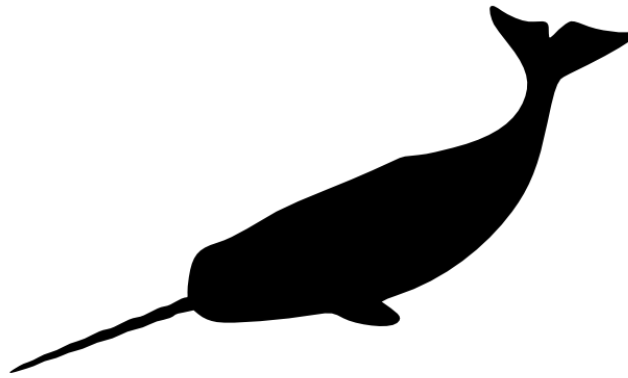


Orenco N.A.R.W.H.A.Ls



20 November 2016

Dear Mr. Schwitters,

Thank you very much for supporting Orenco Elementary School's FLL Team, the N.A.R.W.H.A.Ls, during our 2016-2017 FIRST LEGO League season.

The team appreciates the time and energy you extended to us sharing your knowledge and experience with the Vaux's Swift, their migration patterns, habitat, and threats they face. Our interview with you was instrumental in preparing for the judged presentation component of the upcoming FLL regional competition. Based on the information you shared with us, the team visualized and is building model replacement roosts. They will demonstrate and discuss the roost design as a replacement for Vaux's Swift habitats lost as a result of human-animal interaction.

The passion that you brought to the study of the challenges faced by the Vaux's Swift not only heightened the students' awareness of the human impact on the birds' ability to thrive, which was the focus of the FLL research activity, but also piqued their interest in how natural predators interact with them in their environment.

With gratitude,

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