**Wild At Heart**

**Owls and Hawks writing contest**

* Contest runs Tuesday October 1, 2013 – Saturday October 19, 2013
* Open to students in 4th through 8th grade
* Open to students in Cave Creek, Desert Hills and Anthem schools
* Only one entry per person
* Entries can be non-fiction, fiction or poetry.
* Entries **must feature** an Arizona bird of prey (raptor).
  + See attached list for ideas of Arizona raptors
* Entries **must be no** longer than 500 words.
* Entries will be submitted through the Wild At Heart Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/WildAtHeartOwl?ref=hl>
* Entries will be judged by Wild At Heart team members and will be judged on
  + Creativity
  + Use of language
  + Relevance to the theme.
* The winning author will win for his class a 30 – 45 minute presentation from Wild At Heart which will include live raptors.
* The winning author will also receive a certificate of recognition and a Wild At Heart T-Shirt.

**Arizona Birds of Prey (Raptors)**

(Birds in Bold are the most common raptors in the Cave Creek, Desert Hills, Anthem area)

**Barn Owl**

**Burrowing Owl**

Cactus Ferruginous Pygmy Owl

**Great Horned Owl**

**Elf Owl**

Flammulated Owl

Long Eared Owl

Mexican Spotted Owl

Northern Pygmy Owl

Saw-Whet Owl

Short Eared Owl

**Western Screech Owl**

**Bald Eagle**

Black Hawk

Caracara

**Coopers Hawk**

Ferruginous Hawk

Golden Eagle

Goshawk

Harrier Hawk

**Harris Hawk**

**American Kestrel**

Osprey

**Red Tailed Hawk**

**Sharp Shinned Hawk**

Swainsons Hawk

Zone Tail Hawk

**Turkey Vulture**