

In the Glen

NEWS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE
GLEN HELEN ASSOCIATION

SUMMER 2025

COVER: Exploring new places with friends increases bonds and trust.

Photo by Kelsey Mazur





From the Director

My New Favorite Place in the Glen? I get asked all the time to name my favorite place in Glen Helen. For years, my answer has been the Upper Birch Creek Trail, because I just love seeing the rock formations that have separated from the cliff face and are starting their geological-time march down the slope. Also, the view down the slope to the creek is just—to use a technical term—awesome. Plus, if you happen to be out birdwatching in the early morning, you're not going to be staring into the sun when you try to look down into the creek valley. (The opposite is true if you stand on the Corry Street side of the Glen.)

The Upper Birch Creek Trail retains its awesomeness, but I have a new favorite place. It's where I go when I need to stretch my legs in the middle of a workday. It has also become the place we linger longest when I lead bird walks in the preserve. It's a dynamic place, rarely the same from one day to the next. Remarkably, it has only existed in the Glen for four years.

Perhaps you've guessed already. I'm referring to the beaver pond on the Yellow Springs Creek. Why do I love it so? Let me count the ways...

An up-close look at an engineering marvel: Of all the places that the beavers could have constructed their dam, they chose a spot in the Yellow Springs Creek

just a few feet upstream from our bridge across the creek. As the beaver continued to enlarge their dam, they opted to route it right through our boardwalk, so when you visit the area, you can see and marvel at their construction technique. The dam, at this point is close to seven feet high at its tallest spot, and about 300 feet wide.

Birds: Oh my gosh—so many birds. The beaver created habitats that weren't previously present in the preserve, including flooded woods, open water, and the dam itself. The flooded woods attract a profusion of species, including the best woodpecker—the red-headed, which was previously scarce in the Glen. The open water now takes up enough space to attract a greater variety of waterfowl, like a group of blue-winged teal seen earlier this year. In the late summer, Jewel weed grows in abundance on the dam, and the flowers attract multiple hummingbirds. And many more!

A sense of wonder: Head down to the beaver view boardwalk and you're likely to find school groups or other visitors taking it all in with a sense of wonder. Maybe they're searching for tadpoles in the still water by the boardwalk. Maybe they notice the Canada geese nesting on the side of the beaver lodge itself.

Still, this ever-changing spot is amazing. In fact, I think I'll head there right now!

Nick Boutis
Executive Director, Glen Helen Association

— How are we shaping lives...the new director's perspective —

Transformative Experiences at Glen Helen

The Glen Helen Outdoor Education Center has been a place of transformation for almost 70 years. Seventy years! That's a lifetime of young people experiencing nature, discovering things about themselves, and making connections with other humans. These transformative experiences are the cornerstone of the Center's three modes of operations: Outdoor School, Ecocamp, and the Naturalist Intern program.

Every person who comes to the Outdoor Education Center has the opportunity to have a transformative experience, and that experience is different for each individual. Notably, it doesn't matter whether that person is a student, intern, camper, teacher, employee; the challenges and opportunities set in front of each of those human beings is unique to them. What the Center provides is the support system to let them succeed.

Today's transformative experiences can look different from past ones. Many students have never walked on an unpaved surface before. Feeling the lumps and bumps of a well-worn trail, the rough texture of a gravel path, or the soft, spongy springiness of moss can be an incredible sensory experience.

Many students have never had agency over how much they get to eat. The ability to choose how much food to put on the plate and serving one's self opens the door to self-regulation, critical thinking, and confidence in decision making skills.

Today's transformative experiences are unique. There are no screens at the Outdoor Education Center. No video games, no handheld games, no YouTube, no social media, no podcasts! Students' brains have a chance to bounce back from the physical and psychological changes incurred by too much screen time. Students are able to make eye contact and speak aloud to other students. They play games together, learning how to negotiate, practice taking turns, and engaging with their feelings.



Outdoor School naturalists and Ecocamp counselors receive high quality training giving them the skills to bond quickly with students and provide a safe and supportive learning environment.

“Today's transformative experiences are for all humans! Any person regardless of what they look like, their abilities, their age, where they live or who they live with...”

Today's transformative experiences are timeless. For some, being immersed in nature is a first. For some folks, Glen Helen is like a big backyard. Close to roads, parking areas, and other types of human development, but still also has that feeling of a sanctuary for nature. For others, the nature experience at Glen Helen is a wilderness experience. Many students have never been surrounded by nature to where they cannot see a trail, building, parking lot, or utility pole. This feeling of remoteness, of being apart from the development of humans, is hugely transformational.

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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

405 Corry Street, Yellow Springs, OH 45387
937-769-1902

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 for current hours of operation

Outdoor Education Center

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
Visitors are welcome to visit the center and see the resident birds. Summer Hours 9am-7pm. 1075 State Route 343, Yellow Springs 937-767-6656

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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For many, time away from home and family is a huge milestone in life. Sleeping in a new place, in an unfamiliar bed, surrounded by friends, but not family, is a big step for a young person. This is often like a rite of passage for our youth – where better for that to take place than in the supportive and caring environment of Outdoor School or Ecocamp?

Today's transformative experiences are repeatable. During Outdoor School, teachers are seeing their students in new ways. Students who struggle within the confines of the traditional classroom blossom when participating in nature-based learning. Students are often calmer, more focused, and engaged. Teachers who bring their students to the Outdoor Education Center experience this year after year! They are always just as pleased and encouraged each time it happens. The fact that this happens every time does not diminish the joy it brings.



Students may have lots of "firsts" when visiting the Outdoor Education Center. This adventure could be the first time crossing a stream, first time getting feet wet, first time navigating stepping stones, or all of those things at the same time.

Many Ecocamp youth come to more than one camp each summer. Some spend their whole summer at Glen Helen! Others come back every year until they age out. Some even go on to become camp counselors or naturalist teacher interns at the Outdoor Education Center. The frequency of participation does not lessen their experiences. Campers engage in the same challenges week by week and are able to improve or even master skills. Campers returning each year are a year older and have new perspectives and are challenged in different ways than the year before.

Today's transformative experiences are for all humans! Any person regardless of what they look like, their abilities, their age, where they live or who they live with are all deserving of having the opportunity to grow, learn, play, and make connections at the Outdoor Education Center.

Finally, today's transformative experiences are built with community. Those who help keep the Outdoor Education Center alive and well through generous gifts are instrumental in providing these amazing transformative experiences. Whether it's through scholarships for schools or Ecocampers, in-kind contributions, volunteerism, or donations, the support and caring the Glen Helen Community shows for the Outdoor Education Center is incredibly valued.

The Outdoor Education Center wouldn't exist without the love and support of others: the schools, teachers, chaperones, and students who participate in Outdoor School, the youth who spend their summers at Ecocamp. And, especially, the staff who devote their time, passions, and energy into everything that makes the Glen Helen Outdoor Education Center special.

 Robyn Wright, Director, Glen Helen Outdoor Education Center



The ambassador animals help ease fears and correct misinformation. Students' connection with these animals can lead to a greater compassion for all types of nature.

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**

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 & anniversary celebrations, and family reunions.

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



Pull Out Program Calendar >



JUNE JULY AUGUST 2025 Glen Helen Program Calendar

JUNE

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THUR

Golden Walkers Club
9-10am
Gather Thursdays for a slow-paced ½ mile wooded, moderate trail walk. Enjoy the beauty of the Glen and each other's company while getting some mild morning exercise. Geared toward older adults, but all ages and abilities are welcome. Meet outside the Vernet Ecological Center at the north end of the parking lot: 405 Corry St, Yellow Springs. Free program and free parking for program participants. Registration suggested, walk-ins welcome. Weather permitting. Registered participants will be notified of cancellations. Co-sponsored by the Yellow Springs Senior Center. For registration, through the Yellow Springs Senior Center, visit MyActiveCenter.com. Questions to Maggie Dean at info@ysseniors.org, 937-767-5751.

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FRI

Strawberry Full Moon Hike
9-10:30pm
Embark on a journey under the glow of the full moon. Led by Brendan Baumann, this moderate one-mile hike promises awe-inspiring views and memorable moments. The Strawberry Full Moon marks the beginning of strawberry harvesting season. It symbolizes abundance, renewal, and the richness of nature's bounty. We recommend bringing a small or red flashlight. Registration required at glenhelen.org. \$5, members free. Trailside Museum: 505 Corry St.

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FRI

Eco-Game Nite
6-9pm
Join Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist, Jake Haney, at Trailside Museum for an evening of board games & fun! Participants can bring a game to share, learn a new game and/or play an environmentally themed game like Wingspan, Photosynthesis, Trails, and more. All ages & abilities welcome. Registration requested at glenhelen.org. walk-ins welcome. Free program. (Parking: \$10, members free.) Trailside Museum: 505 Corry St.

21
SAT

Stuffed Animal Check-up
10am-12pm
It's a stuffy check-up party! Bring your favorite stuffed animal to the Raptor Center for a snout to tail check-up with the wildlife rehabilitation crew and get a certificate of health just in time for summer vacation. Learn about the steps we take to ensure every bird that comes to the center is well taken care of and has the best chance of release possible. Parents: there may even be a coffee cart for your morning pick-me-up! Free family-friendly event. (Parking: \$10, members free.) No pre-registration needed. Raptor Center: 1075 St. Rt. 343.

21
SAT

Honey Harvest Fest
11am-3pm
Hosted by Greene County Beekeepers Association as a way to educate the community about bees. Beekeeping equipment, bee suits, video footage of bees, and a closed observational hive will be on display. Hands-on activities include a supervised honey extraction and filtering process, observation of bottling honey, fun kid's activities, and a chance to try your hand at beeswax candle rolling! Pure local honey and items will be available as a fundraiser for the bee club. Free, family-friendly event. No pre-registration needed. Camp Greene: 3452 Grinnell Rd. For more information, go to gcbkeepers.org.

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SUN

Summer Birding
8-10am
We'll search the area around the Little Miami River for breeding birds on this one-mile walk. \$5, members free. Grinnell Mill: 3536 Bryan Park Rd.

26
THUR

Screech Owl Release Program
7:30-8:30pm
Every year the Raptor Center takes in young screech owls that were displaced from their nests and raises them onsite. Help us celebrate their rehab "graduation" and watch as they take flight on their road to freedom. A short owl program will begin promptly at 7:30pm and the release will follow. Bring a folding chair or blanket to sit on. Program will proceed in light rain. Heavy rain or wind will necessitate a cancellation. Free, family-friendly program. No pre-registration needed. Camp Greene: 3452 Grinnell Rd.



JULY

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THUR

Golden Walkers Club
9-10am
See June 5 for full description of this slow-paced 1/2 mile moderate trail walk.

6
SUN

Summer Birding
8-10am
We'll search the area around the Yellow Springs Creek beaver pond for breeding birds on this half-mile walk. \$5, members free. Meet at the new Cascades Parking Lot, just off 1075 State Route 343.



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FRI

Buck Full Moon Hike
9-10:30pm
Dive into an evening of wonder and exploration, led by guide Pan Reich, spanning a moderate one-mile hike on the Inman Trail. The Buck Full Moon was named by ancient cultures in reverence to the noble deer; it symbolizes strength, renewal, and the harmonious rhythms of the natural world. We recommend bringing a small or red flashlight. Registration required at glenhelen.org. \$5, members free. Trailside Museum: 505 Corry St.

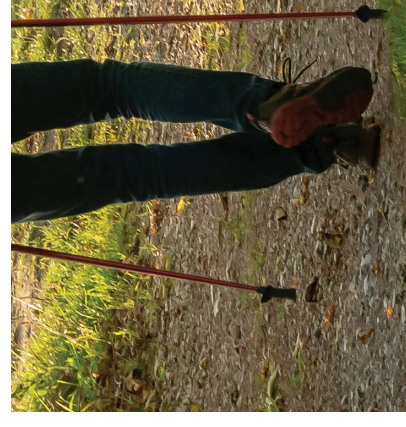
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AUGUST

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THUR

Golden Walkers Club
9-10am
See June 5 for full description of this slow-paced 1/2 mile moderate trail walk.



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SAT

Sturgeon Full Moon Hike
9-10:30pm
Join guide Tom Sabin for a moderately strenuous three-mile hike to the Pine Forest and nearby School Forest. Named by indigenous cultures in honor of the mighty sturgeon fish, revered for its strength and resilience, the Sturgeon Full Moon represents endurance, transformation, and the abundance of nature's bounty. We recommend bringing a small or red flashlight. Registration required at glenhelen.org. \$5, members free. Trailside Museum: 505 Corry St.

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SAT

Late Summer Birding
8-10am
We'll search the Glen for summer residents and southward migrants on this one-mile walk. \$5, members free. Meet at the new Cascades Parking Lot, just off 1075 State Route 343.



21
THUR

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. 10 participants maximum. Registration required at glenhelen.org. \$5, members free. Bring a flashlight (head lamps are best) and a comfy chair. Camp Greene: 3452 Grinnell Rd.



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 glenhelen.org to learn more.



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Announcements

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. 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.

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 for full details, include a complete list of all of our resident raptors.

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

Ecocamp registration now available

Give your child a truly one-of-a-kind summer camp experience where they have the time of their lives, while learning about the natural world. Investigation and exploration is the focus as campers hike the trails of Glen Helen and discover the wildness and joy of nature. A variety of camps are offered for five to fifteen-year-olds by our qualified naturalist staff. Ecocamp covers a wide variety of topics and offers a diversity of experiences, including day and overnight camps. To learn more, or to register your child, visit glenhelen.org.



SAVE THE DATE Whoo Cooks for You Sunday, September 14, 2025

An extraordinary feast benefiting the Raptor Center. The area's best chefs prepare stunning, multi-course meals for our guests to enjoy among live raptors, a silent auction, signature art & cocktails. Ticket sales open July 1, 2025. Event sponsorship available. All sponsors receive advanced ticket purchase options. Limited tickets will be available, and the event is likely to sell out quickly! glenhelen.org/whoo-cooks-for-you

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. In addition to three individual rooms, the entire mill is also available to book for private events such as retreats, meetings, conferences, parties, etc. For more information or availability: visit glenhelen.org/Grinnell-mill.

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Wildlife Rehabilitation



Treyton at an educational program

Many people never imagine they may be in a situation where they are called upon to scoop up an injured animal and carefully transport it to a wildlife rehabilitation center, but last year 249 individuals did just that and participated in some way to the rescue story of a raptor at the Glen Helen Raptor Center. For some the rescuer's story ends there, but for many others this seemingly singular act turns into a transformative experience that can shape the very course of their future. To understand this, let's explore what happens when someone brings in an injured bird:

The finder is greeted in the classroom where we will quickly take the bird in whatever box or container it's in, and exchange it for a paper intake sheet. We explain that in order to best know how to care for the bird, we need to know the circumstances of it's capture and need the finder's help. We inform the finder that we will take the bird into the clinic for a quick examination while they fill out as much of the information as they can, and we will be back in a few minutes to let them know what we found. This process immediately informs the finder that they possess important information that we need in order to best care for the bird, and gives them a real sense of pride that they did the correct thing in bringing the animal to us rather than the all too often option of attempting to doctor it themselves. Giving them a kind but honest report of our findings ensures that they are

respected and even if the bird does end up having to be euthanized, that they understand the situation and why that decision was made.

If the bird is admitted for care, the finder is given their intake number so that they may follow up on the progress of the bird. We want them to feel connected to the journey that the bird takes so that they understand whatever the final outcome may be. Should the bird be released, it is often done at the location it came from since it very likely has a territory there and potentially a mate or offspring as well. When appropriate, we invite the finder to be a part of the release as a way of further thanking them for bringing the bird to our care in the first place. If the bird's treatment does not end so happily, we again hope that through honest and gentle communication and education, we are able to respectfully help the finder see that they still played a vital role in helping the bird receive humane care and an end to suffering and that we are incredibly thankful for that as we imagine the bird was as well. While all of this communication with the finder does feel like a lot of time and effort, and some days we would rather just unplug the phone and focus on the birds, we know that in truth it is the people out on their hikes or in their cars or walking their dogs who are finding these birds and without their kindness, we wouldn't be so busy in the first place. It is our responsibility to foster that kindness so that it builds from a chance happening to a purposeful calling.

Professional training is another lifelong impact of wildlife rehabilitation, especially here at the Raptor Center. We take great pride in our intern training program at both the Outdoor School and the Raptor Center, and through training and guiding young individuals interested in pursuing a career in wildlife work, we are able to spread our impact far beyond the approximately 7,000 square miles that is our rehabilitation intake area. After leaving here, interns have gone across the United States sometimes to other short term programs or oftentimes to permanent jobs in the wildlife field.

Former intern testimonials:

"I have worked in this field for over 15 years, and the Glen Helen Raptor Center is still my favorite place to have ever worked! I was given opportunities to attend conferences and continually refine my skills as a handler, rehabilitator, trainer, and educator. My experiences gave me an edge in getting jobs at facilities including the World Bird Sanctuary, Grey Snow Eagle House, and Avian Behavior International, plus a variety of environmental education centers. I highly recommend this internship for anyone wanting to learn more about raptor behavior and natural history, rehabilitation, training, raptor care and management, contemporary animal welfare practices, or conservation education!"

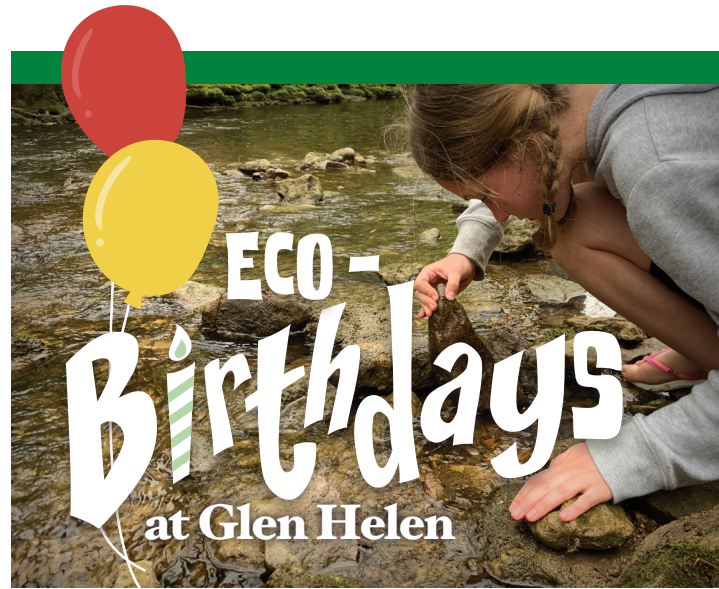
– Jessica R.

"My year at the Glen offered me many learning opportunities that I still feel very lucky to have had—working closely with licensed falconers and wildlife veterinarians, handling protected species, teaching people about the nature in their backyard, providing photography for releases, attending wildlife conferences, monitoring avian influenza cases, and assisting in the training of educational ambassadors are just a few highlights. I truly don't think I could recommend working at the raptor center enough for somebody passionate about conservation and education, it is by far the position I've most enjoyed and gained the most from since finishing school."

–Treyton J.

As we have explored the impact of a brief moment, the simple act of helping an animal in need, can have ripples that extend well beyond the hour or so of inconvenience. While only 249 birds (the largest intake number in the 54 years the center has been in operation) came to the Raptor Center last year I would venture to say that the number of lives that were affected through the rehabilitation center last year were too numerous to count. From the mates and young of the birds in the clinic, to the friends who follow the finder's social media posts, to the animals that are cared for by the interns who have passed through the center, to the people educated through our release programs, to the pets that benefit from knowledge gained through wildlife medicine, the impact of that one brief moment will go on forever.

 Rebecca Jaramillo, Director, Glen Helen Raptor Center



Celebrate your child's birthday with a memorable nature-themed party at Glen Helen Nature Preserve in Yellow Springs, OH!



- Eco-Birthday party for ages 4 to 12
- Private party space for two hours (up to 25 people)
 - Party room set-up with tables & chairs
 - Five program themes to choose from
- Animal encounter & outdoor activity included

Packages start at \$250

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— Welcome to our newest team member —

Tracey Tackett



We are thrilled to welcome Tracey Tackett as our new Development Manager. With a strong commitment to cultivating community interest and connection to the Glen, she will focus on securing gifts and grants to support our mission.

A lifelong resident of Springfield, Ohio, Tracey grew up running around the Glen, fostering a deep connection to its natural beauty. She is especially fond of trees and loves flowers so much that she always has fresh-cut blooms in her home.

Her servant leadership journey began at the age of 22 with the American Cancer Society, and she has since volunteered with over 20 organizations, including the Springfield Arts Council, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Epilepsy Foundation.

As a passionate advocate for individuals facing health disparities, she has worked to pass bills in both the Ohio State House and the U.S. Capitol.

Tracey graduated from Clark Shawnee High School and Springfield Clark JVS, where she specialized in commercial art. She continued her education at Clark State, earning a degree with honors in organizational leadership, with a minor in political science, from Wittenberg University, followed by a Master's in Public Policy from The Ohio State University. She is a 2008 graduate of Leadership Clark County.

As the owner of Sip & Dipity Paint Bar for 12 years, she hosted over 4,000 paint parties across Ohio and initiated several annual community events, including International Women's Day, Downtown Trick or Treat, and the Great Golden Egg Hunt. She also is a Springfield City Commissioner.

In her new role at Glen Helen, Tracey is eager to leverage her extensive experience and passion for community engagement to foster deeper connections and support for the Glen.

She would love to connect with you! You can reach her via email at: ttackett@glenhelenassociation.org.



"Cultivating community interest and connections to the Glen."



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



The Jacoby Road Covered Bridge

The Jacoby Road covered bridge, which crossed the Little Miami River at the southern edge of Glen Helen, was once the longest covered bridge in Greene County. It burned in

a tragic act of arson in 1969. To this day, the span has not been rebuilt, although it remains on the county plans. 