

The Mission of Eagle's Wings Retreat Center is to serve Catholic and other Christian Youth

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## From the Desk of Katie Haffner President



I've been reading a book about Mother Teresa and have been particularly inspired by a quote of hers. ***"Prayer does not change things; prayer changes people and people change things."*** Take a look at our newsletter to see people who have made a change at Eagle's Wings. These changes are bringing about spiritual changes. Through our volunteers and retreats, God is providing opportunities to get to know Him deeper. I want to thank all of you who have responded to God's call. God is working His plan and His miracles through you.

*Katie Haffner*

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## Eagle Scout Projects

In the month of June and July we had 2 more Eagle Scout Projects completed at Eagle's Wings bringing the total completed to date up to four. Matthew Scheible from St. Thomas More was completing his Sign Project at the beginning of the summer which has given us 16 directional signs around the property to help us all get around without getting lost. These are wood signs that have the letters cut into the wood with a router and painted for visibility. These signs are a lasting tribute to Matt's dad John Scheible. Thanks Matt.



Matt's sign at Monahan's Bunkhouse

## Marian Grotto Bridge

James Buckley from St. Vincent DePaul completed the Bridge to the Marian Grotto in July. This is a fantastic addition to the Grotto which allows people to get to the Grotto even when there is water in the creek. Maybe someday it'll rain enough to see that again!!!



Bridge to the Marian Grotto spans 25 foot creek  
I just got finished looking through 477 pictures that documented this process. I was amazed at the work that went into this bridge. James kept track of the total volunteer hours that went into this project – it took 11 days and 560 hours of work. When James and I discussed this project over a year ago, I don't think either of us comprehended what it would take to do the project. These Eagle Scouts should be commended for their great work and their contributions to Eagle's Wings.



James Buckley finishing the bridge

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## Mission Group from La Grange



Part of the group worked on the Altar deck for the Chapel

A group of teens and adults from Sacred Heart in La Grange spent 5 days at Eagle's Wings in July; they built the Altar deck for the outdoor chapel, put rock around the bridge embankments and did lots of other projects during their stay. The teens also gave a donation that covered the cost of the materials for the altar deck.

## 20-Somethings from St. Theresa's



In June several young adults from St. Theresa's in Austin came out to Eagle's Wings for a service project. They helped mulch three walking trails and lined them with rocks. The trails look awesome! Jennifer Jones said *"It was another hot day, but we all made it a dream come true for our youth who*

*will be using this retreat center. Everyone had a great time, and we plan on coming back real soon to help in Gods work at Eagle's Wings. Thank you for the opportunity to enjoy such a lovely peaceful place to share time with friends as well as our No. 1 Father, God."*

## Breakfast Tacos Anyone?



St. Thomas More Eagle's Wings Ministry & Teens preparing tacos

The Teens at St. Thomas More are raising money to build a Gazebo at Eagle's Wings. They have been doing Breakfast Taco Fund Raisers after masses to raise money towards their \$5,000 Goal.

## St. Cyril & Methodius



Fr. Joseph Nisari (center) and the 5th grade class from St. Cyril & Methodius were out for a day retreat in May.

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## The Girl Scouts Have Discovered Eagle's Wings!

*By Gina Moore*

This past June, Eagle's Wings Retreat Center welcomed its first group of Girl Scouts. Twenty-five young ladies from Llano and Burnet spent three days of day camp along with seven adult leaders. Activities included hiking, arts & crafts, songs, games and cooking, and the girls had the opportunity during that time to earn merit badges. We look forward to hosting other Scout events in the future!



Girl Scouts & leader preparing to hike Meditation Trail.

## St. Theresa's 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Retreat



St. Theresa's 8<sup>th</sup> Grade class arriving by Bus

St. Theresa's School 8<sup>th</sup> grade class did an overnight retreat in August. The retreat was on peer relationships and leadership. Groups were each given a saint to tell about through skits. Saints being our best examples of leadership

## Eagle's Wings Benefit Dinner

On October 28<sup>th</sup> the Eagle's Wings Ministry at St. Thomas More will be hosting their annual Benefit Dinner for Eagle's Wings. The event will be held in the PAC at St. Thomas More in Austin. Besides the dinner and socializing there will be a live and silent auction as well as entertainment. Make your plans to have a fun evening with other Eagle's Wings supporters. Tickets are \$40 per person or sponsor a whole table of 8 for \$300. Contact Joe Noonan if you are interested in buying tickets or donating any new items for the auctions. [jnoonan1@austin.rr.com](mailto:jnoonan1@austin.rr.com) or 512-259-3745.

## Symphony of Faith Ministry Conference

*By Gina Moore*



Eagle's Wings Retreat Center will have an exhibit booth at the Diocese sponsored *Symphony of Faith* to be held on October 14, 2006 at the Austin Convention Center.

If you have never been to Eagle's Wings, we invite you to stop by our booth to look at the displays, pick up some materials/literature, and meet some our Board members. If you have been to Eagle's Wings in the past year, you may see yourself or your group in our DVD and photo displays. See you there!

## Western Deanery Youth Rally

*By Gina Moore*

Eagle's Wings Retreat Center will be the site of the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Western Deanery Youth Rally. The event will take place on Sunday, November 12 from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m. This year's theme will be "Giving from the Heart". Activities planned include music, games, skits, dinner, and Mass. Those attending will receive a free T-shirt. There is no cost to attend the rally, but each person will be asked to bring a non-perishable food item. For more information, you may contact Jim Balsam at 512-756-2401.

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## **Development Director Position Available**

Eagle's Wings is seeking a Development Director. In this position the individual will design, direct and implement a comprehensive fundraising plan for Eagle's Wings. *For a complete job description go to [www.eagleswingsretreatcenter.org](http://www.eagleswingsretreatcenter.org)*

### **Donations**

Your donations are tax deductible to Eagle's Wings a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization. Convenient ways for you to make donations are:

1. Checks sent to Eagle's Wings
2. Credit Card (contact us at 512-715-0017)
3. Pay Pal 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.
6. Bequests

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## **Wanted: Nice Gifts for Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> Live & Silent Auction**

Contact Joe Noonan at [jnoonan1@austin.rr.com](mailto:jnoonan1@austin.rr.com) or 512-259-3745 – What do you have in your home or business? Who do you know? New items only!

### **WISH LIST (not for auction)**

#### **Small Items**

- Park Benches for the outdoor stations of the cross
- Large canopy tents (like a revival tent)
- Three - 50 or 65 gallon water tanks for camping areas
- Lumber to fix warped picnic tables
- Picnic Tables (plastic) available at Sam's
- Large 16 ft. wooden cross for top of Eagle Mountain
- Gutters for Eagle's Nest & Bunkhouse
- Colorful Banners/Flags – Handmade or Bought

#### **Larger Items**

- Lumber for outdoor stage
- 2500 gallon black water storage tank to replace current 1500 gal tank at Eagle's Nest
- Lumber for deck at outdoor chapel

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