

WILDLIFE NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL PROGRAM FOR THE NATIONAL CAMPVENTION 2010

NEW PROGRAM IN WILDLIFE FOR YOUTH & TEENS

Youth & teens, put on your thinking caps and submit an essay on the topic "Protecting Our Wildlife" - What Does It Mean To You." The essay should be no more than 600 words. It should be computer generated or hand printed. There are three age groups: 6—8 years of age, 9—12 years of age, and

13—19 years of age. The winner in each of the three groups will be awarded money. The essays should be mailed to Al & Joanie Stone, National Wildlife Directors, 2601 South 49th Ave, Omaha, Nebraska 68106 by no later than May 30, 2010.

WILDLIFE SILENT AUCTION

The Wildlife Committee would like to ask you and your chapters to donate items for the Silent Auction to be held at the National Campvention 2010. The proceeds from the auction of your donations help fund worthy Wildlife Grants to improve the habitat and well-being of wildlife throughout your areas! Through your past generosity, many areas have improved the health and habitat for wildlife. We have funded wetlands preservation, tree planting for wildlife protection, injured animal refuge and care and many other beneficial organizations and activities.

Some Suggestions for Auction Items:

- Hand-crafter or hand-sewn items
- Baskets assembled with items from your home state
- A special plant from those of you who are great gardeners.
- You may also want to solicit businesses in your area or local RV dealers.

Explain the benefit from the auction. Many are happy to be able to donate to a cause associated with making camping and RVing more joyous.

BUILD-A-BIRD HOUSE CONTEST Enter the Build-A-Birdhouse contest this year at National Take your bird house to Michigan or find someone to take it for you.

The Build-a-Birdhouse contest has two categories this year:

- A bird house that could actually be used by birds in your yard.
- A bird house that you would use in your home or at your campsite as a decoration.

The following rules apply to both categories:

- The bird house must be made and not purchased.
- It can be a chapter, family or individual project.

When you submit your bird house, please indicate the following:

- Category you are entering
- Your name
- Adult or child project

Take a walk on the wild side and submit a grant for WILDLIFE GRANTS

This year, we encourage you to again take a walk on the wild side for our FCRV Wildlife by submitting a grant to benefit wildlife or their habitat. We will be awarding several grants for wildlife conservation projects at the 2010 Campvention, and we would like to encourage you to submit an idea or organization for consideration.

Submitting an idea for a grant is not very time consuming, and there are just a few rules.

- The project must be for the conservation of wildlife.
- Send an explanation of the type of work this grant would provide, along with any brochures or information explaining the work of the organization.
- Attach a letter from the organization on their letterhead signed by the individual in charge.
- The grant application must be to the Stones no later than May 29, 2010