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2024

Dear Corporate Sponsor:

Thank you for the opportunity to introduce Sweetbriar Nature Center to your organization. Sweetbriar is a not-forprofit organization whose mission is to provide natural science education and wildlife rehabilitation services to Long Island residents of all ages. Situated alongside the Nissequogue River, on a 54-acre preserve, Sweetbriar encompasses a variety of natural habitats. These include mixed hardwood forests, fields, tidal and freshwater marshes, and the river itself, all supporting a large diversity of wildlife species.

Through hands-on, creative, educational experiences for both children and adults, Sweetbriar fosters understanding, love, and respect for the natural world and the creatures that abide there. We have a butterfly vivarium, an active bee colony, and a mock rainforest, all of which are used in our programs. We offer wildlife rehabilitation with the goal of releasing these animals back into the wild. Due to permanent injuries, some of the animals cannot be returned to the wild and become Education Ambassadors used in our programs.

Through partnerships with corporations such as yours, these services are made possible. With corporate support, we strive to reach more children to enhance their lives and preserve their future through a better understanding of and respect for the natural world. We welcome the opportunity to work with you.

This past year alone we have touched the lives of over 120,000 people through our educational programs and summer discovery day programs. For the past 52 years, we have held annual Spring Fair and Butterfly & Wildlife Festival, which are our largest and most successful fund-raising events. Below are ways you can help:

NEW! Spring Fair <u>Basket</u> Sponsorship (\$2000) includes sticker "Sponsored by (your company name + logo) on all 100 Spring Fair baskets. Two (2) animal encounters for up to 8 people each with catered lunch. Plus, all the benefits of the Soaring Eagle Sponsorship (below).

NEW! Spring Fair <u>Craft</u> Sponsorship (\$2000) includes sticker "Sponsored by (your company name + logo) on all 850 craft bags. One (1) animal encounter for up to 8 people each with catered lunch. Plus, all the benefits of the Soaring Eagle Sponsorship (below).

Soaring Eagle Entertainment Sponsorship (\$1000+) includes:

(Choice of individual large sponsorship sign at the Live Birds of Prey show or in the Butterfly House during the fair)

- Company Name listed on Handouts and Website
- Company Name mentioned on Social Media Posts
- Company Name on all Press Releases as Major Sponsor
- Company Name on a birdhouse on our *Tree of Life* mural
- 10x10 Free Vendor/Display Space (supply your own pop-up tent & table)
- Enjoy an animal encounter with your family on a date of your choice

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<u>Gliding Osprey Individual Entertainment Sponsorship (\$500) includes:</u> (Company name on a group sponsorship sign at the Live Birds of Prey show during the fair)

- Company Name listed on Handouts and Website
- Company Name mentioned on Social Media Posts
- Company Name on a birdhouse on our *Tree of Life* mural
- 10x10 Free Vendor/Display Space (supply your own pop-up tent & table)

Swift Screech Owl Sponsorship (\$250) includes:

(Company name on a group sponsorship sign at the Live Birds of Prey show during the fair)

- Company Name listed on Handouts and Website
- Company Name mentioned on Social Media Posts
- Company Name on a small birdhouse on our *Tree of Life* mural
- 10x10 Free Vendor/Display Space (supply your own pop-up tent & table)

Supporters of Sweetbriar (\$100) includes your name listed on the Website

Each year, our events enable our generous sponsors the opportunity to educate visitors about their support of community-based events. Last year, we had approximately 3000 attendees at each event. Don't miss out on this valuable opportunity to get your message across to fellow Long Islanders. All sponsorship levels provide you with the opportunity to showcase your company's products and services in your own 10x10 booth.

In addition to the fairs, there are also opportunities to participate in our 2024 Discovery Day sponsorship program. Scholarships range from \$350 - \$500 to send an underprivileged child to Discovery Day for a week. Please see below for information on our Discovery Day sponsorship program:

Curious Cub Camp Sponsorship (\$350 & up) includes:

- Company Name listed on handouts and website
- Company Name on a birdhouse on our Tree of Life mural

Thank you in advance for your generosity and support. If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Marie Smith Executive Director & Board of Trustees Sweetbriar Nature Center 631-979-6344 sweetbriarnc.org

