

Outreach Education Scholarship Application for Grey Snow Eagle House

In order to help schools that cannot afford an outreach presentation by the Grey Snow Eagle House's raptor education program, three yearly scholarships have been developed. This will allow one school each semester (spring, summer, fall) to get a day of educational shows (up to two one hour shows) consisting of up to three live raptors for no charge. A powerpoint and/or biofacts table will be available if applicable. This application can be used for any K-12 school in Oklahoma within a 2 hour drive of Perkins, OK. Awards will be announced by the second week in the month of the due date.

Due Dates for Applications

Spring Semester – December 1

Summer Semester- May 1

Fall Semester-August 1



To apply, please read the information packet attached, fill out the application form, and write an essay no more than 500 words for why your school would benefit from our outreach program. Packets may be submitted by teachers (preferably) or parents of students in the school, with the schools permission. Submit complete packets or for more information contact mjudkins@iowanation.org

Policies and Information for Scholarship Education Programs

The Grey Snow Eagle House thanks you for your consideration in having an educational program at your school or organization. In order to provide the best possible show for you and a safe environment for our birds, we request that you please read the following document about our policies for offsite education programs.

Time

We are generally able to do shows from 9:00am-4:00pm depending on the distance traveled. In order to not overwork our education birds, we do not do shows that are more than two hours long (this may be two 1 hour shows back-to-back). Shorter shows, approximately 30-45 minutes, are recommended for the elementary grades.

Number of People

To provide the most educational show possible, we recommend not having a wide spread age group present when doing school programs. This will help the presenters present information that is appropriate for the audience. Furthermore, for elementary age audiences we will not do shows for over 100 students, and HIGHLY recommend much smaller groups. This will allow us to set-up our biofacts table (see below) and will keep the room quieter for the birds.

What Will You Talk About?

We try to keep our shows as educational as possible. This means we look at the current recommended student skills to see where each grade level should be at when designing shows and we work with you (teacher/supervisor) to address any specific topics you want to ensure are covered such as predator/prey interactions, birds vs. mammals, rehabilitation, Native American beliefs, etc. Depending on the group and the need, we have powerpoints available in addition to the education birds to help teach certain points. Powerpoints are not recommended for the younger grades as it does not hold their attention for very long.

Outdoor/Indoor/Booths

We will do indoor or outdoor shows, but each environment has specific accommodations.

Indoor

Indoor shows are a more reliable option than outdoor shows, because the weather will not need to be considered. A few requests for indoor shows includes: ceiling fans MUST be

turned off to prevent any injury to the education birds and the size of the room must allow enough room for the presenter and bird to have room to move away from the crowd or desks. This is to allow the bird to recover from a bait (jumps from glove) safely.

Outdoor

Because of the wide range of temperatures Oklahoma has, outdoor shows have several items that must be considered while booking. The temperature the day of the show must not be above 90°F or below 40°F. Furthermore, there must be a shaded area, so that the birds can get out of the direct sun. High winds and rain are also not optimal conditions for the birds and if they are too severe can be cause for cancellation. Finally, it would be best if there was water available to refill water bottles/bowls. This is especially important for hot days where a lot of water could be used.

Biofacts table

If the group is small enough (classroom size), we will offer the set-up of our biofacts table. This includes skulls, wings, eggs, feathers, etc. for children to touch and interact with. If possible, we ask for one teacher/adult to help supervise the table. While we will have staff members present at the table at all times, we have found children respond better if their teachers/supervisors help move them along at a reasonable pace. There is no additional charge for this service and children really enjoy it.

Cancelation Policy

In rare emergency instances we may have to cancel a show because of an eagle rescue, sick eagle, etc. We will give the group as much notice as possible and will reschedule for as soon as possible.

FAQ

Can I touch the bird?

No. While the birds at the show are trained to sit on the glove, they are still wild animals and need to be treated as such.

Can the bird fly away from the glove?

No. We have the birds attached to our glove at all times, so even if they try to fly away they will not be able to go anywhere.

Can we take pictures?

Yes, please take all the pictures you would like during the show. If time permits we can take a few group pictures (i.e. class pictures) at the end of class.

Where can I get more information?

Please contact Megan Judkins at mjudkins@iowanation.org or 405-880-0734 for more information.

Outreach Education Scholarship Application Form

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____ Email _____

School: _____

School's Address: _____

Please describe how you are affiliated with the school. If you are not a teacher, please provide a letter from the school indicating they are supportive of hosting the education program.

Age Group: _____ Size of Group: _____

Date, Time, and Length of Show Requested:

Birds requested up to 3 (individual bird availability will vary)

- Bald Eagle
- Golden Eagle
- Peregrine Falcon
- Red-tailed Hawk
- Mississippi Kite
- Barred Owl

Indoor/Outdoor (Please circle)

Please describe where the show will be held:

Biofacts table present: yes/no (Please Circle)

Powerpoint requested: yes/no (Please Circle)

Have you received a show by scholarship or full price from the Grey Snow Eagle House in the past? Yes/no (Please Circle)

Describe the event _____

I have read and understand the policies regarding offsite education programs for the Grey Snow Eagle House: yes/no (Please Circle)

Please submit an essay no more than 500 words describing why your school would benefit from a day of raptor education from the Grey Snow Eagle House.