SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Grand River Center
500 Bell Street, Port of Dubuque

9:00 AM – 4:30 PM
This FREE family event celebrates the American Bald Eagle with live bird programs and children’s activities. Vendors will have wildlife art, books, and nature items available for purchase. Exhibitors will share information about opportunities to experience nature in the Tri-State area.

9:30 – 10:15AM
UMN RAPTOR CENTER
Live birds of prey!

11:00 – 11:45AM
THE RARE GROUP
Raptor rehab and MORE live birds of prey!

12:15 – 1:00PM
UMN RAPTOR CENTER
Live birds of prey!

1:45 – 2:30PM
THE RARE GROUP
Raptor rehab and MORE live birds of prey!

3:00 – 3:45PM
UMN RAPTOR CENTER
Live birds of prey!

Questions? Call the Welcome Center at 800.798.8844

The Dubuque Eagle Watch Committee consists of members from the following: Dubuque Audubon Society, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Dubuque County Conservation Board, National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium, City of Dubuque Leisure Services, Iowa DNR/Mines of Spain, Dubuque Area Convention & Visitors Bureau, and the JULE.
The American Bald Eagle visits the Upper Mississippi River each year from mid-December through February. As many as 2,500 eagles winter between Minneapolis, Minnesota and Saint Louis, Missouri.

Dubuque, Iowa is located on the Mississippi River at the junction of Iowa, Illinois and Wisconsin. It’s a popular wintering area for bald eagles because of the abundant food and open water. Lock & Dam #11 keeps the river from freezing and provides eagles with an area to hunt their primary food source – fish.

Come and celebrate the American Bald Eagle at the Dubuque Eagle Watch on Saturday, January 18th at the Grand River Center.

**THE AMERICAN BALD EAGLE**

**PROGRAMES**

**UMN Raptor Center**

From: St. Paul, MN

Meet the University of Minnesota Raptor Center winged ambassadors. There’s no better way to learn about birds of prey than to see them up close, flying overhead. Enjoy this opportunity to learn about raptors, including the Bald Eagle and some of its feathered friends.

[www.raptor.umn.edu](http://www.raptor.umn.edu)

**The RARE Group**

From: Iowa City, IA

The RARE Group is a raptor rehabilitation clinic located in Iowa City, Iowa. Run completely by volunteers and 100% privately funded, The RARE Group assists the community 365 days a year. The RARE Group’s mission is to enrich lives by engaging in and promoting responsible stewardship of the environment through education, research, and pro-active efforts to preserve wildlife.

[www.theraregroup.org](http://www.theraregroup.org)

**ACTIVITIES**

**Children’s Activities**

9:00 am – 4:30 pm

Nature related activities for children of all ages will be provided by: E.B. Lyons Interpretive Center, Swiss Valley Nature Center, Hurstville Interpretive Center, National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium.

**Exhibitors & Vendors**

9:00 am – 4:30 pm

Natural resource agencies and organizations will be there with educational displays and information. There will also be vendors selling nature related items. Vendors will include: Wild Birds Unlimited, National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium and wildlife photographers.

**Ice Fest**

10:00 am – 5:00 pm

The National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium’s annual winter festival, including snow sculptures, historic demonstrations, winter crafts, games, special programming from IPTV Kids Club’s Dan Wardell, and so much more! Included with general admission.

**FREE SHUTTLE PROVIDED BY THE JULE**

**FREE SHUTTLE– LIVE EAGLE WATCHING**

10:00 am – 3:30 pm

Catch the FREE Jule shuttle leaving every 20 minutes from the Grand River Center to Lock and Dam #11 for LIVE eagle viewing. Park at the Grand River Center and hop on the shuttle to get the full experience of the Eagle Watch, using an environmentally friendly mode of transportation. See back for maps and programming.

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**eagle • eye (noun)**

1. The ability to see or observe keenly

An Eagle’s eyeball is almost the same size as a human eye, yet an eagle can see something the size of a rabbit at more than three miles away.

Eagles have both monocular and binocular vision, meaning they can use their eyes independently or together depending on what they are looking at.

An Eagle’s eye has two focal points (foveae) which allows it to see straight ahead and to the side at the same time.

Eagles can distinguish more colors than humans and can see in the UV range of light.

SOURCE: National Eagle Center

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