

## Invite a Raptor to your Classroom!

**Experience the wonder of being a few feet away from a magnificent bird of prey, a majestic falcon or a beautiful owl. The West Coast Falconry Center's birds of prey offer a unique opportunity for your school to learn about the world of these amazing birds through participatory activities, question-and-answer time, and interaction with a live raptor.**

Each of our programs are conducted by trained educators and are interactive and age-appropriate.

**Teachers:** All programs are designed to complement the Common Core Standards and the Next Generation Science Standards.

### Programs

#### **Wee Wings**

*Grade levels available: PreK-1<sup>st</sup>*

Through hands-on exploration, young students will learn what makes birds different from other animals. A live raptor will visit with the children as they explore what makes raptors unique and why they are an essential part of our environment.

*Key Concepts:* Habitats, adaptations, life cycles, conservation, food webs

Time: 30 minutes

Cost: \$105 + travel

#### **Reading with Raptors**

*Grade levels available: PreK-1<sup>st</sup>*

Students will be enraptured as a story book comes to life with a special "Guest Star" raptor! This program involves a story read out loud by our presenter, feeling a feather of the subject bird and meeting the 'star' of the story. Let your class experience a tale of a falcon, hawk or owl (pick of one) with one of our raptors.

*Key Concepts:* Habitats, adaptations, life cycles, conservation, food webs

Time: 30 minutes

Cost: \$105 + travel

## **Art on the Wing**

*Grade levels available: K/1/2/3/4/5/6/7/8/9/10/11/12*

Science and art frequently draw inspiration from nature. Many of the great images in bird books around the world are from biologists who drew the animals they were studying. Combining knowledge with creative talent will allow your students to fully immerse themselves in our wonderful birds. We will bring 2 birds of prey into your art classroom to serve as models for your students. Our staff will present a brief natural history program to introduce your students to the birds before they begin to draw or paint. The birds are extremely tolerant and will remain perched in your classroom. Students will be close enough to see them clearly. The best work, as chosen by the teacher, may be displayed on our Website with your permission!

*Key Concepts:* Habitats, adaptations, life cycles, conservation, food web

Time: 90 minutes

Cost \$200 + travel

## **Cloud Dancers**

*Grade levels available: 1/2/3/4/5/6/7/8/9/10/11/12*

Falcons and hawks exhibit amazing flying abilities. Falcons are known for their amazing speeds and hawks for their strength. Your students will learn how to tell the difference between these 2 masters of the skies and even see them up close!

*Key Concepts:* Habitats, adaptations, life cycles, conservation, food web

Time: 60 minutes

Cost: \$150 + travel

## **Nocturnal Hunters**

*Grade levels available: K/1/2/3/4/5/6/7/8/9/10/11/12*

Who is that? Owls have always been surrounded by an air of mystery, probably because most are nocturnal and not easily spotted in the wild. Your students will be briefly introduced to these amazing birds before they meet one up close!

*Key Concepts:* Habitats, adaptations, life cycles, conservation, food webs, classification

Time: 60 minutes

Cost: \$150 + travel

## **Secret Lives of Owls**

*Grade levels available: 2/3/4/5/6/7/8/9/10/11/12*

Owls have always mystified people. Their nocturnal habits keep them out of sight and fill the imagination. How far can an owl turn its head? Do their eyes glow? Are all owls nocturnal? Get these questions answered and more as we delve into the natural history and behaviors of these nighttime hunters. Classification, conservation, and survival techniques are just a few of the topics we will explore through hands-on activities such as owl pellet dissection. Your students will become owl experts just in time to meet our live owls up close!

*Key Concepts:* Habitats, adaptations, life cycles, conservation, food webs, classification

Time: 90 minutes

Cost: \$250 + travel

## **Ancient Falconry in the Modern World**

*Grade levels available: 5/6/7/8/9/10/11/12*

Falconry is the sport of hunting with a trained bird of prey for game in its natural habitat. Often referred to as ‘the sport of kings’, falconry is the oldest living sport on the planet. This program will reveal how the ancient sport of falconry still is thriving and how it is engrained in human history. From Genghis Khan to the peregrine falcon restoration program, see how falconry has touched all of our lives. Meet the birds used in the sport through history and in modern falconry today.

*Key Concepts:* history, Habitats, adaptations, life cycles, conservation, food webs, classification

Time: 75 minutes

Cost: \$175 + travel

## **ASSEMBLIES**

### **Triple Raptor Rally**

*Grade levels available: K-12*

See adaptations in action when a raptor flies inside your school. Get an up-close look at the physical structures, feather types and wing shapes that allow these predators to survive in the wild. Students will get the opportunity to meet three raptor family members (falcon, hawk & owl) to explore their adaptations in person and watch a live flight demonstration.

*Key Concepts:* Habitats, adaptations, life cycles, conservation, food webs, flight

Time: 75 minutes

Cost: no flight - \$300 +travel  
with flight - \$400 +travel

## **Raptor Force**

*Grade levels available: K-12*

Take your rally to the next level. Our falconers will bring six birds of prey to your assembly. We will teach about the natural history of the different birds of prey, their role in the environment, the history of falconry and how falconers have contributed to the conservation of birds of prey and their environment. This assembly also includes a flight demonstration of at least one of the raptors.

*Key Concepts:* Habitats, adaptations, life cycles, conservation, food webs, flight

Time: 90 minutes

Cost: no flight - \$495  
with flight - \$595

## **What you need to know**

- An open floor space with a four-foot minimum empty space between the audience and presenter, with a six-foot table at the presentation area.
- Programs must be held in a room in which there is no other simultaneous activity.
- An adult must remain present throughout the program to assist as needed.

Our programs include live birds; specific bird availability may change according to health and other concerns. Substitutions may be made without warning.

We will arrive early to set up. We can provide multiple programs in a single day if they are held consecutively, at a lower price per each additional program. We will require parking close to campus and the presentation area.

## **Fees**

We are licensed by the State and USFW, but not funded by either, so program fees are how this organization is supported.

Travel charges: \$.60/mile round trip.