

## **Final Report**

**Wildlife Preservation Fund**

**Project Title: "Outdoor Days – An Environmental Education Event"**

**Grant Agreement #04-020W**

**Little Wabash Audubon Society**

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The Little Wabash Audubon Society received a \$1,000.00 grant from the Illinois Wildlife Preservation Fund in FY 04. The funding was to be used to host a 2-day environmental education event. The project has been completed and we are now requesting the funding payment. Attached you will find the final report, photo documentation, and budget report.

## Final Report

Last year the Little Wabash Audubon Society developed and hosted a 2-day natural resources education event titled "Outdoor Days". This event addressed the need for environmental education in the area and was well attended. With grant funding from the Wildlife Preservation Fund the event was held again this year.

With the cooperation of conservation organizations and the Ballard Nature Center, the event took place at the nature center September 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. Programs and activities took place throughout the day covering many natural resources subjects (see the attached schedule of events). High quality presenters educated the public on birds of prey, wetlands, songbirds, herps and more. Children and adults were able to participate in many hands-on activities. This event provided individuals and families an opportunity to learn about the areas natural resources and how to identify, manage, and appreciate them. Several hundred people participated in the event.

The grant funds were used toward paying presenters and purchasing materials for various activities. The Illinois Raptor Center received \$506.80, John Wallace received \$200.00 for storytelling, Tom May received \$269.00 for birdhouse and feeder workshops, and \$19.00 was used to purchase supplies for the children's nature craft activities.

The Ballard Nature Center would like to thank the Illinois Wildlife Preservation for providing funding to assist with this event.

## Grant Budget Report

Illinois Raptor Center (2 programs)	\$506.80
John Wallace Storyteller	\$200.00
Tom May	\$269.00
Craft Supplies	\$19.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$994.80</b>



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# "Outdoor Days" Celebration Schedule of Events

*Saturday, September 27th*

9:00 - 4:00 PM

**9:00 AM** - Nature Walk/Birdwatching  
Members of the Little Wabash  
Audubon will lead a trail walk.

**10:00AM** - Illinois Raptor Center  
"Illinois Birds of Prey" presentation

**11:00AM**  
Bluebird Workshop / Tom May  
Build a nest box (16 person limit)  
  
"Stories From Nature"  
Storytelling with John Wallace

**1:00 PM** - Illinois Raptor Center  
" Illinois Owls" presentation

**1-3:00 PM** - Kids' Fishing Tournament

**2:00 PM**  
Bird Feeder Workshop / Tom May  
Build a feeder (18 person limit)

"John Muir & His Many Adventures"  
Storytelling with John Wallace

**3:00 PM** - "Landscaping for the Birds"  
Slide presentation by Richard &  
Susan Day (photographer & writer)

"Life at the Water's Edge"  
Join Naturalist Karan Frailey for  
this fun program and learn about  
wetland life up close.

*Sunday, September 28th*

12:30 - 4:00 PM

**12:30-1:30 PM** - Scavenger Hunt  
Check in at the visitor center for  
rules and list. Prizes awarded.

**1:00 PM** - Bluebird Workshop / Tom May  
Build a nest box (16 person limit)

**2:00 PM** - Reptile/Amphibian Program  
John Petzing will bring live animals  
and then take us on a walk to find  
some that live at the nature center.

**3:30 PM** - Bug Safari  
Join Environmental Educator Karan  
Greuel to learn about & search for  
these 6-legged critters.



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Lunch will be sold on Saturday.

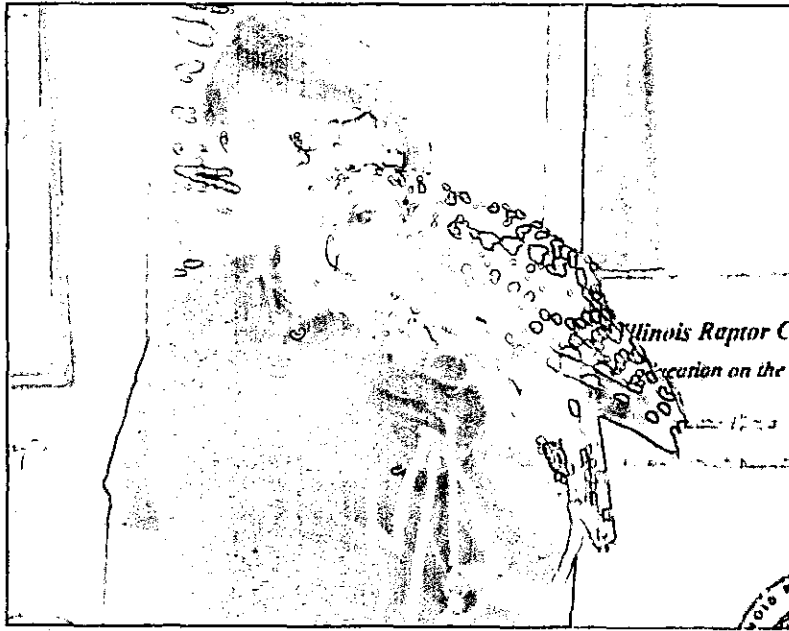
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Note: This event will be held rain or shine.  
Many presentations can be held in the lower  
level of the visitor center.

*Other Activities  
Throughout The Day*

- The Illinois Natural History Survey will have a traveling walk through exhibit available.
- Migration Game  
See how well you do as a bird on its migration.
- Camouflage Trail  
See how many hidden caterpillars you can count along this trail.
- Craft Activities  
Kids can make a couple crafts to take home.
- Activity/Quiz Stations
- The visitor center will be open for you to explore the exhibits inside.
- Illinois Tree Farm System  
Activities and Information.
- Archery/BB Gun Range
- Saturday there will be a bass boat from Lake Sara Marina available for the kids to check out and sit in.

*This event was made possible by the  
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