

“Wings over Wascana” Nature Festival

May 7 & 8, 2010

Friday, May 7, 2010 (7:00 pm – 9:00 pm)

FREE Public Programs: At the SaskTel Max Theatre in the Saskatchewan Science Centre

- 7:00 Opening remarks
- 7:15 Music! Dr. Glenn Sutter (Head Curator at the Royal Saskatchewan Museum & local musician)
- 7:50 Pelicans! Learn all about these big white birds that spend their summer in Wascana Centre. Dr. Chris Somers (Professor at University of Regina)
- 8:25 Endangered Whooping Cranes! Learn about the fascinating struggles to bring these magnificent birds back from the brink of extinction. Brian Johns (Retired, former Co-chair of Canada-US Whooping Crane Recovery Team)

Saturday, May 8, 2010 (9:30 am – 4:00 pm)

Free Public Programs: At Tent Village (Just east of Candy Cane Park, at the corner of Wascana Dr. and McDonald St.)

All ages are invited to participate in free interactive programs focused on winged wildlife and wetlands.

Early Morning Bird Hike (7:30 am - 9:00 am)

Join Jared Clarke, Wascana Centre's park Naturalist to learn more about the birds that can be found within Wascana Centre [Max: 15 participants]

Eco-treks (9:30 am, 10:30 am, 11:30 am, 1:30 pm, 2:30 pm)

Eco-treks are 1 hour long guided hikes around Wascana Marsh. All Eco-treks will follow the same route however guides for each trek will vary. Participants will learn about Wascana Marsh and the flora and fauna that are found within the marsh. Guides will point out birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians along the way. Absolutely no previous identification skills are required!!! For more information and sign up at the Information tent. Each Eco-trek is limited to 15 participants.

Tent #1 – Interactive Programs (10:00 am – 4:00 pm)

- 10:00 – 10:30 Meet Ozzie, the Great Horned Owl
- 10:30 – 11:00 Dissect owl pellets
- 11:00 – 12:00 Don Waite – Songs and a Pour-a-pond!
- 1:00 – 2:00 Build a bird house or bird feeder [sign up prior to activity at Information tent: Max 24]
- 2:00 – 3:00 Earth Ball and Solar oven cooking (cookies)
- 3:00 – 4:00 Build a bird house or bird feeder [sign up prior to activity at Information tent: Max 24]
- 4:00 – 4:30 Dissecting owl pellets

Tent #3 - Live Animal and Game (11:00 am – 3:30 pm)

- 11:00 – 11:30 Meet Ciscero, a Bullsnake
- 11:30 – 12:00 Bio-diversity Bash (game)
- 1:00 – 1:30 Hidden Hazards (game)
- 2:00 – 2:30 Meet a Bat with U of R bat biologists!
- 2:30 – 3:00 Bird Bingo (game)
- 3:30 – 4:00 Meet Poa, a Short-eared Owl

Other activities (10:00 am - 4:00 pm) – Check at Information tent for locations

- Marsh Monsters! (pond dipping; 10:30 am – 12:00 noon & 1:00 pm – 3:00pm)
- Attracting Monarch Butterflies - Milkweed and native prairie flower planting (1:00 pm – 2:00 pm; Max 20)
- The Great Sit Bird Count! (All day)
- “Wind Dance” by Robin Poirtras of New Dance Horizons (12 noon)
- “Dynamics of Flight” (kite flying; 10:00 am – 11:00 am & 1:00 am – 2:00 pm)
- Learn to Geocache (1 hour adventures, starting at 11:00 am, 1:00 pm, 2:00 pm, & 3:00 pm)
- Face Painting (by Street Culture Kidz from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm)
- Arts and Crafts! (11:00 am – 12:00 noon, 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm)
- Royal Saskatchewan Museum display Tent (all day)