UI WILDLIFE CAMPS

Registration Begins March 2

Beak Brigade (Ages 4-5)
- Jun. 29 - Jul. 2
- Aug. 10 - 13

Harrier (K-1st)
- Jun. 8 - 12
- Jul. 6 - 10
- Jul. 13 - 17
- Jul. 20 - 24
- Aug. 3 - 7

Golden Eagle (2nd-5th)
- Jun. 8 - 12
- Jun. 15 - 19
- Jun. 22 - 26

Bald Eagle (2nd-5th)
- Jul. 6 - 10
- Jul. 13 - 17
- Jul. 20 - 24
- Aug. 3 - 7

Merlin (2nd-5th)
- Jun. 8 - 12
- Jun. 15 - 19
- Jun. 22 - 26

Prairie Falcon (2nd-5th)
- Jul. 6 - 10
- Jul. 13 - 17
- Jul. 20 - 24
- Aug. 3 - 7

Red-Tailed Hawk (2nd-5th)
- Jun. 8 - 12
- Jun. 15 - 19
- Jun. 22 - 26

Red-Shouldered Hawk (2nd-5th)
- Jul. 6 - 10
- Jul. 13 - 17
- Jul. 20 - 24
- Aug. 3 - 7

Ossprey (2nd-5th)
- Jun. 8 - 12
- Jun. 15 - 19
- Jun. 22 - 26

Condor (2nd-5th)
- Jul. 6 - 10
- Jul. 13 - 17
- Jul. 20 - 24
- Aug. 3 - 7

Talon Troupe (2nd-5th)
- Jun. 29 - Jul. 2
- Aug. 10 - 13

Vulture (6th-7th)
- Jun. 29 - Jul. 2

Wildlife Academy (6th-7th)
- Jul. 10 - 14

Barred Owl (6th-7th)
- Jun. 8 - 12
- Jun. 15 - 19
- Jun. 22 - 26

Great Horned Owl (6th-7th)
- Jul. 6 - 10
- Jul. 20 - 24
- Aug. 27 - 31

Talon Troupe (2nd-5th)
- Jun. 29 - Jul. 2
- Aug. 10 - 13

Peregrinatio Per Iowam (6th-9th)
- Jun. 29 - Jul. 2
- Aug. 10 - 13

Harris Hawk (20th-24th)
- Jun. 8 - 12
- Jun. 15 - 19
- Jun. 22 - 26
- Jul. 6 - 10
- Jul. 13 - 17
- Jul. 20 - 24
- Aug. 3 - 7

Kestrel Corps (8th-11th)
- Jun. 8 - 12
- Jun. 15 - 19
- Jun. 22 - 26
- Jul. 6 - 10
- Jul. 13 - 17
- Jul. 20 - 24
- Aug. 3 - 7

Our Mission

The University of Iowa Wildlife Camps began in the summer of 1991 with a mission to awaken an awareness and appreciation of the natural world in our campers, as well as to inspire campers to action through developing a sound "land ethic" (in the words of Aldo Leopold, a native Iowan). We carry out this mission through "hands-on" activities, because each of the staff realizes that it was through first-hand experiences that our excitement and care for wildlife and natural ecosystems was kindled. We take our mission seriously, and have a lot of fun doing it!

Camp Location

The majority of time will be spent at the scenic Macbride Nature & Recreation Area. This is a 480-acre peninsula of land bordered by Lake Macbride and the Coralville Reservoir. Some field trips will also be taken to local natural areas. We will also have available to us the other Recreational Services facilities. We reserve the right to relocate camps as needed.

Supervised Drop-Off & Pick-Up Locations

Iowa City

Hawkeye Recreation Fields Complex in Iowa City:
- 7:45 - 8:20 AM and 4:15 PM

Bus will leave the site at 8:30 AM and return by 4:15 PM.

Macbride Nature Recreation Area

Archery Pavilion at MNRA:
- 8:15 – 9:00 AM and 3:30 – 4:15 PM.

Late Stay Program

Any child who cannot be picked up by 4:15 PM must be enrolled in the Late Stay Program at the Hawkeye Recreation Fields Complex. This program will be held from 4:15 PM to 5:05 PM. There is a shelter to provide relief from the sun. A variety of activities will be provided. The cost of our four day program is $20.00 per session/child and our five day program is $25.00 per session/child. The Late Stay Program will be held at the Hawkeye Recreation Fields Complex only. No late stay for Beak Brigade and Peregrination Per Iowam.

Buddy Up

If you are requesting a "buddy" (friend, relative, etc.), it is required that both forms are mailed in the same envelope. Placement together will not be guaranteed if registrations are sent separately. No more than one buddy per camp will be honored. This policy is strictly enforced to ensure that campers without buddies are not left out. Siblings may be sent together in the same envelope without being buddies. If siblings are buddies, the siblings will be placed with the younger group.

Changes, Cancellation & Refund Policy

Any changes to your original request of session(s) must be made in writing and cannot be processed until after April 1, 2015. Cancellations must also be made in writing. Refunds for camp will be granted if written notification is given at least three weeks in advance of the session date attended. If this deadline is past, a prorated refund will be granted only in the event of a family emergency or on the advice of medical personnel. Refunds will not be granted for no-shows. The non-refundable deposit will be forfeited when written cancellation is given. We reserve the right to change locations of the camps and drop-off locations per our discretion.

Camp Fees

- Black Eagle / Golden Eagle / Prairie Falcon / Merlin / Red-Tailed Hawk / Red-Shouldered Hawk / Osprey / Condor / Harrier – $200.00
- Kite / Vulture / Harris Hawk / Talon Troupe / Wildlife Academy – $200.00
- Barred Owl / Great Horned Owl / Peregrination Per Iowam – $250.00
- Beak Brigade Preschool Program – $50.00

The fee includes a t-shirt, transportation, supervision, and materials for activities. A non-refundable deposit of $75.00 ($25.00 for Beak Brigade Preschool Program) is included in the camp fee and due at the time of registration. The balance is due the first day of the month in which the camp takes place.

Tax Information

Camp registration fees may qualify for childcare credit for tax purposes. For those who need the Federal Identification Number, it is 42–600–4813.
The Camps

Each camp season has unique activities, trips, and/or themes. Campers may sign up for multiple sessions. For more details on these sessions, please visit our website.

Beak Brigades (Ages 4 to 9) 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM
The one-week programs are a wonderful time to be outside as much as possible and learn how things grow, move and thrive. We will explore the green space around the rec fields for songbirds, spiders, seeds and squirrels that live here in the summer. We will have an indoor space at the HRTC if we need to go in.

Harrier

The theme for Harrier Camp is learning and playing in the outdoors. Tentative activities include Northern Harrier natural history (their wing & circling, nature, games, story-telling, bug catching, bat study, breeding, berry/flower/flower arts, rock and fossil study, mammal tracking, and water play.

Kite

The theme for Kite Camp is craftwork tied to nature. Tentative activities planned include Mississippi Kite natural history, kite making, paper airplanes, pinwheels and parachutes, mud pinch pots, mud clay animals, toadts to float and ships to sail. Kite Camp will include water play.

Golden Eagle

The theme for Golden Eagle Camp is action and balance. Activities planned include Golden Eagle natural history, rock climbing & bouldering inside, slack lining, yoga for stretching & strength and field trips to Palisades State Park.

Bald Eagle

The theme for Eagle Camp is wetlands. Activities planned include Bald Eagle natural history, aquatic adventure hikes, fossil hunting, televised fly overs, frog & turtle study, bird nest building, earth art, swimming, and canoeing.

Merlin

The theme for Merlin Camp is early residents of Iowa. Activities planned include Merlin (a type of Falcon) natural history, problem-solving games based on human migration, learning and using survival skills like early Iowans did to collect and find water and safe shelter. This camp may take field trips to observe nesting Falcons.

Prairie Falcon

The theme for Prairie Falcon Camp is prairies. Activities planned include Prairie Falcon natural history, gardening, prairie art, pop can fishing, ultimate frisbee, nature games, rock and fossil study, mammal tracking, and water play.

Red-Tailed Hawk

The theme for Red-Tailed Hawk Camp is raptors. Camp is lowland forest ecology. Field study will be done at the Hawkeye Wildlife Area each week. Activities planned include wildlives survival, canoeing, archery, compass and orienteering challenges, swimming, and trail games.

Red-Shouldered Hawk

The theme for Red-Shouldered Hawk Camp is wetlands. Camp is lowland forest ecology. Field study will be done at the Hawkeye Wildlife Area each week. Activities planned include wildlives survival, canoeing, archery, compass and orienteering challenges, swimming, and trail games.

Owls

The theme for Owls Camp is owls. Camp is lowland forest ecology. Field study will be done at the Hawkeye Wildlife Area each week. Activities planned include owl watching, night hikes, canoeing, archery, mushroom-hunting/identification, disc golf, and water play.

Condor

The theme for Condor Camp is healthy nature niches. The condor was extirpated from the world and has been reintroduced. One of the main reasons it struggled was lead poisoning from eating unhealthy food. They have come back from the brink because of public awareness. We all need to eat. Where can humans find food in nature? What and how do animals eat? Activities include the following: wild edibles, collecting cattail pollen, beach art, mud painting.

Talon Troupe

In the past we have enjoyed teaching about nature using the creative arts as our teaching tool so now this week we will have one whole camp devoted to creating an ecologically based production. Campers will present to the other camps and any family and friends that can also attend on the last afternoon.

Vulture

The theme of Vulture Camp is about derived from the natural world. Activities planned include Turkey Vulture natural history, full day or two day art projects. The focus for the main art project is on printmaking.

Wildlife Academy

This inquiry-based field investigation program will emphasize observation, data collection, use of current technology and group discussion of insights. Students will experience hands-on Iowa wetland study and the start of the fall songbird and butterfly migration, using bird blinds & nets to help us. Wetlands activities may utilize our pontoon boat. Continue to expand your knowledge of the outdoors with us.

Barred & Great-Horned Owl

The theme for Owl Camp is quests - asking questions, going on adventures. Activities include developing a research project, present findings to the younger campers, mini expeditions to unique natural areas in eastern Iowa, swimming and an overnight at MN RIA, Barred Owl Field Trip to Palisades State Park, Great-horned Owl Field Trip – Maquoketa Caves.

Peregrinatio Per Iowam

(Completed 8th – 9th Grade)
Pedagogically per oum ee um to “A r m Day, Through Iowa!” This is a four-day camp with two overnight. Activities include heart building games, rock climbing and frisbee, observation, followed by a three-day play to natural ecosystems in various parts of Iowa. Water activities such as canoeing and swimming will be included.
Trip 1: Paddling the Upper Iowa River & Northeast Iowa Trip 2: Iowa Lakeside Lab & Northeast Iowa

Kestrel Corps

(Completed 6th - 7th Grade)
Kestrel Corps is a 10 week after-school learning program with the University of Iowa Wilds Camps. The Kestrel Corps will assist the Wilds Camps staff and students. Students will be teamed up to HMRB on the bus or vans with the camp with which they will be volunteering. Application Deadline is May 29, 2015. There will be a mandatory orientation June 4 for Kestrel Corps participants. Kestrel Corps is offered from June 8–July 7 (excluding June 23, 30, July 6 & 21).

Harris Hawk

(Completed 10th – 11th Grade)
The theme of Harris Hawk Camp is service learning and the environment. This camp is designed to help campers learn to work collaboratively as they complete environmental service projects. This camp will culminate with a high ropes experience at the high ropes challenge course.

Each camper must have their own registration form, medical form and a $75.00 deposit per session registered. Photocopies are accepted. Sessions are limited and filled on a first come, basis starting with those postmarked before March 2, 2015. When sessions fill, they will be closed and a waiting list will be established.

If the camp session(s) you request are full, you will be notified by the Recreational Services Office. In addition, all camps must have a minimum number of participants to be held. If an alternate week is acceptable, please list which ones on the application form.

Online Registration Info

1) Pick Your Camp
Read the information about the camp of your choice and make sure your child qualifies with the grade requirements. Grades listed are for those completed Spring 2015

2) Complete the Form
A registration form and medical form is required for each camper. Please complete these forms (stated in brochure) in their entirety to avoid jeopardizing your child's placement. Without a medical form, a camper may not attend camp. Previous campers can find their “Camper ID” located on the making label of your brochure. Leave blanks for first-time campers.

3) Pay the Deposit
A $75.00 non-refundable deposit ($25.00 for Big Horned Falcon session) is required per camper. Check or credit card are accepted. Make checks payable to "The University of Iowa"

4) Send Application & Payment By US Mail
Applications will be accepted by US Postal Service only with registration beginning on March 2. All applications received on or before March 2 will be treated equally. (Registration deadline will be 1 week prior to the start of a camp.

Mail registration form to:
UI Wildlife Camps: University of Iowa Recreational Services
ATTN: Jeanette Luke
EE20 Campus Recreation & Wellness Center, Iowa City, IA 52242

5) Watch for Your Confirmation Letter
After you have filled out the confirmation letter and parent camp information sent via email. The due date for the final payment can be found on the confirmation letter of the session registered.

For Each Additional Camper, Repeat 1 - 5
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Any changes to your original request of session(s) must be made in writing and cannot be processed until after April 1, 2015. The volume of registrations is too great to make any changes before all other registrations are completed.

Individuals with disabilities are encouraged to attend all University of Iowa sponsored events. If you are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation in order to participate in this program, please contact Recreational Services in advance at 319.335.0394.