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The New Evergreen Audubon Education Center – Evergreen Audubon

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As you may

have heard, the Board has decided to invest in an additional location for programing use. We will be renting five rooms in the building located at [29997 Buffalo Park Road](#). Right now, we are calling the new space the Evergreen Audubon Education Center.

This adventure began in early September. Mendhi Audlin, a board member, came to me about a possible space for conducting environmental education programs and I was intrigued. She had been visiting it regularly for her daughter's Girl Scout troop meetings and she saw the potential. She spoke to the owners and learned they were looking for a group to make use of the space. Then she took me to see the location and I

immediately got excited envisioning all the programs we could offer.

The location is perfect. A trail from Alderfer Three Sisters comes right into the parking area providing amazing access to beautiful open space to use for education and exploration. Just a ten-minute walk down the trail is Wilmot Elementary School which is already a supporter of our work. The high school is just another few minutes away. If you are adventurous, you can even reach the Evergreen Nature Center via trails.

The building provides more than enough space for offices, classrooms, storage, events, and meetings. Starting in December 2016, we'll be hosting our monthly Chapter Meetings here.

When I was hired, I was given the directive to increase our programming output and having a permanent location to work from will greatly enable that growth. I am so excited about the coming year and all the ways we will be able to provide educational and adventurous programs and events for the people in our mountain community.

By the end of November there will be a new slate of program offerings for school children, scout groups, homeschool groups, and clubs listed on our website. We'll also be offering birthday parties year-round either at the Education Center or at the Nature Center so all the young naturalists will have a perfect setting to celebrate. The summer of 2017 we will be offering three weeks of day camp for kids who want to learn more about nature and do some exploring.

Our calendar is going to be filling up fast and it means more

people will learn about the beauty and science of the Bear Creek watershed!

This growth means we will again be hiring a summer seasonal naturalist and will need more volunteers. As you watch us grow, consider becoming a volunteer in 2017. Please share this news with your friends and neighbors as well and let them know that we are expanding our programs. Come by the new space and visit me. I've got an office now and would love to take a hike with you and chat about what we're working on.

— Colleen Kulesza

Directions to the New Evergreen Audubon Education Center:

From the intersection of the Church of the Hills driveway and Buffalo Park Road, the new location is just a smidge over 1 mile.

Follow Buffalo Park Road west, past Evergreen High School and past the intersection with a school crossing traffic light at Greenwood. The next road that goes off to the right is Syndt (which has a "no outlet" sign). The first driveway, on the right, past Syndt, is the Church. There is a wooden sign that is brightly lit but currently has nothing on it but a banner advertising the weekly teen lunches.

Go in the driveway and past the building to the parking lot in back.