

April 2011
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CCO Summer Camp



We still have some slots open for our summer camp!
Camp runs from 8:00am – noon on
June 14th, 15th, & 16th at Sharon Woods and is open to
kids ages 8 – 12 years.

When this fills up we will look at adding additional
dates for more fun!

We will get in the creek to see what we can find,
hike and enjoy nature and do fun activities!

Head to www.coolcrittersoutreach.com for more
information on how to sign your child up to spend
some time with The Critter Guy!

April 17th – March for Babies

Come out for a good cause on April 17th at Sawyer Point.
This is an event that Cool Critters Outreach has been proud
to be a part of for several years.

This walk will help raise money to ensure that moms-to-be
can have a healthy, full-term pregnancy.

Registration begins at 8:00am, the walk
begins at 9:00am with a festival following!

Go to www.marchforbabies.org for additional info.



Reptiles in the News

On March 22nd Lewisville, TX received a call
about a snake in the breezeway of an apartment
complex. When animal control officers arrived
they found an 11 foot reticulated python.

This was most likely a pet that had escaped, yet
the owner did not come forward to claim it. In
Lewisville you must have a permit to own a
snake like this, in addition to the license that the
state of Texas requires you to have.

When the snake was moved to the Lewisville
Animal Services building, it escaped overnight.
The staff initially thought someone had broken
in and stolen it, but there was no sign of forced
entry. So an employee with some knowledge of
reptiles began to look and found the snake hiding
in a duct in the ceiling.

The snake was captured, again, and moved to the
Living Materials Center in Plano, TX where it
will be on display.



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Place your order for some
Cool Critters Outreach gear!

We have our t-shirts available as
well as posters in stock NOW!

Check the website for additional
details and to place your
order now!



Free April Program

April 30th – 11:00am
It's a Pet A Fair
Gil Lynn Park, Northern KY

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The "Rango" Effect

The movie "Rango" was released last month and was at the top of the chart during its first weekend.

However as with other movies that feature animals, please be cautious if your child decides they want a pet reptile.

When "101 Dalmations" was released, people went out and bought the family a Dalmation. This resulted in rescues being overrun with them due to their high-strung nature and need for constant activity.

When Taco Bell had their Chihuahua, the same thing happened. Thousands of families purchased a Chihuahua, only to realize they aren't always good with small children or other animals and they don't really speak broken English.

Now with "Rango" the same thing has already started. Some pet stores ran a sale where you could bring in your movie stub and receive a discount on the purchase of a chameleon or other reptile. **PLEASE** do your research before getting any animal, including reptiles. Chameleons require a lot of specialized care and if you don't supply them with what they need they will suffer and ultimately die.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact Cool Critters Outreach. We will be more than happy to help you understand more about these animals prior to you getting one.

Letters of Appreciation

Brian,

Thanks a Million for
Spending time in our classroom
and sharing your passion
with all of us.

See you soon-

Allie Luna
(Primrose School of Symmes)

Brian-

Thank you for nowing our
community once again with your
critters + great information. You
do such a good job teaching +
entertaining and managing the
crowd. Thanks for bringing the
elements again!
Michelle Elliott

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Now is the time to schedule your
Cool Critters Outreach
program! Call, text, email, or
FB Message today to set yours
up! Whether it's for school,
birthday party, daycare...no
matter the event we will be
there!

Cool Critters Outreach Loses one of our Biggest Fans

During nearly all of our programs we are asked what the names of our alligators are. We are quick to tell the name and then mention that CCO Director Brian Gill's Grandma names them for us. Unfortunately on March 16th, 2011 she passed away at the age of 84.

Betty Coffey left behind a husband, 3 children, 5 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren and many friends. She was funny, smart and would be more than happy to help out anyone in need.

When Cool Critters Outreach began back in 2006 Betty thought it was a great idea, but wasn't too sure about the animals. She had never really been around any of them and always had a fear of snakes. That is until she met Daisy, our 14 foot Burmese Python. That was the first snake she ever touched and since then she was hooked. She couldn't get over how smooth the snake was and how great she felt. Even Betty was now able to look at Daisy and remark about how beautiful she was.

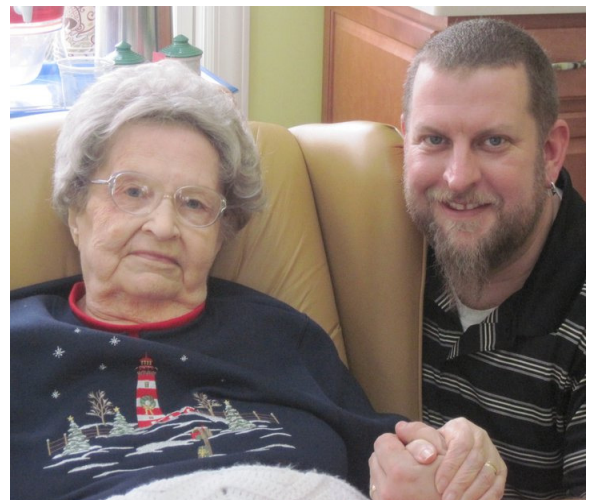
As time went on and we began to take in more animals she asked if she could name our alligators. We were thrilled and any time we took in a gator we would instantly let her know. She would then think of the perfect name for it and that was it. After naming one of them, Potsie, it was time for her to hold one. Brian taught her how to hold it and sure enough she did. She was so thrilled she was able to hold an alligator, even though it was just a hatchling.

About 2 weeks prior to her passing we took in another alligator. She was in Hospice at the time and when we told her she said, "his name is Louie". She never got to see Louie but regardless she had the perfect name. She will be missed and we will always remember one of our biggest fans and supporters.



Betty holding Potsie

We love you



Betty and Brian at Christmas, 2010