

Scott Smith is the current Vice-President of [Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge](#) and has served in this capacity for the past 26 years. While the majority of his work focuses on the day-to-day operations of the Refuge, his favorite part of the job is the satisfaction he feels by rescuing big cats and bears and experiencing the change these animals go through after receiving proper care, love, and respect as wild animals.

In the nearby town of Eureka Springs, Scott has served his community as a board member of the Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce, becoming President after two terms. At the state level Scott serves on the board of the Arkansas Hospitality Association and will have the honor of being President in 2022.

Scott met his beautiful wife Tanya in 1994, at which point he dedicated his life to expanding the mission and goal of the Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge. His able assistance and hard work throughout the years have helped TCWR to become one of the premiere big cat rescue facilities in the country. When not sitting behind his computer or engineering the rescue and care of exotic cats, Scott is also a devoted and loving family man. He has three daughters, a son, and seven young grandchildren in his family and loves the precious time they get together.

As busy as he may be, Scott is never too busy to lend a helping hand wherever needed, ensuring each department leader has what is needed to do their job. Look around and you are sure to see him giving his time and talents to help rescue and care for all the animals at [Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge](#).