

Dollars At Work...

FOR THE BIRDS - Here, Wildlife Warrior participants make bird feeders. A few pine cones, a little peanut butter and birdseed is all there is to it. Tom Wilde, WW instructor; and Jaime Stricker, zoo educator, help the boys tie string onto their pine cones.



At The Zoo...

Girls Rule & Wildlife Warriors Going Strong Due to Your Help

Two programs near and dear to Foundation donors' hearts are the Wildlife Warriors program and Girls Rule. Both are Roots & Shoots programs taught through Bramble Park Zoo and are designed to enrich youths' lives by teaching them about animals and the environment, as well as social skills, art and more.

Women & Giving donors have supported Girls Rule since it began in 2009. The program started as support for "at-risk" third- and fourth-grade girls. Another program soon started for middle-school aged girls, also supported by Women & Giving. The girls and their instructors/mentors become very close as members may be enrolled in the program from third- through eighth-grade.

Due to Girls Rule success, the zoo decided to implement a similar program for boys and Wildlife Warriors began. The Foundation's Giving Back 365 donors have been supporting this program wholeheartedly ever since.



A favorite for the boys and girls this year was getting their turn to hold Olive, the new joey, at Bramble Park Zoo. In photo at right, Women & Giving donor, Jan Sharp and Jan DeBerg, Foundation executive director, watch the girls as their craft projects take shape.



CREATIVITY - One of the things the girls like about Girls Rule is making crafts. Creativity, teamwork, and learning about animals and the environment are just a few of the things they focus on.