

ADVANCING EDUCATION

Goal: \$1 Million for Education Endowment

Thanks to your support, Hawk Mountain education is alive and thriving. Now our goal is to build the Education Endowment to ensure our programs continue. Below are some examples of strategic work that has increased our sustainability while we reach more people of all ages and backgrounds with Hawk Mountain's raptor conservation mission.

Adult Field Courses

Hawk Mountain's expert scientists and educators serve as field instructors to share a deep dive into the techniques and tools used to study, handle, and learn about raptors. Science and education also work collaboratively to recruit the best in respective fields to present multi-day naturalist workshops, including winter ecology, geology, amphibians and reptiles, and more.

Summer Nature Day Camp

Eight consecutive weeks of week-long camps get kids outdoors to develop a deeper connection with the natural world through fun and educational activities, which leads to a conservation ethic later in life. With a capacity of 240 participants, camp also helps to boost membership recruitment and retention, as well as financial sustainability through earned income.

Training for the Future

Training for up-and-coming educators now offers a variety of positions to meet varying needs, including three-month-long positions for North American and international trainees, a new 9-month-long Senior Education Internship position, counselor in training opportunities for younger aspiring educators, and high school internships to assist with day camp.



IDEA Fund and Outreach

Inclusion, diversity, equity, and accessibility (IDEA) is woven into the fabric of all programs and services at Hawk Mountain Sanctuary. An IDEA Fund provides scholarships to remove barriers, financial or otherwise, and the staff works to consciously express inclusion. Programs created to support Black Birders Week, Pride Month, Latino Conservation Week and Birdability Week, and select free and virtual programs to remove financial and geographic barriers are just a few examples.

Partnerships Make Progress

The Pennsylvania Extension office works with Sanctuary educators to learn skills at the Sanctuary that can be replicated in the classroom while providing professional credits and credentials. Education leverages our vast network of partners to present interesting and informative programs that otherwise would be unavailable, such as our Winter Artisan Series, stream study programs, educator workshops, professional wilderness response certification, and more.

Going Global

Science and education team up to Conserve the Corridor through Central and northern South America, hosting networking collaborative meetings on zoom, and publishing a Spanish-language flight guide for use as an important education tool at raptor watchsites. Educators also work collaboratively with former trainees, research associates, and other partners to host virtual programs that share conservation projects globally, from Nepal to the Philippines to Africa.

At the Sanctuary

We continue to use Hawk Mountain as a School in the Clouds, year-round: guided field trips for school children, free weekend programs, and our unique ability to teach and provide informal wildlife interpretation to better connect people with raptors, the migration that occurs here, and our Appalachian Mountain ecosystem.



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