

June 2022 Edition of Emerald Tidings Submitted by: Valerie Rohrig

Happily I can report that bright and early on May 21,2022, Emerald Isle got it's first sea turtle nest of the season. Walker Jim Farmer found the tracks and Nest Response Team members, Zone Coordinators and Jim helped dig to find the top egg. Once an egg is found in the pit, it is officially a nest! We are hoping for many more nests this summer. Usually we have a three year cycle of large nest counts... and 2022 is that year!

In addition to nests on the beach, we also provide other services. Our Beach Avian Team(BAT) has been busy. Don't let the team title fool you though. Just from May 1-May 20 the team has made 14 rescues of birds and even a baby bunny. Always, lots of thanks to BAT members Carla Aldridge, Kim Henry and Laurie Conrad.

Members of our team have also been providing, or will provide this summer, sea turtle information sessions to local children's groups. These sessions can include story time, craft activities, screen shows, movies and special visits from our mascot Emmie etc..

In early April NRT Dale Baquer presented general information to Weeblo's Pack 3. As a follow up, on May 23 members of the Pack met with NRT Liz Cox to do a beach cleanup. Thanks to the members of Weeblo's Pack 3 and their families.

June 24 will have NRTs presenting "A Turtles Tale" to the children attending the EI Summer Camp. There is also a plan to present the movie again at the August Friday Flicks.

Want some Summer FUN for the kids? Check out our website eiseaturtlepatrol.org for a word find puzzle and scavenger hunts for all ages. You can just print and go!

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Please remember...Leave nothing behind on the beach but your footprints!