



# In the Glen

NEWS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE  
GLEN HELEN ASSOCIATION

FALL 2024

**COVER:** The Tools of Wildlife Rehabilitation



## From the Director

This issue of *In the Glen* features an article from Raptor Center Director Rebecca Jaramillo, in which she looks at two of the ways that raptor rehabilitation has changed over the years. Particularly, we actively participate in networks with our peers in the rehabilitation community, and we have a lot that we can learn from one another. Also, emergent medical technologies—many of which were developed for humans—can also benefit wildlife. Both of these factors make it possible for us to achieve better outcomes with the birds we take in for rehabilitation. What do I mean by better outcomes? It includes lower stress for the birds, faster and more complete recovery, and ultimately higher survival rates.

For the birds we take in for rehabilitation, these tools mean an increased chance that we'll be able to release them for a second chance at life in the wild.

For our animal ambassadors, these tools mean a higher quality of life, which, among other things, results in a longer life than they would likely have in the wild. Let me say more about this. Not all species live longer in captivity, but smaller animals, and those with a higher metabolism, generally do. This includes raptors. They know where their next meal

is coming from, they are somewhat sheltered from the elements, they receive medical attention when they need it, and they are protected from predators. To be clear, we believe that the wild is the best place for wildlife, and only keep unreleasable birds as animal ambassadors. Still, we want our animal ambassadors to have as good a life as they can.

There's another component at play here, which is the enduring commitment that we make to the wildlife in our care. Part of what it means, when we say that the birds never need to worry about where their next meal will come from, is that we need to ensure that we are providing them their daily meal. Holidays? The birds get fed. Days with the most atrocious Midwestern weather imaginable? The birds get fed. Cold and flu season? You guessed it—the birds get fed.

Put another way, behind every bird at the Raptor Center is a small team of people—people networking with others so that we can keep pace with the best practices for wildlife care, people investing in the tools and technologies that further help improve outcomes, and, at the end of the day, people putting in the time and sometimes superhuman effort to see that the raptors in our care have the best life possible.

Nick Boutis  
Executive Director, Glen Helen Association

### In the Glen

In the Glen is published for Glen Helen Association members and friends.

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### Glen Helen Nature Preserve

Trails are open daily, sunrise to sunset. All wildlife, vegetation, and natural features are protected. For general information: 937-769-1902

### Administrative Offices

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### Vernet Ecological Center

405 Corry Street, Yellow Springs, OH 45387  
Daily 10am-4pm (except holidays)

### Nature Shop

Located in the Vernet Ecological Center  
Thurs-Sun, 10am-4pm

### Trailside Museum

505 Corry Street, Yellow Springs  
Visit [glenhelen.org](http://glenhelen.org) for current hours of operation

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Residential environmental education center for school groups and summer Ecocamps. 1075 State Route 343, Yellow Springs, 937-767-7648

### Raptor Center

Raptor education and rehabilitation center  
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### Mission

The mission of the Glen Helen Association is to steward and strengthen Glen Helen nature preserve for present and future generations, safeguard the ecological, historical, and geological resources within its bounds, and utilize the preserve to offer life-shaping environmental learning to our students and visitors.

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— See and Experience —

# Trailside Museum Reopens!

*“Such a unique space enjoyed by young and old alike. A must see when visiting the Glen!”*

—Glen Helen visitor

Staff, volunteers and contractors have been busy beavers in Trailside Museum, Glen Helen’s nature center, over the past six months. Thanks to this industriousness, the museum, closed since 2020, recently reopened! New animals, refreshed exhibit signage and a stunning floor mural are some of the most visible improvements, however many less flashy, but much needed facility upgrades have also been added. These include door and chimney repair as well as air conditioning and filtration systems, which keep unwanted growth at bay in our beloved museum.

Exhibits focus on the life and features within the Glen, with the goal that Trailside provide a strong connection to the unique natural world of our preserve and local environment. This region of Ohio is home to a great diversity of native plant and animal life that is featured in the museum. Live animal ambassadors on display include a woodland box turtle, a crayfish, and a tank of many native fish. In addition, bird feeders just outside giant picture windows provide a close up look at native birds that live and pass through the Glen. Other exhibits celebrate Ohio geology, trees, waterways, mammals, birds, and more.

Volunteers are generously staffing the space and caring for the animals, allowing us to keep admission to the museum free for all visitors. The Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist (OCVN) Program, offered at Glen Helen last spring, provided training for a cohort of 16 new naturalists, some of whom will be using their knowledge as volunteer hosts at the museum. After just one month from opening, Trailside had

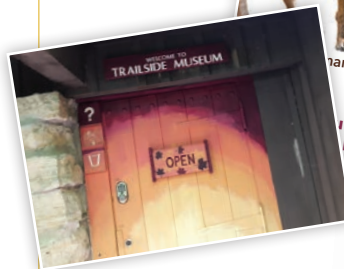
already welcomed over 200 visitors and dozens of Ecocamp students from the Outdoor Education Center summer camps, eager to see the updated Museum. To meet the visitor interest, we are working on building a core of Trailside volunteers including intergenerational family groups, students, older adults, and aspiring naturalists to support regular open hours for the public.

We are grateful for generous support from our donors including Center Point Energy and the Yellow Springs Community Foundation. Interested in volunteering? Please contact Annabel Welsh, Outreach Manager: [awelsh@glenhelenassociation.org](mailto:awelsh@glenhelenassociation.org).

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▲ Floor Mural: Mr. Turkleton, resident turtle, meets his portrait in the floor mural by local artist, Pierre Nagley.



▲ Interpretive signs help connect indoor displays with outdoor nature.



# — The Networks and Tools of — Wildlife Rehabilitation



Peregrine falcon with a wrapped wing.

The Glen Helen Raptor Center started doing wildlife rehabilitation in the early 1970s with little more than a corner of space in a building, and the dedication of individuals trying to help animals in need. In time, outdoor enclosures were built in the field to allow recovering birds more opportunity to stretch their wings and rebuild precious flight muscle that was lost during time in the clinic.

As time went on, we developed relationships with several veterinarian offices who provide radiographs, surgeries, and pharmaceuticals when needed, increasing the toolbox available to the injured or ill birds. Currently we work with Dr. Brian Lokai from Suburban Veterinary Clinic, and we are grateful for their ongoing engagement.

In today's clinic, we have more advanced equipment and a lot more experience to guide us in our daily challenges that each new patient brings. Today we gain knowledge by attending conferences and networking with fellow rehabilitators in Ohio and across the world. The Ohio Wildlife Rehabilitators Association, for example, provides an opportunity for rehabbers in Ohio to learn from each other and

creates a mechanism for connecting animals in need of help regardless of where in the state they are found. Similarly, the National Wildlife Rehabilitators Association does the same over a larger geographic area. Both organizations work not only to facilitate the spread of knowledge from one rehabilitator to another, but also serve as a conduit for communication between rehabilitators, the public "finders", and government permitting agencies such as the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

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In 2019, as we prepared to build our nine enclosure rehabilitation complex, we took our plans to the National Wildlife Rehabilitators Conference to get feedback on our design. Through the week we were able to interact with dozens of people who had recently undergone similar builds and were able to give us tips and ideas to strengthen our design and ultimately benefit the thousands of birds that will use these enclosures. Likewise, in 2021, I was elected onto the board of directors at the Ohio Wildlife Rehabilitators Association and since then have shared my knowledge as a speaker at the state conference multiple times.



Attending a fluid therapy workshop at an Ohio Wildlife Rehabilitators Association conference.

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# Rent The Glen

Did you know that Glen Helen has many unique rental facilities for hosting a variety of functions such as weddings, graduation parties, reunions, celebrations of life and business retreats?



Vernet Ecological Center



Camp Greene



Birch Manor



Outdoor Education Center Lodge



## Vernet Ecological Center

With its spacious auditorium and beautiful natural stone patio, Vernet Ecological Center is the perfect space for weddings, receptions, celebrations of life, dances, and business meetings.



## Camp Greene

The 200-person capacity lodge and outdoor spaces make Camp Greene the ideal private location for weddings, receptions, family reunions, business retreats, and celebrations of life.



## Birch Manor

Birch Manor's historic home and surrounding lawns are a welcoming setting for weddings, receptions, and business retreats.



## Outdoor Education Center Lodge

The cafeteria-style dining room, lobby area with fireplace, and outdoor areas make the Outdoor Education Center Lodge a great place for day retreats, birthday and anniversary celebrations, and family reunions.

Please visit [glenhelen.org/rentals](http://glenhelen.org/rentals) for photos and information. For rates, questions, or to schedule a tour, contact [rentals@glenhelenassociation.org](mailto:rentals@glenhelenassociation.org) or 937-769-1902 x1101.



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Calendar >

# SEPTEMBER OCTOBER NOVEMBER 2024

# en Helen Fall Program Calendar



## SEPTEMBER

### 3 Nocturnal Insect Watching

7:30-10pm

Join Wright State University entomologist John Stireman as we survey a quiet corner of the Glen for moths and other nocturnal insects that are attracted to light. Timed to coincide with the dark skies of the new moon. Registration required, 10 participants maximum. \$5, members free. Bring a flashlight (head lamps are best) and a comfy chair. Camp Greene, 3452 Grinnell Rd.

### 8 Fall Migration Birding

8-10am

Join Glen Helen director Nick Boutis for a two-hour walk in search of southbound migratory birds. \$5, members free. Registration required. Grinnell Mill, 3536 Bryan Park Rd.

### 12 The Birds of Spain

7-9pm

Glen Helen director Nick Boutis visited Spain in April, in search of birds and an occasional sangria. He found cliffs hosting eagle nests, wetlands teeming with flamingos, and storks everywhere. Join him for a slide program where he'll share his adventures. No pre-registration necessary. \$5, free for members. Vernet Ecological Institute, 405 Corry St.

## OCTOBER

### 5 Raptor Photography

8-9:30am

Calling all photographers! Take advantage of the soft morning light and crisp fall air to photograph the majestic raptors at the Raptor Center. Birds will be out of their enclosures and held on glove or natural perches. You may even have the opportunity to photograph birds in flight! Registration required and space limited. \$50 per ticket (\$40 for GHA members). In order to provide the best possible experience for the photographers, no non-ticketed observers will be permitted. (Rain date will be Oct. 26.) Raptor Center, 1075 State Route 343.

### 12 Yellow Springs Street Fair

9am-5pm

Come visit the Glen Helen booth during the fair. Browse a selection of items from our nature shop, learn about our programs and membership opportunities. Xenia Ave, downtown Yellow Springs.

### Beavers in the Glen Hike

5:30-7pm

Join Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist, Heather Cooper, on a hike to visit the beaver dam and lodge and discuss beaver habits. We will also visit the Yellow Spring on this moderate 1.5 mile loop. All ages welcome. Registration required & space limited. Parking: \$10, members free. Program: \$5, members free. Meet at the Vernet Ecological Center: 405 Corry St.

### 18 Haunted Hike Under the Hunter's

Full Moon

8-9:30pm

## 27 Historical Society Artist Open House

SUN 2-4pm

The Yellow Springs Historical Society will hold an open house at the historic Grinnell Mill with a display of paintings and etchings by Robert Whitmore, a noted local artist and college professor, who lived nearby. Free and open to the public. Grinnell Mill, 3536 Bryan Park Rd.



## NOVEMBER

### 12 Growing Edible Mushrooms

TUES 6-8pm

Curious about how to grow edible mushrooms? Learn about the best edible mushrooms for our area and how to grow them outdoors in this informative presentation with Marc Amante, Central State University, Extension Educator, Agricultural and Natural Resources. All ages welcome, but geared toward adults. Registration requested, walk-ins ok. Parking: \$10/ Free for members. Program: Free. Vernet Center Auditorium: 405 Corry St.





Group sizes are limited. Register early to ensure your participation. Many programs are discounted for Glen Helen members. Contact programs @glenhelenassociation.org for member code. Please visit [www.glenhelen.org](http://www.glenhelen.org) to learn more.



**Glen Helen**

**20**  
**FRI**

**Hike Under the Harvest Full Moon**

8-10pm  
Experience the enchanting beauty of the Glen under the glow of a full moon! Led by naturalists Brendan Baumann and Paul Sampson. This 1-mile hike offers a peaceful journey through the nocturnal wilderness, allowing you to witness the landscape transform under the gentle radiance of the full moon. Moderate in intensity, this hike provides a serene evening adventure suitable for all ages. Bring a small or red flashlight to enhance your experience. Registration required. \$5, members free. Meet at Trailside Museum, 505 Corry St.



**27**  
**FRI**

**Eco-Games**

6-8pm  
Join Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist, Jake Haney, for an evening of fun, environmentally-themed board games at the Trailside Museum. We'll play Wingspan, Butterfly Bingo, Guess in 10 and more, depending on participant interest. Feel free to bring your favorite eco-game to share. No previous experience necessary. Registration required & space limited. All ages welcome. Parking: \$10, members free. Program: \$5, members free. Meet at Trailside Museum: 505 Corry St.

Join guide Pan Riech along with Brendan Baumann and Paul Sampson for a spine-tingling 1-mile hike along the Inman Trail, set under the eerie glow of the Hunter's Full Moon. Delve into the haunted history of the Glen as you search for ghosts and hear chilling tales that linger in the moonlit shadows. This moderate hike promises both thrills and historical insights into the supernatural lore of the area. Remember to bring a small or red flashlight to illuminate your path through the mysterious night. Registration required. Cost: \$5, members free. Meet at Trailside Museum, 505 Corry St.

**19**  
**SAT**

**Fall Migration Birding**

8-10am  
Join Glen Helen director Nick Boutis for a two-hour walk in search of southbound migratory birds. Registration required. \$5, members free. Trailside Museum, 505 Corry St.



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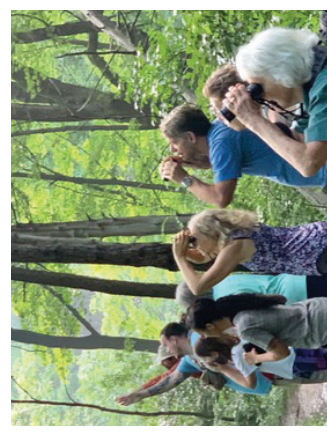
**Pine Forest Beaver Full Moon Hike**

7-8:30pm  
Join Brendan Baumann, Tom Sabin and Paul Sampson for an enchanting moonlit walk through the Glen along the Inman Trail during the Beaver Full Moon. This 3-mile hike will take you through the serene Pine Forest and Ohio's oldest educational forest, the School Forest. The trail is moderately strenuous, offering a perfect blend of adventure and tranquility as you immerse yourself in the moonlit landscape. Don't forget to bring a small or red flashlight to enhance your nocturnal exploration! Registration required. \$5, members free. Meet at the Trailside Museum, 505 Corry St.

**16**  
**SAT**

**Late Fall Birding**

9-11am  
Join Glen Helen director Nick Boutis for a two-hour walk in search of late fall migrants and winter residents. Registration required. \$5, members free. Trailside Museum, 505 Corry St.



— Glen Helen —  
**Announcements**

**The 2025 Glen Helen  
Calendar is coming soon**

The new Glen Helen calendar, which will be available in mid-October, features 12 months of stunning photos taken by friends of the Glen—a perfect gift for your friends and family, and to grace every room in your house. The calendar sells for the modest price of \$15, and, as with all Glen Helen merchandise, your purchase helps support our efforts on behalf of the Glen. Place your order online at our Nature Shop site: [glenhelen.org/shop](http://glenhelen.org/shop). Calendars may also be purchased at the Nature Shop, and select stores in Yellow Springs.

**Sponsor a Raptor**

We are not financially supported by state or federal funds, so your contributions allow us to continue our work. When you sponsor one of our resident raptors, you not only help us provide ongoing care for our educational ambassadors, but you also help provide specialized care needed by sick, injured or orphaned birds undergoing care in our rehabilitation facility. Sponsorship levels start at just \$50 per year. Your sponsorship of \$1,000 or more will last for the lifetime of the bird. Visit [www.glenhelen.org/sponsor-a-raptor](http://www.glenhelen.org/sponsor-a-raptor) for full details, include a complete list of all of our resident raptors.



**Order a Glen Helen license  
plate today!**

The Glen Helen license plate is a way to show the world that you love the Glen. Plus, as a bonus, you get to drive with a beautiful Charley Harper sapsucker affixed to your bumper. Any Ohio car owner can acquire the tag, either from your local Bureau of Motor Vehicles office, or by visiting [oplates.com](http://oplates.com). No need to wait until your regular renewal date on your birthday - you can order your plates at any time. For each driver who purchases or renews these specialty plates, the Glen Helen Association receives \$15.

**Bird Seed Sale!**

Did you know you can purchase bird seed at the Nature Shop? We stock locally-grown high quality black oil sunflower seed! Just \$20 for a 25 lb. bag. Plus, Glen Helen members receive a 25% discount.

**Join our family of volunteers**

We depend on volunteers to carry out the programs, events, and initiatives that help preserve Glen Helen. From fundraisers, to mailings, to trail maintenance, volunteers at the Glen not only participate in our important efforts, they have fun while they do it! Whether you are a short-term volunteer with a service requirement, or seek a longer-term position, we may have an opportunity for you. To learn more, and to join our family of volunteers, visit [glenhelen.org/volunteer](http://glenhelen.org/volunteer)

**Grinnell Mill**

Grinnell Mill Bed & Breakfast offers beautiful accommodations in an expertly restored, historic grist mill located in Glen Helen on the banks of the Little Miami River. A freshly prepared continental style breakfast and Wi-Fi access are included during your stay. The mill is also available to rent for private events such as retreats, meetings, conferences, parties, etc.

For more information or availability: visit [grinnellmillbandb.com](http://grinnellmillbandb.com). Ready to book your stay? Call Susie Butler at 937-307-5529 to request a reservation.



In addition to knowledge gained, the physical tools of rehabilitation have advanced. At the Raptor Center, we regularly use a few specialized tools to help reduce pain, speed healing, or increase the immune response in a bird. For example, a few years ago, we were lucky enough to have a donor-purchased handheld laser for us to use at the clinic. This laser uses both red and near-infrared light to stimulate skin, muscle, and bone cells. Laser therapy can cause vasodilation (widening of blood vessels) to increase the blood flow and oxygen to an injured area. This results in a decrease in inflammation and pain, and an increase in the speed of healing. Additionally, the laser helps kill off bacteria in a wound reducing the likelihood of prolonged antibiotic use.

By having a laser at the clinic, we avoid the hour-and-a-half car ride to and from the veterinarian (which is stressful for even well-trained birds, much less injured wild raptors). Recently, we used this laser to treat an owl that had become entangled in netting around one of its feet. The netting cut the circulation to the owl's foot, which caused major swelling and threatened to lead to tissue die off in the toes. Thankfully, combining anti-inflammatory medications and laser therapy resulted in an increase in circulation and decrease in swelling and we were ultimately able to release the owl!



Syringe feeding a recovering Red-tailed hawk.



Inspecting the wing of a recovering Bald eagle.

Although we have an increased network of information and new tools at our disposal, there is still room for improvement in our Raptor Center clinic. The next tool on the horizon, oxygen therapy, would aid well over 50% of the birds that come to the center. Oxygen therapy is not a new treatment, and is used in both human and veterinary medicine daily. On the downside, oxygen tanks are expensive and highly flammable,

not to mention, they take up a significant amount of space which the Center simply does not have. These issues can be overcome, however, with the addition of an oxygen concentrator and some creative DIY to create an oxygen chamber within the small confines of the clinic. In addition to animals suffering from respiratory illness such as the highly pathogenic avian influenza, animals in shock, whether from trauma, illness or serious injury, have a much higher rate of recovery when treated with supplemental oxygen in addition to other means. In 2023, 84 birds came to the Center for treatment with traumatic brain injury caused either by a car or window collision. Oxygen therapy would be a benefit to birds with such injuries, and will hopefully soon be in the arsenal of tools at the Raptor Center.

 Rebecca Jaramillo, Director of the Raptor Center  
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— A Chorus of Chirps —

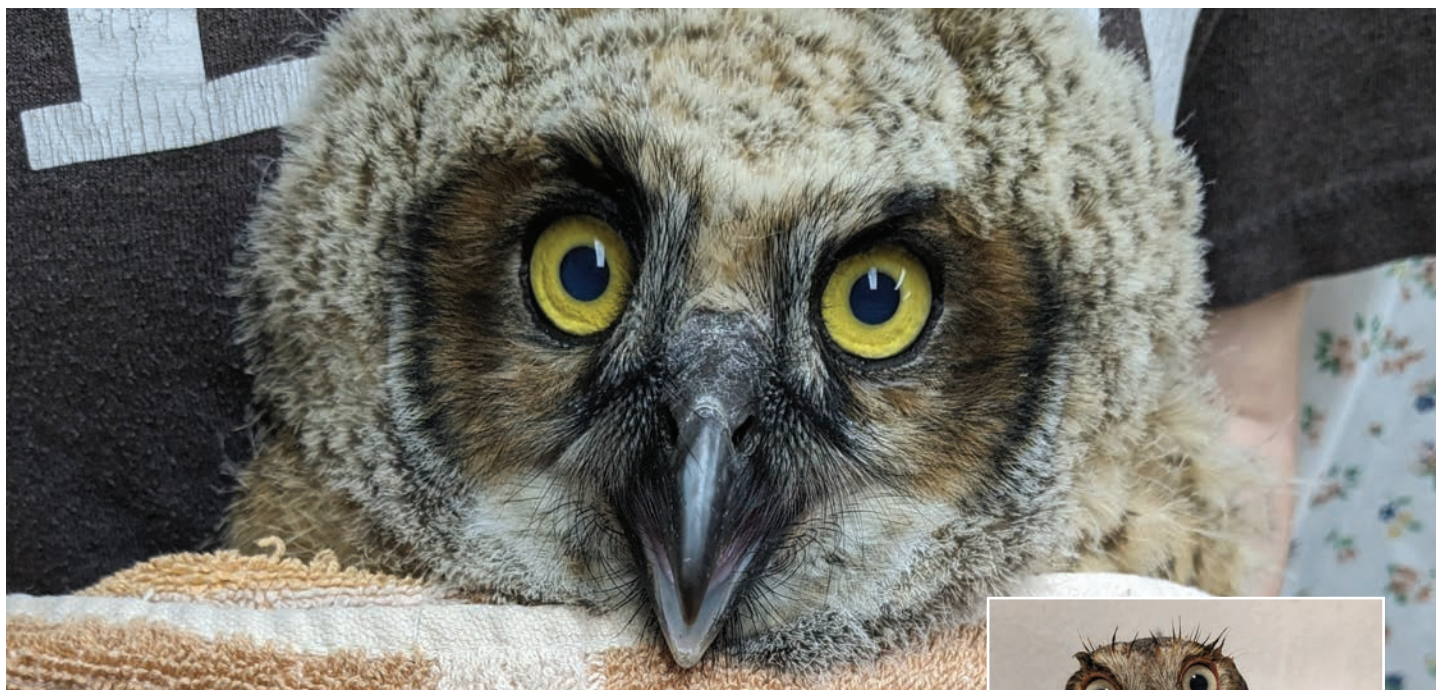
# Baby Season at the Raptor Center

Spring and summer have brought an influx of new life to the Raptor Center, as the sounds of baby birds fill this special part of the Glen. This is a time of great joy, but also a time of increased responsibility. The young raptors that arrive at the center are often injured, orphaned, or sick, and they require specialized care to survive.

The center's dedicated staff and volunteers are working tirelessly to provide these vulnerable creatures with the care they need. This includes lifesaving medical attention, tailored diets, warm and safe enclosures, and ultimately, preparing them for release back into the wild.

## How You Can Help:

Every gift to the Raptor Center, no matter the size, makes a difference. Your support will help to provide critical medications and treatments, as well as nutritious food and safe housing for the young raptors. Your generosity will also help to fund our daily work, including caring for our resident ambassador birds and providing programs to educate the community. Together, we can give these baby raptors the second chance they so desperately deserve. Please consider giving to the Glen Helen Raptor Center. Your gift will directly support the healing and rehabilitation of these vulnerable creatures. 



Donate to the  
Raptor Center  
Wishlist

The daily work of caring for live hawks and owls requires a continuous supply of items for feeding and cleaning. See our current wish list by clicking the Raptor Center tab at [glenhelen.org](http://glenhelen.org).



Above: Young Great-horned owl. Right: Young Eastern Screech-owl after a bath.

— Glen Helen's —

# New Staff Member



Glen Helen recently welcomed our new Outreach Manager, **Annabel Welsh**.

***When did you begin at Glen Helen and what was your prior experience at the Glen?***

I began working at Glen Helen Association in July. Being from Yellow Springs, I've been connected to the Glen my entire life. I attended Eco-Camp as a child and participated in School Forest during high school. My involvement with the Glen has been a lifelong journey, and I've been in love with it for as long as I can remember.

***What is your favorite place in the Glen?***

My favorite spot in the Glen is the walk from the beaver dam to the Grotto along the Inman Trail. It feels like walking on water—a truly magical experience.

***What animal, insect, bird, amphibian, etc. do you identify with or absolutely love?***

My cat, Marty Kwame. I absolutely LOVE LOVE LOVE him.

***Do you have a favorite vacation or adventure?***

Ghana holds a special place in my heart, especially Escape3Points Ecolodge in the western region of the country. It's my go-to destination for an unforgettable adventure.

***What is the best part of your job?***

The best part of my job is working with our amazing volunteers and meeting people from all over who come to hike in the Glen. I'm also really excited about the opportunity to revitalize and restore the Nature Shop!

***Tastiest meal or treat?***

Pequod's deep dish pizza in Chicago.

***Do you have a favorite motto or quote?***

YOLO (You Only Live Once)

## ECO-Birthdays!

Celebrate your child's birthday with a memorable nature-themed party at Glen Helen!

- A live animal encounter and outdoor activity included
- Two hours of private party space in our yurt for up to 20 people
- Party room set up with tables/coverings and chairs
- Four program themes to choose from
- For ages 4 to 12

For inquiries and bookings, please contact [rentals@glenhelenassociation.org](mailto:rentals@glenhelenassociation.org) or call 937-769-1902 x1101.





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## Swinging Bridge 1963

This image of a school group from March of 1963 shows why the Glen Helen Swinging Bridge was the stuff of legends. On the east side of the creek, the bridge was firmly affixed to a stone abutment. But, the west side, which is what is shown here, the bridge attached to an Osage Orange tree. To cross, hikers merely needed to climb a handmade wooden ladder and navigate around the tree on narrow planks to get

to the bridge proper. Once they were on the bridge, they could expect a rollicking sway, because the tree had far more flex than a stone abutment. Also, hikers would need to hold on tight, because there were wide open gaps under the handrail. When you weren't fearing for your life, it was incredibly fun to cross. Alas, modern safety standards dictate that, if we ever replace this bridge, we'll need to make it far less rustic. 