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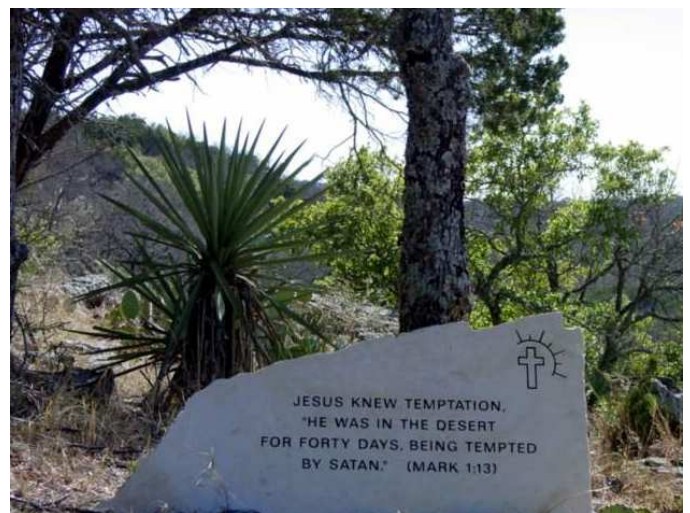
“Godstock 2006” a Catholic Music Festival for youth is coming to the Eagles Wings Retreat Center, April 8-9, 2006. Speakers, bands, devotionals and sports are just some of the things that will be happening as high school youth from all over the Austin Diocese join together for fun, fellowship and faith. Embracing the NFCYM theme of **“Catholic to the Core,”** over 300 youth expected for the 24 hour celebration that will culminate with the Celebration of the Eucharist on Sunday morning. Youth groups, both large and small will be camping out overnight and enjoying the beauty of Eagles Wings, while at the same time growing in faith and making connections with other parishes. The music will be provided by The Plow, Ben Walther Band, Devin Garza, Before the Throne Worship and Doug Weisbruch & the Keysis Worship Team. The guest speaker will be Steve Allgeyer who is the director of Life Support and Special Events for Life Teen Inc.

Betsy Foarde is the Youth Minister from St. Albert the Great Church in North Austin and is the organizer of this event.



Meditation Trail Stones

We are building a trail on top of Meditation Mountain which includes a wonderful trail through the trees with great views from the highest elevation at Eagle's Wings. We are putting meditation stones along the path as shown below to help in your spiritual experience. We have 2 stones so far but we need at least 10 more to complete the trail. If you would like to donate \$125 you can help purchase one of these stones. You can pick the next scripture, choices would include Jesus knew loneliness, Jesus knew ridicule, etc. Please call for a complete list to choose from. Contact Katie Haffner if interested. Phone: 512-715-0017 or email: Katie@eagleswingsretreatcenter.org



Stones on trail on Meditation Mountain

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From the Desk of Katie Haffner President



Greetings from Eagle's Wings,

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of you who responded to our last newsletter. Your response was tremendous. It has been our policy in the past that our newsletter is mostly an information update for you and not a fundraising tool. So thank you for understanding and answering the call as we began our capital campaign to build the main campus. It is our plan to continue our "newsletter" as a newsletter and to keep you informed of the progress at Eagle's Wings.

I frequently am asked, so what's next? We have been very successful in accomplishing quite a bit in our first couple of years. I was thinking today it's much like climbing one of our Texas hills.



View from Eagle Mountain at Eagle's Wings

The climb didn't take very long. The view is pretty awesome and the climb is somewhat of an achievement. So what's next? The capital campaign so we can build the main campus. Our next goal is more like climbing a Colorado Rocky mountain. The climb will take longer, require more

strength and determination but when we get there the rewards will also be more awesome. That is what is next for the ministry of Eagle's Wings. It's interesting how God has been preparing us for the next climb. We need not worry about the size of the mountain; we just need to continue to talk to the One who will help us in the climb. He is our Shepherd and He will be walking through our valleys with us to even higher mountain tops.

Katie Haffner

Wings of Faith 2006

So how are we doing so far in our capital campaign? With your generous support we have raised over \$150,000 between cash donations and pledges. This is a fantastic start and we owe it all to the spirit of Eagle's Wings and your faith in what we are doing. You know I read different articles about different charities and they say things like only 20% goes to administrative costs, etc. for salaries and overhead. Well since we aren't paying any salaries and currently all labor is volunteers I'm happy to report our administrative costs are less than 1%. Where else can you find that kind of administrative percentage! Now we do have some operating expenses like utilities for Eagle's Nest, gasoline for the truck and tractor, etc. but virtually 95% of all donations go toward building the retreat center. This is an amazing percentage and of course is largely attributed to Curt and Katie Haffner giving of their time to get Eagle's Wings started and on its feet. Katie is always thanking everyone for their help but truly this retreat center would not be happening without their tireless energy to make this happen.

The Eagle's Wings Board

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Eagle's \$1000 Club

The \$1000 Club has received a tremendous outpouring of generous donations from many of our supporters. To see a list of all the generous donors that have contributed **\$1000 or more** to Eagle's Wings or the memorial names please see the website:

<http://www.eagleswingsretreatcenter.org/ThousandDollarClub.htm>

JOIN THE CLUB!

By joining the Eagle's \$1,000 Club:

- You and/or the memorial name of your choice will be listed on the Eagle's Wings Retreat Center web site
- You will receive invitations to openings, dinners and special activities
- Most importantly – your contribution will build a place for the youth of Central Texas

Our initial goal is to get 200 registrations in the "club" and our long term goal is 1000. Join on line at <http://www.eagleswingsretreatcenter.org>

The Eagle scouts have landed again

Thanks to Kevin Snook and Troop 64 from St. Helen's in Georgetown, Eagle's Wings now has another beautiful campsite situated at the base of Meditation Mountain. Kevin's Eagle Scout project involved building two mulched tent pads, a campfire ring and a sturdy picnic table. Kevin received help in the preparation of the ground from other scouts of troop 64 and the Venturers Crew 151. We thank Kevin and his crew for taking ownership and helping in building a youth retreat center where they and others will be able to experience God.

Retreat Usage is Fantastic

Since July 2005 we have had over 15 retreats at Eagle's Wings and the bookings continue to come in. Contact Katie for your next retreat: 512-715-0017 or email: Katie@eagleswingsretreatcenter.org



Randolph AFB Confirmation Teens doing Stations of the Cross

Randolph Teens Poem to Eagle's Wings

Roses are red
Violets are blue
These cabins are great
And so are you
Volleyball was fun
We all had a blast
Watching each other fall
And trip on the grass
But that didn't stop us
We had lots of fun
At a center like this
The funs never done
We were all really happy
Our spirits were high
We were laughing so hard
We all almost died
There were lots of good songs
We could sing along to
Lots of fun to have
And so much things to do
But we still did some work
And watched the Eagles fly
It was so awesome here
We hate to say Goodbye.

Friends of Eagle's Wings

A new program is being kicked off where individuals/businesses decide to donate portions of their commissions/profits to Eagle's Wings based on business generated from Eagle's Wings supporters. Check out our website for details.

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Service Project Day at Eagle's Wings

Don't forget the **3rd Saturday** of every month has been set aside as our Service Project days at Eagle's Wings.



Teens and adults unload 19' Stainless Steel Buffet/Serving Table donated by Mesa Rosa Restaurant of Austin for our Dining Hall - Now we just need the Dining Hall to put it in....

If you need further info contact Joe Noonan at 512-259-3745, joe@eagleswingsretreatcenter.org or Curt Haffner at 512-715-0017, curt@eagleswingsretreatcenter.org

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Wish List: Smaller Items: Outdoor furniture such as picnic tables, chairs, benches, swings, folding lawn chairs **and don't forget the Meditation stones from the front page.**

Donations

Don't forget that your donations are tax deductible to Eagle's Wings a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization. We now have several convenient ways for you to make donations:

1. Checks sent to Eagle's Wings
2. Credit Card (contact us at 512-715-0017)
3. PayPal on the website
4. Automatic Payments from your account (we need to send you the forms)
5. Stock & Securities – you save because you don't need to pay taxes on the capital gains.

Youth Groups that would like to raise money for Eagle's Wings please contact us. Your donations do make a difference! Contact Joe Noonan or Curt Haffner at info on left side of page.

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