



2019 Bat Release A Success

(May 8, 2019) – Regina, SK – Tonight, the Saskatchewan Science Centre, along with the University of Regina Biology Department, released 8 Big Brown Bats back into the wild. The bats had been cared for over the winter with the help of Dr. Mark Brigham, students from the University of Regina, and the staff of the Saskatchewan Science Centre.

The Bat Rescue Program, a joint effort between the University of Regina and the Saskatchewan Science Centre, dates back more than 10 years and provides a way to overwinter and care for bats which awaken from their hibernation in the winter. The bats are picked up by the University of Regina and given a medical checkup before being brought to the Science Centre, where they are cared for in a special “Bat Cave.” During their stay at the Science Centre, the bats are used by both the Science Centre and University of Regina to educate the public about the important role that bats play in the ecosystem.

The event, which was free for the public to attend, attracted approximately 250 people. Dr. Mark Brigham led a talk about the importance of bats and the role that bats play in controlling insects and answered questions about bats from the crowd. Once it was dark enough, a special ‘glow stick’ was placed on the bats so that attendees could watch them fly away into Wascana Park as they were released.

About the Saskatchewan Science Centre

The Saskatchewan Science Centre is a non-profit, non-governmental educational facility with the mission of igniting scientific curiosity and innovation in Saskatchewan communities through interactive, dynamic and engaging opportunities. Our vision of the future, in fulfilling that mission, is inspired minds through science and innovation. The Science Centre is one of Saskatchewan’s largest family tourist attractions with more than 6 million visitors since its opening in 1989.

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About The Bat Rescue Mission

The Bat Rescue Mission is run in partnership with the University of Regina. If a bat is found out of hibernation in the winter, you can call us at 791-7900. We contact the U of R and they pick up the bat and give emergency first aid. When they are sure the bat is healthy, the bat is brought to the Science Centre to stay with us until spring when they can be safely released.

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