



ON THE WINGS OF EAGLES...

THE AMERICAN BALD EAGLE FOUNDATION

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ALASKA BALD EAGLE FESTIVAL NOV. 10TH-14TH 2010

Bald eagles are a frequent sight for Alaska travelers, but no other location can compare with the eagle-viewing opportunities found during the Bald Eagle Festival at the Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve.

For the past 16 years Haines has hosted this festival celebrating the world's largest gathering of bald eagles. This year's event will begin Nov. 10th-14th to mark the return of thousands of eagles on their southern migration as well as several hundred that remain to winter over in the Chilkat River Valley.

The location is unique because an underground reservoir bubbles up from beneath the Chilkat River, keeping the water 10 to 20 degrees warmer than other rivers. A 4- to 5-mile stretch of the river remains unfrozen into the winter, attracting a late run of spawning salmon. Considered one of the best wildlife-viewing sites in Alaska, it provides a rich feeding ground for eagles from the late fall and into the winter months. In addition to the eagles, this salmon run attracts brown bears to one last opportunity to add to their fat stores prior to hibernation. Bears have been seen during the past three festivals.

Milepost editors write that the Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve is "the annual gathering site of 3,500-4,000 bald eagles from mid-October through December. The 48,000-acre preserve was established in 1982 to protect and perpetuate the world's greatest concentration of bald eagles and their critical habitat." Visitors come from around the world to view this gathering of hundreds of eagles in a stand of trees along the river.

Bordering the preserve is the Tlingit community of Klukwan, (population approximately 150, with its new hospitality house. The Tlingit's have celebrated a unique relationship with the bald eagle for countless generations, and have used the eagle as a prized clan symbol. Traditions have been passed on for generations, and visitors may view this eagle-related ceremony in a special scheduled performance during the Bald Eagle Festival on Saturday during our eagle Release in Klukwan at the Long House and camp. Refreshments served after in the new Hospitality House for all. The 5-day festival has a nonstop schedule of events including live bird

presentations, biologist lectures, two banquets, a live auction, entertainment, and visits with the "Artist of the year" William G. McRoberts giving a class and "Photographer of the year" Weldon Lee offer tips for photographing the eagles and preserve animals, while naturalists lead twice-daily bus tours to the eagle grounds and answer questions. These tours take visitors 20 miles north on the Haines Highway, with the buses serving as warming rooms and places to relax when it's time for a break. The conservation- and preservation-focused festival also includes releases of birds rehabilitated by bird rescue group "Juneau Raptor Center" as well as



live bird presentations of our new resident birds. "EAGLE TERRITORY" by William G. McRoberts

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Nov. 10th-14th the ABEF will host the 16th Annual Alaska Bald Eagle Festival! If you have not had the opportunity to attend one here is a sampling of what the Festival is all about! You can also read about it at www.baldeaglefestival.org

Welcome to the 16th Alaska Bald Eagle Festival!



Wednesday, November 10th

- 8:00-5:00 Festival registration
8:00-5:00 Diorama and Natural History Display
8:00-5:00 Gift shop open
8:00-3:00 Selling breakfast & lunch items for your convenience
7:30-4:00 **Weldon Lee Photography Workshop** meets at 7:30 at the ABEF for a class then a field session will depart the ABEF parking lot at 9:00. (Advance registration required.) \$100.00 for this workshop
9:00-12:00 **Eagle Viewing:** Roundtrip bus transportation to the Eagle Preserve
9:00-12:00 Open tour of the American Bald Eagle Foundation
12:00-1:00 **Live Bird Presentation: ABEF & Juneau Raptor Center**
1:00-4:00 **Eagle Viewing:** Roundtrip bus transportation to the Eagle Preserve
4:00-5:30 **Presentation :Ecology & Geology of the Chilkat Valley by Anne Puffer & Pam Randalls**
6:00-8:00 **Festival Welcome Dinner** (advance ticket purchase required)
Includes a Live Bird presentation featuring our resident birds.

Thursday, November 11

- 8:00-5:00 Festival registration
8:00-7:00 Diorama and Natural History Display
8:00-7:00 Gift shop open
8:00-3:00 Selling breakfast & lunch items for your convenience
9:00-2:00 Jilkatt Kwann Cultural Tour -A tour of the Campus with dancers, carvers, salmon cutting demonstrations. A Salmon/chicken luncheon in the Hospitality house. Round trip bus transportation included. \$125.00
9:00-12:00 **Eagle Viewing:** Roundtrip bus transportation to the Eagle Preserve
9:00-10:00 **Presentation :** Department of Fish & Wildlife
10:00-11:00 **Presentation:** Artist Of the Year "William G. McRoberts" On Digital Art
11:00-12:00 **Sea Duck Research** by Dr. Scott Ford
12:00-1:00 **Live Bird Presentation: ABEF & Juneau Raptor Center**
1:00-4:00 **Eagle Viewing:** Roundtrip bus transportation to the Eagle Preserve
1:00-2:30 **Presentation:** Brown Bear research on the Chilkoot River by Anthony Crupi
3:00-5:00 **Presentation:: Dr. Jamie Bellah Auburn College of Veterinary Medicine**
7:00-9:00 Trekking the world with Weldon Lee **From eagles to elephants, the evening will be an all-out feast for the senses. It's a once-in-a-lifetime presentation you simply can't miss! "Photography Concert."**
7:00-9:00 **Chocolate Extravaganza Buffett.** By Rusty Goodin Gourmet Chocolate being sold by the piece.

Friday, November 12th

- 8:00-5:00 Gift shop open
8:00-2:00 Selling breakfast & lunch items for your convenience
7:30-4:00 **Weldon Lee Photography Workshop** meets at 7:30 for a class then leave 9:00 for a field session at the Bald Eagle Preserve
9:00-10:00 **Presentation:** Ornithology Program by **Al Batt**
9:00-12:00 **Eagle Viewing:** roundtrip bus transportation to the Eagle Preserve
10:00-11:00 **Yukon's Wildlife Viewing program:** From the annual Celebration of Swans festival in April to discovering edible plants, identifying mushrooms, or bugling for elk by **Carrie McClelland Wildlife Viewing Technician**
11:00-12:00 **Presentation:** **Dr. Scott Ford Bald Eagle Anatomy & Physiology**
12:00-1:00 **Live bird Presentation :** **ABEF & Juneau Raptor Center**
1:00-2:00 **Presentation :** **Dave Olerud** Founder of the American Bald Eagle Foundation
1:00-4:00 **Eagle Viewing:** roundtrip bus transportation to the Eagle Preserve
1:00-2:00 **Presentation:** 3:00-4:00 **Presentation: The Eagle Return: Research about Fall Migration of the Eagles to the Chilkat Valley**
by **The Haines High School Students**
6:00-9:00 **"The Alaska String Band"** with the **Zahasky family.** Musical evening of Bluegrass, Swing, Old time, Gospel , & Original Music

Saturday, November 13th

- 8:00-5:00 Festival registration
8:00-5:00 Diorama and Natural History Display
8:00-5:00 Gift shop open (closed 12-3 for Eagle release)
8:00-12:30 Selling breakfast & lunch items for your convenience
9:00-10:00 **Presentation:** Mountain Goat Research in Lynn Canal by **Kevin White**
10:30-12:00 **Presentation: Southeast Alaskan Odyssey** 37 minutes of still life photography accompanied by music from the Alaska String Band
9:00-3:00 **Jilkatt Kwann Cultural Tour** -A tour of the Campus with dancers, carvers, salmon cutting demonstrations. A Salmon/chicken luncheon in the Hospitality house. Round trip bus transportation included. With a stop at the Eagle Release at 19.5 mile.
9:00-12:00 **Eagle Viewing:** roundtrip bus transportation to the Eagle Preserve
12:30-3:00 **Live Eagle Release:** roundtrip bus transportation to Kluckwan
1:30 PM-2:30 **Eagle Release with an Eagle & Raven Ceremony** by **Kluckwan Elders with Live Raven & Eagle, songs & dances in Regalia in Kluckwan at the Long house & Camp**
3:30-5:30 **5:00-6:00 Cocktails and 3:30-5:30 Auction Viewing**
6:00-7:00 **Flight For Freedom Dinner & Auction** to follow at 7:00 to 9:00
Sunday, November 14th
8:00-12:00 Gift Shop and Museum open

We are pleased to announce and offer you our personal invitation to make your reservation for the 2nd Annual Flight For Freedom Auction & Banquet being held this year at the American Bald Eagle Foundation on *Saturday, November 13th 2010*

All proceeds stay in Haines. "Flight for Freedom" donates 50% of the net proceeds back to Haines residents to include Multiple School programs, Big Brothers and Sisters, Haines Fireworks Fund, the Algood Family, and Haines Community Day and luncheon at the ABEF, the Booster Club, to name a few. The remaining 50% of the proceeds helps to feed our new resident birds Please join us for this exciting event! Fabulous food and auction items! Wildlife Art, Digital Art Prints, Plates, Sporting Goods, Firearms, Optics, Jewelry, etc! Being held at the American Bald Eagle Foundation during the Alaska Bald Eagle Festival Dinner being catered by the Bamboo Room on *Saturday,*

November 13th 2010 Your choice of Prime Rib or Salmon Dinner.

Cocktails 5 - 6 p.m. Dinner 6 - 7 p.m. Auction to follow

\$30.00 For Dinner tickets



MEET OUR RESIDENT BIRDS



“ZILLA” OUR LANNER SAKER FALCON

Zilla is a Lanner-Saker Falcon. She is an imprint bird meaning she was raised in captivity as a hunting bird for a falconer. She is a glove trained, fully flighted falcon in training to do programs at the ABEF. Zilla has been participating in our daily bird presentations, and soon we will have her, flying back and forth between handlers and flying after her lure. These falcons can fly up to 200 mph in a dive to catch their prey. She is a bird of open plains and desert-type habitats, breeding in middle Europe eastward into Asia. She is a bold and ferocious falcon, attacking prey much larger than itself; it is greatly favored by Falconers. Like other falcons, this falcon is equipped with sharp, curved talons for grasping prey, while the strong, hooked beak is used to tear its victim's flesh. We are very fortunate to have her as an educational bird in our program. Zilla was donated to the ABEF by a falconer thru the Southeastern Raptor Center of Auburn University.



“HUNTER” OUR BARRED OWL

Hunter was found in Juneau with a fractured right wing. He was taken to Juneau raptor center where they pinned his wing back together. Unfortunately, the bone healed but the wrist joint fused in his wing. Hunter can raise his wing but cannot extend it, so he is unable to fly. Hunter has become our “Superstar” and can usually be found sitting on his perch watching the visitors come through the museum. US Fish & Wildlife has permitted us to care for and house him as an educational raptor. Barred owls are appropriately called hoot owls as they are one of the few who make hooting sounds or calls. Owls are nocturnal creatures and are most active during the night. His chest has numerous “bars” on it which is where the barred owl gets its name. They will eat most anything but prefer voles, shrews, mice, rats, squirrels, grouse, quail, jays, fish, frogs, snakes and even turtles. We here at the foundation are striving to keep Hunter's diet as close to the wild as possible. However, we order in his food frozen. No live animals are fed to our birds. These owls are found in a wide swath of the USA from Florida to Southeast Alaska. If your walking in the woods and hear “Who cooks, Who cooks for you all” Look up, It will be a barred owl!



“SARAH” OUR GREAT HORNED OWL

Sarah our “Great Horned Owl” was rehabilitated by the AK Wildlife Rehab Center in Wasilla, AK Her injuries include two fractured wings which have affected her flying abilities to hunt. Great horned owls have fully feathered feet and powerful talons. What appear to be “ears or horns” are actually tufts of feathers. However these owls use their ears far more than their eyes to find and locate their prey. Their extremely large eyes are then used as a confirmation before the strike. Owls can turn their heads a full 270 degrees in either direction. These owls can live up to 13 years in the wild. However, in captivity, they have survived as long as 39 years. These owls prefer a similar diet to the Barred owls in addition to hares and rabbits They are the only animals that regularly eat skunks. Their range includes South and Central America and most of North America. Great horned owls are usually between 17-24 inches with a wing span from 3.5 to 5 feet. Sarah is a beautiful addition to our Raptors at the ABEF. Sarah was named after Sarah Palin as both are from Wasilla and Sarah Palin signed the paper work allowing the ABEF to house non-releasable birds of prey.

“SIR GEORGE” OUR 1ST BALD EAGLE

Our First eagle “Sir George” is an adult Bald Eagle who came to us from the Juneau Raptor Center as one of our education birds. He was found out on the ice on Auke Bay in Juneau. He was very emaciated, he is blind in one eye and has 2 missing talons. He was taken to the Juneau Raptor Center where he was nursed back to health. Sir George can not be released as he no longer has binocular eyesight he needs to hunt. He also has a hard time gripping with his left foot. Dr. Dan Hart is utilizing his skills he acquired from his training with eagles at the Southeastern Raptor center in Auburn, AL. We are hoping to have him ready for presentations by Spring. George will be moving into our new Mew addition this winter and will live out his life with 2 other eagles. Our new Mew will provide our Eagles with a natural setting to live in, complete with a pond to bathe in, plant life, with an open aviary to allow in, sunlight, rain, snow ect. Our viewing area will be open for our guest to view these eagles from the 1st and 2nd floor.



“FEISTY” OUR GREAT GREY OWL

Feisty came to the ABEF from the Alaska WildBird Rehab center in Wasilla. She was found with a fractured left wing. The bone did not heal correctly so her wing droops. She has some flight ability, but not well enough to survive in the wild. Feisty is a very vocal bird. She hoots a low “whoo-ooo-ooo” call at almost every one who walks in the door. She is a member of the tallest owl species in North America reaching almost 3 feet in height! Even though she is tall she does not weight much only weighing about 3 pounds. Feisty is a very personable bird and is very easy to work with but only when she wants to be. Even though she has only been here for a month she has already doing programs! We are having a naming contest for the local school children to pick out an official name for her. We are asking the children to choose a name and explain why they chose the name. Stayed tuned for the announcement!



“DR. SCOTT” KNOWN AS SCOTTY OUR 2ND BALD EAGLE

Dr. Scott, or Scotty for short, came from the Bird Treatment and Learning Center in Anchorage. We have had Scotty for one month. He came in with an injury to the left wing that resulted in a non-union of the left elbow. This has rendered him unable to fly well enough to survive in the wild. Scotty was named in honor of Dr. James “Jim” Scott. Dr. James Scott founded Bird TLC and Scotty is the first bird we have received from them. Scotty is an 11 pound male. This makes him about a pound larger than Sir George and much stronger. He is also a very quick learner. Scotty is already taking food off the glove and we hope to have him doing programs by spring as well. Scotty will be moving into the new Eagle Mew this spring.



WILD BIRD RESCUE BY ABEF

The American Bald Eagle Foundation staff has been quite busy this year. We have been receiving calls from the local residents and have rescued 15 birds so far this year. We have taken in everything from songbirds to eagles. We evaluate the birds and then put them in a kennel and send them to the Juneau Raptor Center. If they need any medical care the Juneau Raptor center cares for the bird. We do not have the ability to provide any medical care for these birds but do what we can to help them. At times they just need some R&R and some food. We provide them with that for a few days and set them free if no medical attention is needed. If we feel they need Medical attention we take them to Wings of Alaska and send them on their way. The ABEF is so grateful to Wings for flying these injured birds to Juneau at no cost to us. In Addition we are so grateful to the Juneau Raptor Center for the care and assistance they have given the ABEF.

LISA KELLY A TRUCK DRIVER FROM THE "ICE ROAD TRUCKERS"

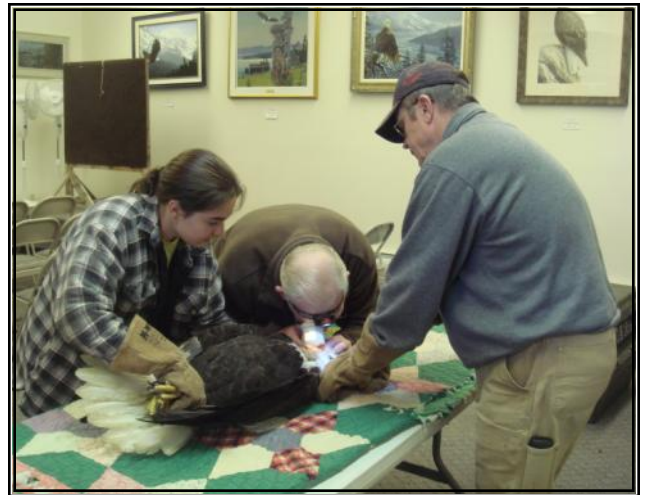
Lisa visited the American Bald Eagle Foundation as part of a local promotion. Lisa signed autographs, visited with the locals, and toured the ABEF.



FAMOUS LADY TRUCKER -- Lisa Kelly, left, a Wasilla truck driver made famous by the television program "Ice Road Truckers," visits the American Bald Eagle Foundation Friday as part of a promotion organized by ABEF, Delta Western, state Rep. Bill Thomas and Haines Chamber of Commerce. Kelly drove a Carlie Transportation truck to town for fuel delivery. At right is ABEF raptor handler Kori Gaskill and great horned owl "Sarah." Photo courtesy ABEF.

LIVE BIRD DEMONSTRATIONS DAILY!

This last summer we had over 300 live bird demonstrations to over 7500 guest! Our Interns Kori, Jessica & Eva as, well as Cheryl our Director and Dan our Raptor curator gave live bird presentations everyday, Some days we had up to 5 presentations in one day. Next summer we will have Live bird presentations as well as eagles on Static display in the new Eagle mew.



OUR NEWLY FORMED ABEF LOCAL ADVISORY BOARD

The First meeting of the newly formed Advisory board was held on October 14th. The New board members are William McRoberts, Douglas Olerud, Brad Ryan, Ashley Sage, Michael Marks and Evangeline Willard-Hoyt. The Advisory board members were selected for there expertise. The primary goal of this advisory board is to use that expertise to develop and implement new programs and to enhance and expand existing programs. The Group plans to further the exposure of the American Bald Eagle Foundation. They will focus on the American Bald Eagle Foundations goals and objectives, its mission and ultimately its growth and survival as an educational and research organization. The Board will be submitting a Monthly Column to the newsletter.



“OUR NEW ADDITION ALMOST COMPLETE!”

A world of thanks to our dedicated Construction Crews. Rain or shine they are here everyday working to get the building done in time for the festival. The foam insulation is in compliments of one of our lifetime members, the dry wall up, painted and textured, the windows and doors are set. The lights are being installed this week and the cabinets hung. Soon the gift shop will be in and the new front desk!



We have had 5 more Mews built this summer to house our new birds. Heaters have been installed in every one of the mews to keep our birds warm this winter as well as a covered walkway built to each mew to help this winter in caring for the birds. Our rocks will be delivered this week to put in the eagle mew in preparation of moving our eagles into their new master mew.



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