



MESSAGE FROM BOARD CHAIR JIM POPOWICH



Look to the skies, the Raptors are coming back! At the Allan Brooks Nature Centre, we spend a lot of time looking closely at the grasslands and the critters that are part of where we live. Now we will have a chance to once again learn about the birds who take care of our skies. The Raptors are coming to ABNC for 5 days at the end of August, the perfect way to wrap up a rather challenging summer. Covid did not allow us to bring the program to the Centre in 2020. Now this is a real opportunity to hear how our feathered friends are part of the balance of nature in our Okanagan Valley. I invite you to join us for a flight demonstration or a close encounter - where you will have a chance to be eye to eye with a raptor! We look forward to seeing you for this amazing once in a lifetime experience with nature.

Jim Popowich, Board Chair

Please note, staff are currently proceeding with the planning of this amazing event. We will be monitoring the air quality and nearby wildfire conditions in neighbouring communities closely and should there be changes to the program, or if the event is cancelled, registrants will receive advance notice and a full refund will be issued. In the meantime, let's keep our spirits up and look forward to seeing the Raptors return to ABNC!

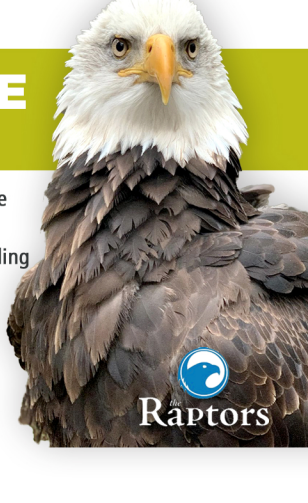


The North American Badger is a member of the weasel family, and are the only carnivore in Canada that burrows after and eats other burrowing animals. They play a vital role in helping keep rodent numbers in check. The Badger is classified as an endangered species in Canada, because the amount of suitable habitat is small (largely dependant on grasslands) and has been adversely affected by human activity.

For more information visit [Badgers in BC](#) - an organization dedicated to the conservation of Badgers in our province.

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Allan Brooks Nature Centre is thrilled to present The Raptors, featuring a live demonstration of a wide range of native and non-native raptor species including owls, hawks, eagles and vultures. The Raptors is an organization dedicated to inspiring conservation and protecting wildlife species. Demos include the raptors showing off their amazing flight skills as their handlers narrate and engage with visitors, discussing raptor ecology and conservation actions. Meet these majestic birds and learn what we can do to help them thrive in our natural world! The Raptors will be onsite for only 5 days, Wednesday August 25 – Sunday August 29, for daily flight demonstrations in a group setting, and up-close and personal encounters. The Raptors travel all the way from their home in Duncan BC to come to the Okanagan, so don't miss the chance to connect with them at the Allan Brooks Nature Centre.



For complete event information including times, ticket prices, and to purchase tickets, click the button below or contact Ticketseller at 250-549-7469. [ABNC members](#) receive a 10% discount – become a member today and we'll send you a promo code!



Special thanks to The Raptors Title Sponsor [Nixon Wenger LLP](#) and event sponsor [VantageOne Credit Union](#) for their support!

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GET TO KNOW OUR SPONSORS

Our community partners are making every effort to increase sustainability and lower our carbon footprint, include our longstanding supporters – [Kal Tire](#)

At Kal Tire, recycling is as important to our teams as it is to our customers. That's why we foster various meaningful tire recycling initiatives in the regions where we do business. Kal Tire stores actively participate in provincial tire recycling programs and act as scrap tire drop-off points. Customers can drop off up to



four off-rim tires so they can be recycled into products such as rubber mats and playground surfaces. Across Canada, Kal Tire locations collect an estimated 2 million scrap tires for recycling every year. If we stacked all those tires, the height would be 57 times higher than [Mount Everest!](#) - Ryan Paulson from Kal Tire's Vernon Office.



VOLUNTEER SPECIAL EVENT

ABNC volunteers are invited to take part in upcoming seminar "Co-existing with Wildlife" on Saturday, September 18 at 5:00 pm in the Grasslands Theatre. Deepen your understanding for nature by learning how to assist in wildlife rehabilitation! Join Eva Hartmann, BSc, RVT, Founder of Interior Wildlife Rehabilitation Society, a local rehabilitation facility in-the-making. Eva uses examples of other already licensed rehabilitation centres and laid-back humor to walk you through the basics of what modern wildlife rehabilitation is all about. You'll learn about the most common species admitted to wildlife rehabilitation centers in BC such as small mammals, waterfowl, turtles, bats and more! Come ready to ask questions, interact, and have fun! Register [HERE](#).



UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark your calendars for these exciting upcoming events!

- [Guided Trail Tours](#) every Thurs at 1pm & Sat at 11am
- [Nature Talks](#) | Saturdays @ 1pm
- [Waterwise & Firesmart Workshop](#) | Aug 19th
- [The Raptors](#) | Aug 25th - Aug 29th (various times)
- [Bee Smart Workshop](#) | Sep 11th
- [Mega Garage Sale](#) | Sep 17th - Sep 19th

Waterwise and Firesmart Workshop

Join us for a FREE presentation with RDNO Water Sustainability Coordinator Jennifer Miles for a very relevant discussion on reducing water use and keeping safe from fire. Participants will learn how to use the FireSmart zone method for choosing where to plant, you will also learn to select plants that are WaterWise and FireSmart, and she'll give maintenance tips to keep your yard looking good without using a lot of water. This summer is a good reminder to be pre-pared and make smart choices for everyone's health and safety!

Pre-registration is required for this FREE workshop.

► REGISTER HERE

MEMBERSHIP PERKS

ABNC memberships help support our organization but there are benefits for you too! Use your membership card and member promo codes for a discount on our events and programs, and at participating local businesses:

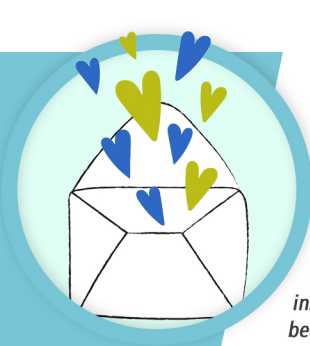
- 10% off special events (including [The Raptors](#))
- 10% discount in our Gift Shop
- 10% off [Monashee Outdoors](#) purchases, Armstrong
- 10% off purchases at [The Vibe](#), Vernon
- 10% off 1 time purchase at [FILL – Vernon's Refill Store](#)
- Members can sign up for [Guided Trail Tours](#) for free!

Family Membership also includes:

- 15% off Nature [Summer Camps](#)
- 15% off [Birthday Party](#) bookings



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Thoughtful Donation Letter

We recently received this lovely letter from a donor and thought it would be worth sharing the positive message:

"It's a pleasure to support such an effort to bring nature closer to the public eyes, for closer inspection and not a quick 'fly-by'. There are many beauties in nature that sets them apart from our day to day news stories. A happier layer living beside as we rarely see, so good work! Thanks to all who do the daily maintenance."

NATURE SHOP

Our [Nature Shop](#) carries Audubon plush toys, including a selection of plush birds featuring authentic bird sounds provided by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. The birds are soft, cuddly and educational. These are the perfect way to bring bird-watching into your home for kids and adults alike. Come select your favourite bird as a gift for someone special or to treat yourself, for only \$13.

