



7026 S. Billings Blvd • Billings, MT 59101 • 406.294.5099 • [www.mtaudubon.com](http://www.mtaudubon.com)

July 20, 2011

Zonta Club of Billings  
PO Box 1064  
Billings, MT 59103-1064

Dear Zontains,

Thank you for your very generous support of the Audubon Conservation Education Center's education programs. Your gift of \$950 on May 4, 2011 is *so greatly appreciated and so very important*. Your support will help strengthen our community outdoor educational programs and on-the-ground restoration work at the new Audubon Center. As per your wishes, this gift will directly support camps at the Center for this summer.

The Norm Schoenthal Field Lab has been essential for fully implementing our youth education programs. This Field Lab provides much-needed office and storage space, and the "wetlab" furthers students' outdoor discoveries. While our primary focus is connecting children with nature, this facility clearly establishes our permanence in the community.

Recent progress at the Audubon Center includes the rapid expansion of our education programs for children, families and adults. Current programming includes: **1) Audubon Naturalist-in-the-Schools (ANTS)**, which provides year-round experiential outdoor education for 18 classrooms this year; **2) Audubon After-school** programs -- these are in demand and offer expanded outdoor education opportunities for Billings' at-risk youth; **3) Audubon Nature Summer Camps**, conducted in partnership with the Friendship House, MSU-B, and Billings Parks & Recreation Dept; **4) Adult Lecture Series**, a new program that provides talks on various science and natural history topics each month on Tuesday evenings; and **6) Weekend Outdoor Family Programs**.

In addition, hundreds of community volunteers continue working hard to restore this 27-acre former gravel mine to a native plant arboretum. It is noteworthy that student participation in tree plantings, bird box construction and maintenance, and weed control are key components of their education.

Please know that the value of your support will be felt for many years to come as Montana Audubon continues to expand its educational services for youth and families in south-central Montana. ***We are most appreciative of your generosity in support of this unique and critical project everyday!***

Yours in conservation,

  
Norane Freistadt  
Development Director

*Thank you so much for your generous gift to support our summer camps - the kids love such a great experience and your support is what makes it happen!*

P.S. IRS regulations require all charities to disclose the value of all goods and services conveyed to donors in connection with their gifts. This receipt certifies that Montana Audubon is a 501(c)3 tax-exempt organization. No goods or services were provided in exchange for your donation, therefore the entire amount of your contribution is tax deductible.