



# The Wild News



Wild Friends

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## Our Memorial for 2012

This year, the Wild Friends Program will work on the Children’s Outdoor Bill of Rights. This memorial will provide support for state agencies to develop and advertise outdoor programs for children and supports the idea that every child should have lots of opportunities to be outdoors! This memorial was introduced in the legislature in prior years, but failed to pass. We’re hopeful that working together with and others in the community, the Wild Friends

can help to successfully pass this piece of legislation, for the sake of our children and all future generations.

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### *Wild Friends at the Bear Fair!*

Wild Friends students from Horizon Academy West attended the annual Bear Fair at the Wildlife West Nature Park in August. Lions and tigers and bears, oh my!

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Governor Susana Martinez talking to students about the “Large Animal Traffic Safety Pilot Project” memorial from last year.

## Wild Friends 20th Anniversary T-Shirt Project

Did you know that Wild Friends is celebrating its 20th anniversary? To kick off the celebration, we’re sponsoring a t-shirt project to re-design the Wild Friends logo. Your

teachers have all the information to get you started, so be creative! We’ll keep our signature turquoise color, but want a native species (or more) to represent Wild Friends in the years to come.

### Update on Past Legislation:

Wild Friends students in 2009 helped passed the Wildlife Corridor Memorial. As a result of that memorial, over 100 people attended a workshop to help decide where animals in New Mexico need paths, or corridors, to cross from one area to another. This year, the Wildlife Society is holding another workshop to make sure those ideas turn into action!

*Congratulations Wild Friends for continuing to make a difference!*

### Did You Know!

New Mexico has the 2nd highest diversity of birds in the nation, the 3rd highest diversity of mammals and reptiles, and the 4th highest diversity of plants!