

Minnesota Avian Adventure Reservation Form 2015

Name: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____ Telephone: Home (_____) _____

Work (_____) _____ Cell (_____) _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Telephone Number (_____) _____

Rooms:

Yes, I know who I would like to share a room with. Their name is _____
There will be 2 queen beds.

I am traveling by myself but am interested in sharing a room. Please pair me up with someone of the same gender.

I am traveling by myself and would like a room to myself.

Please check which location you will start your trip from:

Lowe's parking lot in Ames
120 Airport Rd, Ames, IA 50010

Target parking lot in Des Moines
11148 Plum Dr, Urbandale, IA 50322

Optional Activities:

I would like to go to the aquarium in Duluth if time allows.

Do you have any disability or illness that might restrict your full involvement in any aspect of the trip, or of which we should be aware for your safety (e.g., walking difficulties, diabetes, asthma)?

No Yes (*please provide full details on a separate sheet*)

If you have other special requirements (e.g., dietary restrictions), please advise us and we will do our best to accommodate you: _____

IMPORTANT:

Reservations require a deposit of \$200/person. Full payment is required by January 9, 2014. Payment may be made by cash or check. To cancel your reservation, you MUST call Matt at the Carroll County Conservation Board at 712-792-4614 ext 3. The Refund policy is as follows:

- If you cancel before 4:30 p.m. on December 31, you will receive a full refund.
- **IF YOU CANCEL AFTER 4:30 P.M. DECEMBER 31 OR ANYTIME THEREAFTER, OR IF YOU ARE NOT PRESENT AT DEPARTURE TIME ON THE DEPARTURE DATE (JANUARY 16), YOU WILL RECEIVE NO REFUND.**

By signing this form, you are acknowledging that you have read and understand this material.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

*Please mail this reservation form and \$200 deposit payable to Carroll County Conservation Foundation. If you wish, you may send the full fee of \$480 for singles or \$322.50 for singles wishing to be paired up, or \$645 for couples, to: **Carroll County Conservation Foundation**, 22676 Swan Lake Drive Carroll, IA 51401. Phone: 712-792-4614 ext. 3. Email: matt@carrollcountyia.org*

Tentative Itinerary

Day 1: The trip begins for some at 7:00 am at Target parking lot in Des Moines (11148 Plum Dr, Urbandale, IA 50322). We will pick up the rest of our group at 8:00 am at the Lowe's parking lot in Ames (120 Airport Rd, Ames, IA 50010). This is mainly a travel day. We will stop for lunch in Vandais Heights, MN. We will arrive at the world famous Sax Zim Bog in the late afternoon, where we will go owling. We will check into the Pineview Inn in Virginia and dinner will be on your own.

Day 2: 6:00 am we load the bus. With local guide and expert Erik Bruhnke on board, we'll be spending time at the Sax-Zim Bog in search of the amazing Great Gray Owl as well as other incredible raptors such as Northern Hawk Owl, Snowy Owl, Boreal Owl, Northern Goshawk, Rough-legged Hawk and more!

The "Bog" should additionally serve up dandies such as Pine Grosbeak, Evening Grosbeak, White-winged and Red Crossbills, Gray Jay, Common and maybe Hoary Redpolls, American Three-toed and Black-backed Woodpeckers, Boreal Chickadees, Roughed and Sharp-tailed Grouse, Black-billed Magpie, and Northern Shrike, to name a few. Amazing mammalian life of the North Woods that we could see includes critters like Porcupine, Moose, Gray Wolf, Lynx, Pine Martin, Fisher, Mink, and Snowshoe Hare.

We will lunch at a quaint café at the bog, check out the new visitor's center and snowshoe a bit. We will be staying in Virginia again tonight. Dinner on your own.

Day 3: 8:00 am we load the bus. Today we will be enjoying the charming lakefront town of Two Harbors for some scenic birding. It can be a wonderful place to see Bohemian Waxwings and both crossbills. We'll hit up Split Rock Lighthouse and Gooseberry Falls State Park to see the frozen falls, nature center and who knows what birds on Lake Superior. Possible sightings include Harlequin Duck, 3 species of loons, Long-tailed Duck, 3 species of scoter and numerous species of gulls. With birds and the lake, the sky is the limit! We will have lunch at the Vanilla Bean Cafe in Two Harbors.

Finally we'll be spending the afternoon in Duluth's beautiful Canal Park to soak up some culture and birds. There will be an option to do some birding around Duluth or visit the Great Lakes Aquarium for an afternoon. We will check into the Inn on Lake Superior and dinner and exploring will be on your own.

Day 4: 9:00 am we load the bus and head for home, but not before a fun stop! We will check out the Audubon Center of the North Woods to get lunch, a tour, bird and explore. Then it's time to head for home.