



# 10<sup>th</sup> Blackwater NWR Eagle Festival Schedule

Entrance fee and All Events Free

March 13, 2010

Except for the bird walk, programs will run approximately 30 - 45 minutes

VC = Visitor Center



## 8:00am – 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Wild Birds Unlimited Bird Walk - meet at Parking Area

With leader Terry Allen, observe resident and migratory birds including eagles, Canada geese, ducks, herons, and song birds. Bring binoculars. Car Pool Approximately 2 hours. 2 vans will be available. **Meet at the Festival Parking Area.**

## 9:00am - Photography Workshop - in VC conference room

Photography instructor Bob Boner will give a slide presentation featuring some of his extensive shots of wildlife and landscapes, and will give hints and tips on improving your nature photography skills.

## 10:00am – “Masters of the Skies” - in program tent

Come meet the masters of the skies! Naturalist Liz Owens will use live birds of prey to show you the unique adaptations that make hawks and owls the superlative hunters of the feathered world.

## 10:30am - Eagle Prowl - meet outside the Visitor Center

Limited - Acquire free ticket in Visitor Center between 8:30am and 10:15am. Expert Zeeger de Wilde and other Blackwater staff will help you locate eagles here on the refuge.

## 10:30am - Kid's Endangered Species Puppet Show - in conference room

*Join Albert the Delmarva fox squirrel, Hoot the owl, Red the fox, Edith the bald eagle and their friends in discovering life on a Refuge. Free Albert the Squirrel coloring book to participants.*

## 10:45am - George Fox Middle School Environmental Ukulele & Select Chorus Ensemble

Live performance in the upstairs observation area.

## 11:00am - Live Peregrine Falcon Training Demonstration – in program tent

Falconer Andrew Bullen will demonstrate how he trains his peregrine falcon to hunt (**weather permitting**).

## 11:45am - George Fox Middle School Environmental Ukulele & Select Chorus Ensemble

Live performance in the upstairs observation area.

## 12 noon - Native American Music with Ron Warren - in program tent

Native American Ron Warren will demonstrate his native music on several types of flutes.

## 12 noon – “The Chesapeake Bay: Past, Present, and the Future - in VC conference room

Ned Tillman, author of the new book “Chesapeake Watershed,” will give a powerful presentation about the history of the Chesapeake Bay, its present state, and steps we can take to restore this unique ecosystem. He will also be available to sign his book before and after the talk.

## 12:30pm - Eagle Prowl - meet outside the Visitor Center

Limited - Acquire free ticket in Visitor Center between 10:30am and 12:15pm. Expert Zeeger de Wilde will help you locate eagles here on the refuge.

## 12:45am - George Fox Middle School Environmental Ukulele & Select Chorus Ensemble

Live performance in the upstairs observation area.

## 1:00pm - Scales and Tales “The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly” Live Raptor Program- in program tent

Join a naturalist from the Pocomoke River State Park as you explore the world of birds of prey. Learn the adaptations and differences between several species of raptors while dispelling myths and judgments that surround some of these birds.

**2:00pm - Live Bald Eagle Program** - in program tent

Observe the magnificent live bald eagle as Mike Callahan from the Nanjemoy Creek Environmental Center provides interesting information and facts about our national symbol.

**2:30pm - Eagle Prowl** - meet outside the Visitor Center

Limited - Acquire free ticket in Visitor Center between 12:30pm and 2:15pm. Expert Zeeger de Wilde will help you locate eagles here on the refuge.

**2:30pm - Endangered Species Puppet Show** - in Visitor Center conference room

Join Albert the Delmarva fox squirrel, Hoot the owl, Red the fox, Edith the bald eagle and their friends in discovering life on a Refuge. Free Albert the Squirrel coloring book to participants.

**3:00pm - "Masters of the Skies"** - in program tent – Encore presentation!

Come meet the masters of the skies! Naturalist Liz Owens will use live birds of prey to show you the unique adaptations that make hawks and owls the superlative hunters of the feathered world.

*Meet Blackwater's "Tom Eagle" - Blackwater's Eagle greets the kids throughout the day.*

**10am-11:00am - Expert birder will man spotting scopes** on the Wildlife Drive for assistance to viewers in sighting eagle's nests and other birds.

**2:30pm-3:30pm - Expert birder will man spotting scopes** on the Wildlife Drive for assistance to viewers in sighting eagle's nests and other birds.

**9:00am - 4:00pm Food -Hurlock Lions** will sell food and drinks throughout the day **in the food tent.**

**9am-5pm - Eagles Nest Book Store** in the Visitor Center - see eagle display and osprey and eagle video cams. See our 2 eagle chicks in their nest.

**In Environmental Education Building**

*Children's Activities*

**9:00am- 4:00pm - Youth Blue Bird Nesting Box Construction**

Construct Blue Bird Box to take home. All materials supplied. No pre-registration.

**11:00am - 4:00pm - Kid's Arts and Crafts**

- **Create your own Eagle finger puppet.**
- **Owl Pellet Activity** - What is an owl pellet? Learn about owls, owl pellets, and what their latest dinner was by examining an owl pellet
- **Kid's "Flapping Eagle" Program** - Kids will create their own paper "flapping" eagle model to take home.
- **Create your own wildlife magnet.**
- **Coloring and pasta collage creation.**

**In Visitor Center**

**Raptor's Eye** will have a live sharp-shinned hawk, red-shouldered hawk, and a small "mystery guest" on display.

**Carrie Murray Nature Center Display** will have a live Erasion eagle owl, a turkey vulture, a barred owl and a great horned owl or barn owl on display.

**Salisbury Zoo** will have a live spectacled owl, red-tailed hawk, and a screech owl on display.

**The Maryland Nutria Project (USDA)** will have a display and information

**Author Ned Tillman** will be signing his book "**Chesapeake Watershed**" from 11:00am – 2:00pm.

**Ron Warren Native American Flutes** display: talk with Ron Warren and check out his music CDs.

**George Fox Middle School Environmental Ukulele & Select Chorus Ensemble** will give performances in the upstairs observation area at approximately 10:45, 11:45, and 12:45.

Nature Photographer **Bob Quinn** display and sale

Nature Photographer **Tom Lorsung** display and sale

**\*\* Due to wet weather, program locations may change!**