

# Policies and Outreach Education

The Grey Snow Eagle House thanks you for your consideration in having an educational program at your Oklahoma location. 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. The following guidelines are for shows that contain little or no free flighted birds. For a flighted show, please contact Megan Judkins (Mjudkins@iowanation.org) as more items will need to be considered than covered in this document.

## Cost

Please review the following costs to determine how much your presentation will cost. For events outside of a 25 mile radius, additional mileage will be \$0.19/mile (GSA rates for government vehicles). If you do not think your presentation fits into one of these categories, please feel free to call or email Megan Judkins (mjudkins@iowanation.org, 405-880-0734) for assistance. We do not bring live birds to sporting events.

Type of Show	Cost
Youth summer camp, assisted living home, K-12 classrooms and schools	\$75.00 + mileage outside 25 mile radius
Community & Organization events, Public festivals, Organization meetings	\$150.00 + mileage outside 25 mile radius
Conference rates	\$500.00 + mileage outside 25 mile radius

10% off for events associated with a tribe/tribes

## Time

We are generally able to do shows between the hours of 9:00am-4:00pm depending on the distance traveled. It is important for us to have daylight at our facility when we load our birds before the show, or release our birds after the show back into their mews. For non-flight shows or booths, we do not do time periods that are more than two hours long (i.e. this may be two 45-minute shows back-to-back with a 15 minute break). Shorter shows, approximately 30-45 minutes, are recommended for the elementary age audiences. We will need access to the room where the presentation will be 30 minutes before the presentation to set-up for non-flight shows, and at least an hour before for shows with small amounts of flight. As the number of birds increase, so does the time requirement for the program. So, 45 minutes -1 hour is needed for 3 birds, whereas 30 minutes is appropriate for 1-2 birds. The biofact table takes an additional ~15 minutes.

## **Number and Age of People**

To provide the most educational show possible, we recommend not having a wide spread age group present when doing shows for children. This will help the presenters give information that is appropriate for the audience. 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. The application form has different topics and descriptions from which you can choose. Depending on the group and the need, we have PowerPoints and biofacts available, in addition to the education birds, to help teach certain points. PowerPoint is not recommended for the younger ages, 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.

### **General Room Set-up**

We require a pathway around all sides of the audience and down the center of the room to be cleared. We also need the space around the presenter to be cleared of people and objects for 8 feet and the area behind the presenter cleared of people completely. We do have wireless microphones that can be used during the presentation if requested on the application form. It is the responsibility of the group booking the show to ensure that the speakers are set-up before GSEH gets to the location, so that the microphones can be easily be plugged in. GSEH will not set-up speakers that are not our property.

### **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 include: 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 bale (jumps from glove) safely. Please note that, indoor shows are the only situation in which free flight will be incorporated into the show. The room should be temperature controlled; but if it is not the outdoor show temperature requirements will be taken into consideration.

## **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 mister bottles/bowls. This is especially important for hot days when a lot of water could be used. Outdoor shows incorporate birds that are on the glove only; no free flight will be performed outdoors.

## **Booths**

Booth set-ups must be arranged so that none of the public that will be viewing the raptor can actually get right up to the handler to touch the birds. This can be accomplished by the orientation of the booth with other booths, or with rope/caution tape blocking entrances to the birds, and by providing a radius of 6-8 feet around the handler in the booth that the public cannot access. This ensures the safety of the bird, handler, and public. Booth set-ups will only allow for one bird to be out at a time. Booths set-ups will also include our PR material and biofacts for people to view.

## **Biofacts table**

If the group is small enough (under ~50), 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 last minute because of an eagle rescue, sick eagle, severe weather, etc. We will give the group as much notice as possible and will reschedule for as soon as possible. Changes on behalf of the venue may also constitute reasons for cancelation. Examples include last minute changes in time we have access to the room, venue changes, not being able to accommodate the birds, etc.

## 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?

In some situations, free flight can be used in our show. ALL free flight options MUST be discussed before the day of the show, when the contract is being worked out to ensure the proper situation is set-up for the safety of all involved. Whereas, during a show that involves only birds on the glove, the birds are secured with a leash, so they cannot fly away.

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. This should be discussed at the time the contract is developed.

Why is there a fee for the show and where does it go?

The fees for our programs help cover general care needs for our education raptors. Fees help us pay for food requirements, vet care, cage maintenance, enrichment, etc. Fees are based on a sliding scale, as it is very important to us to educate our youth so that they have an understanding of the importance of eagles and other raptors, and it is becoming exceedingly difficult for schools to pay for outreach education. For K-12 schools that cannot afford the cost of a show, a scholarship has been developed. The application can be obtained from [eagles.iowanation.org/applications](http://eagles.iowanation.org/applications).

How long does it take to do a show?

Please see below for the typical time requirement for a single non-flighted show:  
30 minutes for set-up + 45 minute show using 3 birds +15 minutes for biofacts =1.5 hours of room use

Where can I get more information?

Please contact Megan Judkins at [mjudkins@iowanation.org](mailto:mjudkins@iowanation.org) or 405-880-0734 for more information.

# Offsite Outreach Request Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Show Location Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Age Group: \_\_\_\_\_ Size of Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Date & Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Flighted\*/Non-flighted (\*flighted shows will need more details to be discussed than addressed in this contract)

Indoor/Outdoor\* (Please circle) (\*outdoor shows MUST be non-flighted)

Please describe where the show will be held. (Pictures are very helpful and can be added as an attachment via email. Pictures are required for flighted shows):

Biofacts table present: yes/no (will add 15 minutes to total length of show)

Do you have all of the necessary equipment for a powerpoint? Yes/no

Is a sound system requested? Yes/no

Name/phone # of payment contact \_\_\_\_\_

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Show requested (Please circle show name **and** age group):

*Three Sharp Things* (Notes: 3 raptors, powerpoint, 45 minutes)

Beaks, talons, and eyes are the three sharp things that make a raptor different from other birds. Students will learn about these adaptations and how raptors use their adaptations to successfully survive.

Age groups available: Kindergarten-2<sup>nd</sup> grade **or** 3<sup>rd</sup> grade-5<sup>th</sup> grade **or** Middle School+

*Frightful Feathers* (Notes: Offered during October only, 3 birds, powerpoint, 45 minutes)

Vultures are gross! Owls are scary! There are many misconceptions and myths about birds that we see everyday. Students will learn how birds that have negative connotations about them such as vultures, owls, and crows are actually very important and should be appreciated for the ecological roles that they play. This show is Halloween themed and would be a great Halloween treat during the month of October.

Age groups available: 3<sup>rd</sup> grade-5<sup>th</sup> grade

*Tiny Talons for Tiny Tots* (Available September 1, 2017, 2 birds, 30-45 minutes)

This show is especially designed for younger bird enthusiasts. While they may be small our smaller raptors such as our peregrine falcon and Mississippi kite have big adaptations that allow the bird to play large roles in the environment. The students will learn about these birds while doing an activity (reading a book/coloring sheet at teachers discretion-makes show 45 minutes instead of 30 minutes).

Age groups available: Kindergarten-2<sup>nd</sup> grade

*Avian Conservation and the Roles We Play* (Available November 1, 2017, 3 birds, power point 45 minutes)

Avian species all over the world are facing many human caused stressors. From electrocutions to wind turbines to habitat loss, birds are facing a changing environment and must learn to adapt. This presentation teaches students about the challenges in avian conservation, what is going on to better the situation, and how students can get involved and help even from their own backyard.

Age groups available: Middle School+

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

Please email completed form to [mjudkins@iowanation.org](mailto:mjudkins@iowanation.org) This request form does NOT constitute a contract. It is only a request for a show. The show is not officially booked until an invoice is signed. Please ensure that the contract is filled out **completely**. An incomplete contract will cause delays.

Additional important information: