## 2011: A SENSATIONAL SECOND SEASON! NEW THRILL RIDES,

BRANSON ZIPLINE and Canopy Towns At Wolfe Creek Preserve

fter a smash hit debut season in 2010, **Branson Zipline &**Canopy Tours has rolled out yet more surprises for 2011. (They first surprised us in November with night zips and Christmas tours which included hot chocolate 'round the campfire). Apparently, the surprises will just keep on coming at this fun-loving, world-class eco adventure located 7 miles north of Branson right on Hwy. 65.

First, a rundown of what caught on so hugely with everyone from the kiddoes to the grandfolks during the zipline's first season. Although there are other zipline rides in town, this attraction features fascinating "eco-adventure tours" through the splendors of the Ozarks, all led by certified guides. As far as the thrill rides, this place also provides the ultimate, as we will soon describe.

Adventurers travel through breathtaking scenery via skywalks, suspension bridges, platforms and multiple ziplines sailing them effortlessly through the forests and over the mountain terrain.

Rookies are advised to take the "Flying Prospector" tour, a ninetyminute guided adventure showcasing many of the highlights of the scenic Wolfe Creek Preserve. Says zipline GM Emma Hamilton, "This is a high-quality, low-impact adventure which allows visitors to dip their toes into the world of eco-adventures and find out just how much fun this unique experience can be." Or as someone else described it, "Finally, the chance to live your childhood dream of flying!"

The attraction's *Ozarks Xplorer Canopy Tour* is described as the main

event; an inclusive, interactive two-and-a-half hour guided tour, which allows more time to explore the features of the region and discover what is referred to as the "secrets of the Wolfe Creek Preserve." As the tour glides through the canopy of trees, past rugged bluffs and above the forest floor, entertaining guides describe topographical and ecological features and tell the history of the area.

Adrenalin Rush No. 1 For connoisseurs of adrenalin the attraction offers the *Blue Streak Fast Line*, a screaming one-stop zip from the top of the highest mountain to the lowest valley. The high-octane zip races over a quarter-mile and reaches heights of over 150 feet before landing on a 100-foot tower!

**Ultimate Adrenalin Rush: The Freefall Express** This is the grand finale of the *Blue Streak Fast Line*. From that zip's 100-foot tower comes a *free fall* all the way to the ground, where zippers land light as a feather!

## Also New for 2011:

 Group Meeting Facilities: The attraction has just added a fabulous observation deck, which offers a stunning mountain view, Explorer Balcony, and Prospector Pavilion, all areas that can be reserved for meetings, picnics, or barbecues. (Food and supplies available on site.)

## Wolf Creek Photo Safari

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Entertaining guides lead tours onfoot to a never-before-seen side of the beautiful Wolf Creek Preserve. It begins with a ride to the top of Wolf Mountain on Pinzgauer Swiss Army troop carriers. Includes meandering trails, a mid-mountain refreshment break, and lots of photo ops!

 Ol' Blue Gemstone Mining: Pan for Eli Wolfe's lost treasure while your friends fly overhead on their way to Everest Tower!

Amazing Shopping: As an added bonus, your zipline entourage will be treated to one of the most unique gift shops in this part of the country. From home décor to jewelry, organic lotions, specialty soaps, Amish goods and ecothemed items of everything from food to furnishings; this is a stop that will be a getaway highlight.

Tours and meeting facilities fill up fast so it's wise to get reservations in ASAP. For that, call 800-712-4654, and check out the attraction's ad on p 34. ❖