2009
- **Northern Arizona Audubon Society monthly meeting** (brief announcement on the upcoming WAG event) – Flagstaff, AZ – February 19th, 2009
- **Grand Canyon WAG: Wolf Activist Gathering and Training with evening presentation and book signing by author William Stolzenburg** (included an interactive training and presentations by experts for volunteers and members during the day; evening presentation open to the public by William Stolzenburg, the author of Where the Wild Things Were: Life, Death, and Ecological Wreckage in a Land of Vanishing Predators) – Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, AZ – February 21st, 2009
- **Maine Consolidated School Presentation** (presentation to 6th, 7th, and 8th graders), Parks, AZ – March 13th, 2009
- **Wolf Country tracking trip** (camping trip with volunteers) – Apache National Forest, AZ – March 14th – 17th, 2009
- **City of Flagstaff Earth Day Community Celebration** (public outreach tabling) City Hall, Flagstaff, AZ – April 18th, 2009
- **Volunteer Meet-and-Greet and Outreach Training** – Willow Bend Environmental Education Center – May 16th, 2009
- **Marshall Elementary School Presentation** (presentation to three 2nd grade classes) Flagstaff, AZ – May 19th, 2009
- **Volunteer Work Trip on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation** (volunteers helped the tribe do preparation work for upcoming tribal-operated wolf ecotours) – June 4th – 8th, 2009
- **Presentation to AmeriCorps Volunteers with the Coconino Rural Environmental Corp** – Flagstaff, AZ – June 5th, 2009
- **Landscape-Scale Management Strategies for Wide-Ranging Mammals Workshop** (workshop participant and facilitation volunteer) Grand Canyon National Park, AZ – June 10th and 11th, 2009
- **Lords of Nature: Life in a Land of Great Predators** (hosted the film screening and panel discussion) Shrine of the Ages Auditorium, Grand Canyon National Park, AZ – June 10th, 2009

- **Howl for Wolves at the Grand Canyon** (public outreach tabling) – South and North Rims of the Grand Canyon, Grand Canyon National Park, AZ - on-going in June through August 2009
- **Presentation at the Minding Animals 2009 Conference** – Newcastle, Australia, June 13th, 2009
- **Wolf Country Tracking Trip** (camping trip with volunteers) Apache National Forest, AZ – July 14th – 17th, 2009
- **In the Footsteps of Leopold: a Conference Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Aldo Leopold's Arrival in the Southwest** – camping trip with wolf tracking field trips, Nutrioso, AZ – September 5th – 7th, 2009
- **Flagstaff Festival of Science: Science in the Park** (public outreach tabling with children's activities) – Wheeler Park, Flagstaff, AZ – September 26th, 2009
- **Grand Canyon School classroom Presentations** – wolf presentations to several classes of different ages – September 30, 2009
- **Flagstaff Festival of Science: After School Program** (presentation on Mexican Gray Wolves in AZ) – October, 1st, 2009
- **Flagstaff First Friday Art Walk: no(where), now(there)** (art installation exhibit) – Flagstaff Brewing Company and Flagstaff Coffee Company coffee shop – October 2nd, 2009 up through the month of October
- **Blessing of the Animals** (public outreach tabling) – Bushmaster Park, Flagstaff, AZ – October 3rd, 2009
- **Lords of Nature: Life in a Land of Great Predators** (film screening and panel discussion) – Cline Library, Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, AZ – October 12th, 2009
- **No(there), now(there) art installation in historic downtown Flagstaff** – October 12 – 18, 2009 (temporary art installation of wolf silhouettes in alleys and on the sides of buildings for National Wolf Awareness Week)
- **Wolves without Boundaries** (fundraising event) – Habitat Harmony House, Flagstaff, AZ – October 17th, 2009
- **Carnivores 2009 Conference** (Educational exhibit on GCWRP) – Denver, CO – November 15th – 18th, 2009
- **Raising Wolf Awareness Weekend** (public outreach tabling) – The Phoenix Zoo, Phoenix, AZ – November 28th and 29th, 2009
- **Flagstaff Science Alliance Meeting** – presentation on the GCWRP to Flagstaff science educators and school teachers, December 10, 2009

2010 Update (as of September 2010)

- Hosted the **Wild and Scenic Environmental Film Festival** – The Orpheum Theater, Flagstaff, AZ - February 19, 2010
- Grand Canyon summer outreach campaign:
 - Hosted an outreach table for the Grand Canyon National Park Celebrate Wildlife Day on May 1st
 - Service Learning Project with 7 Navajo high school students and 4 teachers from Futures for Children learned how to table at the Grand Canyon on June 5
 - 26 tabling days at the North and South Rims (although several weekends were rained out)
 - Average of 50 to 75 people educated about wolves at the table each day (approximate total of 1,500)

- Over 50 hand-written letters to Ken Salazar, Secretary of the Department of the Interior collected at the table for Mexican wolf recovery
- Talking points, information, and address to Ken Salazar provided to over 250 additional people visiting the table to take home with them
- Distributed informational brochures to the North Rim lodge, Kaibab Lodge, Jacob's Lake Lodge, and Vermillion Cliffs Lodge
- Education programs in the schools:
 - Dinner and discussion with 8 high school students from the Bosque School in Albuquerque – Feb. 4th
 - Science night at Seacrest Elementary School –February 24
 - Earth Day event at Marshall Elementary School – April 23rd
 - Flagstaff High school presentation to two 10th grade AP Biology classes – May 18th
 - Presentation to the Futures for Children Navajo high school group – June 4th
 - Presentation to Science educators in the Flagstaff Unified School District and other science-related agencies for a monthly “Science Alliance” meeting – Dec. 10, 2009. GCWRP is now a member of the Flagstaff Science Alliance.
- Lords of Nature screenings and distributions:
 - Wild and Scenic Environmental Film Festival featured film – February 19th
 - St. George, UT screening to democrat group meeting – February 26th
 - Grand Canyon River Guides training program film screening – March 27th
 - Springdale, UT (Zion National Park) screening – April 2nd
 - Grand Canyon National Park Celebrate Wildlife Day screening – May 1st
 - Amazing Earth Festival, Kanab, UT – May 17th
 - DVDs provided to the Flagstaff Public library, Willow Bend Environmental Education Center, Interpretive rangers at the Grand Canyon National Park, Kaibab Lodge, Vermillion Cliffs lodge, and GCWRP volunteers
- Meetings with agency representatives:
 - Meeting with Grand Canyon National Park superintendent and staff about the GCNP Backcountry Resource Plan – received a commitment that the park will participate in the Mexican wolf recovery team – January 12th
 - Various group and individual meetings with U.S. Forest Service biologists working on the Forest Plan revisions for the Kaibab, Coconino, and Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests
 - Meeting with Bud Fazio, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Project Coordinator for the Mexican wolf recovery program – June 11th
 - Participated in a Climate Change and Resilient Habitats workshop with participants from NGOs and agencies, including several Grand Canyon National Park and Forest Service representatives – July 15th
- Other outreach events in 2010:
 - City of Flagstaff Earth Day event – April 17th

Events being planned for this Fall (2010):

- Flagstaff Festival of Science school programs and outreach table for Science in the Park – September 25th – October 1st.
- Blessing of the Animals table – October 3rd
- Lords of Nature screening for Flagstaff City Council and Coconino County Board of Supervisors
- Tabling for support of City/County resolutions in support of wolves
- Outreach events (book readings and presentations) at Bookman's bookstore
- Wolf art installation for Wolf Awareness Week
- Wolf bicycle ride
- Wolf Art exhibit at Anima's Beads for the month of December
- Wolves without Boundaries fundraiser event – October 16th

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

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