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Curious kids, from left, Dillon Winoker, Saphira Klearman, 6, and Jonah Klearman, 3, check out a tarantula Saturday at an event held to celebrate the future home of the Gore Range Natural Science School and raise awareness of the school at the future campus site in Avon.

Science school celebrates finding a home

The Gore Range Natural Science School hosts community event at the site where its campus will be built in Avon starting as early as the spring. **A2**

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Dara Owen, a bird handler for HawkQuest, explains to a small crowd where the bald eagle she is holding was rescued from Saturday during an event for the new Gore Range Natural Science School campus at the future campus site in Avon.

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a place to call home

Gore Range Natural Science School celebrates future campus

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Mountain communities and science schools go hand in hand — Aspen, Jackson, Wyo., and Keystone have schools similar to the Vail Valley's Gore Range Natural Science School that teach visitors and locals about the outdoors. The difference, though, is that the Gore Range school has never had a location to call home.

The school hosted a gathering at the site of the campus, which is just north of Interstate 70 off the main Avon exit, Saturday to invite the community to learn more about what the school does and what it plans to do. Families cruised around the site, checking out various science displays and maps of what the campus will look like and offer.

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“We want it to be a community gathering place where people will come to learn about mountain ecology and the environment,” Feduschak said.

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Addison Duhaway, 5, left, Colter Squires, 2, center and Jesse Squires listen to a finger puppet lady bug as she tells them how to go about decorating a bug box Saturday at the Gore Range Natural Science School's event at its future campus site in Avon.

Brielle Stockton brought her son, Zach, to the event and said she couldn't wait for the campus to be built. Zach, 7, has gone to two Gore Range Natural Science School camps, and Stockton said he loves it.

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