

**Bird Care  
Volunteers Needed**  
Call (815) 874-7576  
for details

*Focusing on native species, Atwood's Birds of Prey program delivers a powerful educational and environmental message for people of all ages.*



*Left: Barn owl  
Above: Bald eagle*

# BIRDS OF PREY PROGRAM - 2008/09

## ATWOOD ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER



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We welcome the opportunity to assist guests with disabilities to enjoy all Rockford Park District facilities, programs and services. For assistance and information on accessibility, contact Therapeutic Recreation Services at 987-1600 (voice or TTY).

### Public Viewing

The Atwood Environmental Center cares for six non-releasable Birds of Prey, including owls, hawks, a kestrel, and an eagle. The birds may be observed in large outdoor pens, just west of the Center. There is no charge to view the birds during park hours. Bring a camera!

### Group Presentations

Our bird handlers can bring a variety of raptors to your Rockford/Harlem school or group for any of three interesting one-hour programs:

- **Raptor Show and Tell:** This session is a fun overview of the Birds of Prey, highlighting the differences in the families of raptors (hawks, owls, and falcons). Other interesting facts are also presented, such as where they live, what they eat, and what we can do to help them. This show-and-tell session provides a unique opportunity to view these special creatures.
- **A Close-Up with Owls:** Harry Potter and his friends at Hogwarts are not the only ones crazy about owls! These mysterious silent flyers of the night have intrigued many throughout history. Here is a chance to go a little deeper into what makes this bird special, as our handler will demonstrate the differences of size, shape, coloration, and calls.
- **"Hawk, I'm Your Brother"** (Gr. K-3) — This experience consists of reading of this classic Byrd Bailor children's story, with a visit from a live Red-Tailed Hawk. In this story, a Native American boy describes his unique relationship with a hawk, and the importance of allowing wild animals to remain free.

**Presentation fees: \$3 per person (minimum of \$100 per outing)**