October 9, 2015

Dear Wildlife Camper and Parents/Guardians:

Congratulations! You are enrolled in UI Wildlife Camps’ Snowy Owl Camp! We are very excited to experience this winter program with you. With the unpredictable weather in Iowa in winter, we will be planning activities for a wide range of weather conditions and utilizing indoor and outdoor spaces. It is very important that you dress warmly and in layers each day.

We will be working out of the Social Center at Macbride Nature Recreation Area, the Hawkeye Tennis and Recreation Center, and the Campus Recreation and Wellness Center for climbing and swimming, which will all be warm and have restrooms available to us. Meredith Caskey, Ed Saehler, Chad Swope and other Rec Services staff will be leading the 6 sessions of Snowy Owl Camp.

The general schedule for the six days (December 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30) will be as follows:

7:45 a.m. – 8:25 a.m. Drop off inside the East (NEW) Entrance of the HTRC.
8:30 a.m. - Bus will leave for the day’s activities. Please have a swimsuit/towel (Tuesdays) and comfortable clothing/clean tennis shoes for climbing (Mondays) on these days.
8:45a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Introduction activities for the day.
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Morning session
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Lunch and noontime activities
12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Afternoon session
2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Wrap-up activities & Clean-up
3:30 p.m. - Bus leaves for HTRC
4:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. Pick-up inside the East (NEW) Entrance of the HTRC

Keeping your head, hands and feet warm and dry are essential for your comfort. These are only suggested items to bring, many for staying warm and dry: boots, additional shoes to wear inside, heavy wool or wool blend socks, liner socks, long underwear, polar fleece or snow pants, jeans, shirt or t-neck, lightweight outer jacket that sheds snow, heavy jacket or parka, lightweight pants that shed snow, pair of gloves or mittens, wool or wool blend hats, water bottle, sunglasses, sunscreen, lip balm, camera, book to read or share.

You will need to provide your own lunch and drink. **We will be providing snacks on the two Mondays and Tuesdays.** If the weather is questionable, call 335-9294 for camp information after 7:00 a.m. A message will be left if camp is cancelled. **In case of emergency or to notify us of an absence or for registration information, please call Jeanette at 335-9294.**

Snowy Owl Camp will be a great mix of outdoor/indoor recreation and wildlife observation...so be prepared to learn and have fun! Have a great winter season!

Sincerely,
Meredith Caskey
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Wildlife Camps & School of the Wild