


# ◆ On The Wings Of Eagles ◆

American Bald Eagle Foundation Newsletter

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## 5 Student Assistants To Participate in Summer Bald Eagle Research



The bald eagle breeding season in Southeast Alaska is upon us, and 5 student field assistants are preparing to come to the American Bald Eagle Foundation in Haines, to participate in our bald eagle research program. Working with American Bald Eagle Foundation biologist, Angie Hodgson, these assistants will be helping with all aspects of the field research including locating bald eagle nests, monitoring reproduction, conducting eagle censuses and observing nesting behavior. Each assistant will spend 25 to 40 hours per week in the field conducting research and 5 to 15 hours at the Foundation, assisting with visitor programs, improving displays and helping with administrative tasks.

Living stipends for our assistants are being provided by a grant to Angie Hodgson from the Wildlife Conservation Society. Students will be housed in the dorm rooms at the Foundation. They will begin arriving in Haines at the end of April and will stay through August.

One of the missions of the American Bald Eagle Foundation is to help educate the next generation of wildlife biologists. While participating in our bald eagle research program, our

field assistants will be gaining extensive experience in behavior monitoring, data collection, and research design methods, while at the same time providing valuable baseline biological information about the Southeast Alaska bald eagle population. All of our field assistants have completed at least 3 years of a college biology program and are interested in pursuing a career in wildlife biology.

Our field assistants are coming to Haines from Anchor-

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age, Alaska, Washington state, California and West Virginia and were selected from over 70 applications that we received. There was great interest in our field assistant program this year, with applications coming in from as far away as Nigeria, Romania and India.

Watch your July newsletter to learn more about our field assistants, and how their work in the Chilkat Valley is progressing.

### Director's Corner

by Dan Hart  
ABEF Executive Director

Welcome to the Director's Corner! This section will become a regular part of our newsletter. Each month I will keep you abreast of our agenda and the constantly changing world of conservation as it relates to our mission and purpose. The first major news I would like to share with you are the results of our most recent Board of Directors elections. Our new board members are:

-Bill Zack  
-Cynthia "CJ" Jones  
-Marilyn Huitger

We had a voter turnout of only 36% in the closest election we have ever held. Only four votes separated the final three candidates. We extend our heart

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