

- *9am-4pm Oregon Trail & Southwestern Idaho's Historic Tour (\$30; sack-lunch provided; max. 40 people)**
This tour will take you to some of the best scenic and historical viewing areas in the southwestern part of the state. Dedication Point provides an outstanding view of the Snake River Canyon. Swan Falls Dam, built in 1901 (the first hydroelectric dam on the Snake River), was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1978. Celebration Park, Idaho's only archaeological park, boasts petroglyphs carved on boulders by Native Americans and early settlers. Hands-on demonstration and discussion of lithic technology and survival strategies of indigenous peoples, as well as atlatl (ancient spear throwing device) demonstration, coaching and practice will be given. A stop at the Owyhee County Historical Museum will teach you about the Oregon Trail. With nearly 3,000 cultural and historic sites, Owyhee County contains the richest concentration of archeological sites in Idaho.
- 10am-5pm Educational booths, exhibits, and children's activities open.**
- 10-11am Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area with live birds lecture (free)**
The Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area was established by Congress in 1993 to protect a unique desert environment that supports one of the world's densest concentrations of nesting birds of prey. Learn about the falcons, eagles, hawks, and owls occur here in unique profusion and variety with Larry Ridenhour, BLM's Outdoor Recreation Planner for the NCA. Larry will bring along a few feathered educational ambassadors to complete his lecture.
- *10am-12pm Burrowing owl lecture and tour (\$15 adults; \$10 kids under 12 ; maximum 20 people)**
Burrowing owls are a declining species across the west and a species of greatest conservation need in Idaho. Learn about these little diurnal owls with local biologist, Colleen Moulton from the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. She will then lead a short field trip to visit a burrowing owl nesting area. Please, do not follow the bus to the locations of the owls. This will allow all to enjoy the wildlife resources of the area while maintaining personal safety and the welfare of the birds as the highest priority.
- 11am-12pm Raptors of Southern Idaho lecture (free)**
The Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area was established by Congress in 1993 to protect a unique desert environment that supports North American's highest density of nesting raptors. More than 800 pairs of raptors nest each spring with the NCA, including 150-200 pairs of Prairie Falcons. Learn more about the raptors seen in the NCA during this one-hour lecture with local biologist, Bruce Haak from the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.
- 12-1pm Falconry lecture with live raptors (free)**
Join falconers and their birds from the Idaho Falconers Association to learn about the special adaptations of these spectacular hunters.
- 1-2pm Wildlife photography (free)**
Taking good photos is about learning to recognize opportunities when they present themselves and then making the most of them. Local expert photographer, Michael Luque, has been photographing wildlife and wild places for over 40 years. Mike will talk about what to look for in the field while shooting and what to do when you get back home to help you improve your bird photography. Beginner or experienced shooter, film or digital, this is for everyone who wants to take better pictures.

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- 2-3pm History of the Oregon Trail lecture (free)**
The Oregon Trail passed through what is now the southern portion of Idaho. The Owyhee County Historical Society will share images and artifacts from the Historical Society's museum. Learn about how homesteaders scratched out a living or went bust while Native Americans clashed with the westward push of settlement along the Oregon Trail.
- 3-4pm Piute Ground Squirrel lecture (free)**
Piute ground squirrels are the most abundant burrowing species in the Snake River Birds of Prey NCA. Portions of the area support the densest ground squirrel populations ever recorded. Join a biologist with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game to learn about these how these squirrels are adapted to desert life and why they are a favorite prey of prairie falcons.
- 5pm Booths, exhibits, and children's activities close**
- 6-8pm Barbeque banquet featuring keynote speaker with special guest, Trish Nixon from The Peregrine Fund (\$25; Reed Elementary Cafeteria).**
The banquet begins with a live falconry demonstration outside of Reed Elementary. Then join Trish Nixon, Raptor Specialist for the Peregrine Fund's World Center for Birds of Prey, for her presentation entitled "Secret Lives of Raptors."

Sunday, May 17, 2009

- #7-9am Bird walk at Celebration Park (\$5; meet at Celebration Park)**
Join local bird experts from SIBA, Southwestern Idaho Birders Association, and Golden Eagle Audubon as they lead a bird walk at Celebration Park. Nesting killdeer, Bullock's oriole, and Lazuli bunting can be seen as well as flight displays of long-billed curlew. Black-chinned and rufous hummingbirds, rock and canyon wrens, loggerhead shrikes, and six species of swallows can be seen.
- 8am Registration opens**
- +9am-3pm Raptor NCA bus and Snake River canyon boat tour (\$70 adults, \$35 for kids under 12; sack lunch provided; maximum 50 people)**
This will be a half day activity; back to town by 2-3pm. Join Steve Guinn with Birds of Prey Expeditions (www.birdsofpreyexpeditions.com) to tour the western portion of the NCA via bus and practice your identification skills in the field. Then board a boat and experience the Snake River canyon up close while learning about geology, history, and nesting birds of prey.
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