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Yellowstone Wildlife Sanctuary Announces Summer Art Camps

Red Lodge — 9 April 2018 — The Yellowstone Wildlife Sanctuary has announced the first of its wildlife camps for this summer: a pair of week-long art camps led by art teacher and former zookeeper Lindi O'Brien.

“Lindi’s program fits perfectly with our mission,” said Gary Robson, the Education Director at the Sanctuary. “The kids and adults that attend these camps will be learning about art at the same time as they learn about the animals of the greater Yellowstone ecosystem.”

Lindi’s first Wildlife Art Camp at the Sanctuary will be for children in grades 2-5, and will run from Monday, July 16 through Friday, July 20. Each day, the kids will learn about different animals and how to draw them. The camp will provide an opportunity for the kids to draw animals they may never have seen up close before, like porcupines, bears, and birds of prey.

The second camp, for grades 6 and up, will run from Monday, July 30 through



Friday, August 3. The focus will be the same, but it will go deeper into techniques and animal anatomy.

"I have always had four things my life seems to touch on, kids, critters, elders and art," said Lindi. "These all-ages camps bring together all of them."

An art teacher in Fromberg, Lindi has also taught art camps at the Carbon County Arts Guild and the Ava Art Center in Gillette. She worked at ZooMontana as a keeper and did art camps there as well.

Campers will work with pencils, colored pencils, pen & ink, pastels, and paints, and start from the beginning with each medium. The cost of the program is \$140 for five half-days (8:30 am to 12:30) and covers all materials. No prior art experience is required.

The Yellowstone Wildlife Sanctuary is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with the mission of providing lifelong sanctuary to non-releasable native wildlife while sharing a message of conservation and education. The Sanctuary was founded in 1987 when a group of concerned citizens took over the Red Lodge Zoological Society and created what was then called the Beartooth Nature Center.

Today, the Yellowstone Wildlife Sanctuary is home to a wide variety of animals native to the greater Yellowstone ecosystem, ranging from carnivores (mountain lion, coyote, bobcat, fox, lynx) to large hoofed mammals (bison, elk), smaller mammals (porcupine, raccoon), and birds (falcon, raven, owl, crow). The bears are some of the most popular residents. The Sanctuary is currently working on a large new wolf habitat and a new sandhill crane/vulture habitat.

Camps are limited to ten students. To register, stop by the Yellowstone Wildlife Sanctuary or call the main office at 406-446-1133. If you have questions about the camps, you can also email Lindi directly at LindiOBrien@gmail.com.