Grant—Final Report

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Grant Number: #07-033W (contract project period July 1, 06-July 1, 07)

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Project Objective(s):
(1) to educate our guests and their families about the importance of co-existence
(2) to teach them about the various wildlife/flora in Illinois
(3) to teach them to identify various species of plants and wildlife
(4) to enhance their outdoor experience by bringing the wildlife closer
(5) to instill in them an appreciation for the outdoors, one that they will instill in others upon leaving the camp

It is our hope that this outdoor experience will bring new organizations/individuals to our camp because we offer something that others, at this time, do not offer.

Project Description & Project Accomplishments:
The organization purchased 2 telescopes, 2 spotting-scopes, and 10 pair of binoculars for our guests/participants to use at the campsite. These items have been used repeatedly in recent weeks and have been very successful in aiding our guests with wildlife/nature study. These items, the binoculars and spotting scopes in particular, allow our staff and the guests' caregivers to point-out specifically the various types of nature around the campgrounds. The children have viewed turtles, turkey, and deer—all to their delight. These items have aided us considerably in educating our guests, while keeping that 'education' in a fun format.

The telescopes are utilized by our overnight guests. Most, because of their current environments, are already amazed at the number of stars they can see when away from city lights. They are even more amazed when they glance at their night sky through one of the telescopes provided by Illinois' DNR Wildlife Preservation Fund.

This project has been a great success and your Department's funding will continue to enhance our guests' experiences and allow us to teach them about their environment for many, many years.

Itemized Expenditures & Paid Funds:

Two (2) Spotting Scopes (Guide Series) Purchased 12/08/06	Gander Mountain (Peoria, IL #281) $99.99 each/$199.98 total
Ten (10) Binoculars (10 x 50 power) Purchased 12/08/06	Gander Mountain (Peoria, IL #281) $24.99 each/$249.90 total
One (1) Northstar 525 x 3 Telescope Purchased 12/08/06	K's Merchandise (Peoria, IL/Pioneer Parkway) $167.98
One (1) 540 Basic Telescope (sale) Purcased 11/24/06	Walgreens (Peoria, IL/War Memorial Dr.) $10.74
	Total $628.60

Original Grant Total = $653.90	Actual Amount Spent = $628.60
Grant Award = $553.90	Grant Award = $553.90
Matching Funds = $100.00	Org. Paid Funds = $74.70

Enclosed:

(1) One CD containing 6 color digital images of project items
(2) One printed sheet of 6 digital images
(3) Three hard-copies of Final Grant Report
(4) One CD containing, in MS Word format, Final Grant Report
(5) One Payment Request Certification Sheet
(6) One W-9
(7) Four Project Item(s) Receipts
(8) One copy Newspaper Article/Publicity

**note: the Wildlife Preservation Fund sent a sign to be posted when our organization was awarded a previous grant. Please feel free to send another sign this year. We have three activity-areas and would be more than happy to place a sign in one of our other areas.

Sincerely,

Lee Newton, President
Why Not Now? Incorp.
Camp Big Sky