

Paw Prints March 2016

What an exciting time to be at Northwest Trek. There's always something special about ramping up to another full operational schedule, but this year we add a new exhibit opening (Kid's Trek), a refurbished exhibit (Golden eagle), an AZA accreditation inspection, and the promise of an even bigger attendance year and you can feel the extra energy. There's a lot going on, so make sure you catch it all:

Save the date March 24 It's finally here. After a year of site preparation, construction and planting, the new Kid's Trek will finally open to the public on April 2. However, volunteers are invited to come by for a special sneak peek on the afternoon of March 24. It will be a great chance to bring the kids and grandkids to break in the new nature themed adventure. More details to come...but hopefully we'll see you on the 24th.

Not that everything is ready to go though we could still use some help with the last little bits of landscaping Kid's Trek. We have some open dates (Saturdays, March 5, 12 and 19) where Jake will be hosting landscaping parties at the site to put in those last few plants that will make all the difference. If you'd like to help, please come out anytime between 9 and 3...Jake will be there with plenty of shrubs and forbs!

We go back to a full schedule Starting March 18th, Trek is back on its' full operating schedule. We're open weekdays 9:30 to 4:00 and weekends 9:30 – 5:00, with hourly tram departures.

Training New volunteer training starts Saturday, March 26 and runs 4 consecutive Saturdays, through April 16. As always, you are welcome to attend any and all of the training as a refresher. Just drop by!



Save the Date Time again for the Volunteer Recognition Breakfast on Saturday, April 24th ! All you have to do is show up at 8:30, and we'll feed you, shower you with accolades, and hopefully entertain you just a bit. Please come out and let us show you how much we appreciate all you do.

Other news

- We have submitted our paperwork for AZA accreditation.
- There are plans for combining the old Bald Eagle and Golden Eagle exhibits to create one large exhibit for the Golden Eagle. Look for work on that exhibit throughout April.

- We lost our otter to a neurological disorder last month.
- The third week of April is National Volunteer Week. Look for news shortly about free admission to many venues around Puget Sound during that week.

Birthdays We have a lot of great volunteer born in March (after all, March is the absolute best birthday month). Hopefully these volunteers have as wonderful a birthday day as Trek has whenever they come out to volunteer.



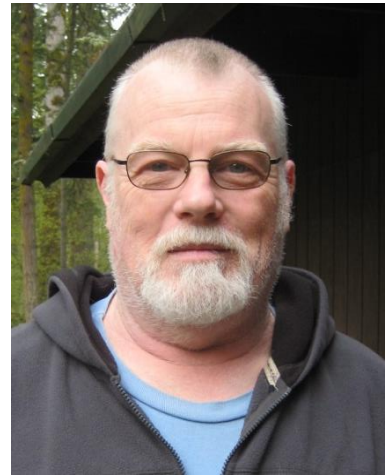
Jenna Andrews- Arico 3/10



Emily Ashlock 3/12



Ken O'Lindt 3/17



Chuck Pool 3/27



Carl Schuler 3/13 and Jerry Whittig 3/11