

# Paw Prints August 2016

**Volunteer Potluck** The weather was perfect, but the attendance was a little light for the annual summer potluck. It seems impossible that anyone would have anything better to do than relax out at Hellyer center on a perfect summer afternoon. Save the date for the fall potluck....a September 17 evening affair. BBQ and elk bugling...be there or be square.



Rachael, Gloria, Sharon, Lois, Jenna and Leona hang out on the deck rail, watching osprey (you can barely make out Brianne in the back).

## Park Updates:

- The big news, of course, is our new moose calf named Spruce. Read all about the new moose on Trek's facebook page!
- Sadly, our female coyote had to be euthanized for quality of life reasons. She was one of the original coyote pups to come to the exhibit when it first opened in 2002.
- We have a new transport van! Much shinier and newer than the old van, with a wheelchair lift, giant windows and air conditioning! Now you can ride out to the Hellyer Center in comfort! Remember...the fall potluck is September 17, and the new van will be an excellent way to get close to the elk.



**Event Volunteers** If you're looking for a good weekend to volunteer, you might consider the Labor Day weekend, or as we now know it, Calls of the Wild September 3 - 5. Brianne has lots of activities planned, and would love to have a few extra hands if possible on that weekend.

**September BBQ** We have the next volunteer event scheduled for Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at the Hellyer Center. Remember, this is a late afternoon/early evening affair, where we hopefully get a chance to catch some elk bugling action. Hopefully we'll see you there!

**Birthdays:** We have a few August birthdays and, as is tradition, we highlight national celebratory days that coincide with these fantastic volunteers. Left to right:



Nancy Bagley shares her August 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday with National "Grab Some Nuts Day". As you are well aware, we already celebrate National Pistachio, Pecan and Almond days, but apparently we need an extra day to embrace them all.

Steve Bagley shares his August 17<sup>th</sup> birthday with National "I Love My Feet Day". When you are thinking about how much you love your feet on August 17<sup>th</sup>, remember that Steve is almost as important to Trek as your feet are to you.

Gloria Massey shares her August 22<sup>nd</sup> birthday with National Pecan Torte Day, but to be honest, the nuts probably have enough days already. It also happens to be National Tooth Fairy Day, so when you lose a tooth, think of Gloria.

Sid Kemper is one of our new volunteers and is not pictured here. August 26 is his birthday, but it's also National Cherry Popsicle Day. Interesting fact...cherry popsicles have been around 111 years and were discovered by an 11 year old!