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Bald Eagles, Tortoises and Sand Cats: Oh My!

Central State University Extension joins Wild Heart African Farm for animal celebration focusing on conservation at CSU Seed to Bloom Botanical and Community Garden

WILBERFORCE, OH –Central State University Extension (CSUE) and Wild Hearts African Farm will bring the wild to the CSU Seed to Bloom Botanical and Community Garden from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 11, as guests will be introduced to a variety of native and African wildlife.

The garden is located at the intersection of US 42 E and Wilberforce-Switch Road across from the entrance to the university.

Wild Hearts African Farm and Petting Zoo is operated by Amanda Badger, President of Wild Hearts Zoological Society. Based in Lewisburg (Preble County), and Brian Badger, Director of Conservation and Outreach for the Cheetah Conservation Fund Wild Hearts. African Farm is the first and only Humane Certified™ zoo in Ohio. The Humane Certified certification mark is owned by, and used under agreement with, American Humane Association, a non-profit organization founded in 1877.

The free program is for families and adults; participants will have the opportunity to get up-close-and-personal with a wild variety of wildlife as well as learn about conservation efforts.

Space is limited and reservations are required. Contact CSUE Agriculture/Natural Resources Agriculture/Natural Resources Associate Clare Thorn at cthorn@CentralState.edu for more information or to make your reservation.

Cutline: A diverse array of wild animals --- both native and from Africa --- will visit the CSU Seed to Bloom Botanical and Community Garden.

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