

Bald Eagle Awareness Week Highlights

February 23 & 24, 2018

Dear Bald Eagle Awareness Days partners,

On behalf of the Bald Eagle Days Steering Committee I would again like to thank you for your participation. Over 600 people attended the events held during these two days. The following pages provide highlights of the events, each of which were a great success due to your contributions. We hope to keep your support in the future.

-Casey Heimerl, SDGFP

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Friday, Feb. 23rd – SDGFP Outdoor Campus East, Sioux Falls

The Outdoor Campus held a program called Raptors Galore and More! for 66 participants. The 2-hour program consisted of eagle snack making, raptor trivia, Purdy's Birdies owl and kestrel demo, and an owl identification key activity followed by a live raptor presentation by educators from The Raptor Center at the University of Minnesota.





Presenter Kate Hanson displaying a Bald Eagle at the Outdoor Campus East program

Saturday, Feb. 24th – Live raptor programs in Pierre

Three presentations were held at the Pierre Ramkota in conjunction with the KCCR Farm, Home and Sports Show. Close to 300 people attended the programs throughout the day.



Presenter Kate Hanson with a Great Horned Owl (Top Left), American Kestrel (Top Right) and Red-tailed Hawk (Below)



**Saturday, Feb. 24th – Raptor Open House at the SDGFP
Outdoor Campus West in Rapid City**

**The Outdoor Campus West hosted an educational raptor day which
featured a live presentation by The Black Hills Raptor Center.
Approximately 250 people attended the presentation.**



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