

## How to Schedule "Close Encounters With Birds of Prey"

Education programs are offered during the day or evening, weekdays and weekends, and usually last about an hour, but can be tailored to fit your needs. If you are interested in obtaining pricing information, setting a date for a program, or need more information, please contact the center at (570)296-6025.

AND

Don't forget to visit our website at [www.dvrconline.org](http://www.dvrconline.org) for:

- ◆ Our teachers' page
- ◆ Kids' page
- ◆ Video clips of programs
- ◆ Natural history articles
- ◆ And much, much more . . .



**The Delaware Valley Raptor Center** is a private, 501(c)(3) not-for-profit, tax exempt corporation dedicated to the conservation of birds of prey. Our goal is to provide humane professional care for orphaned, ill, and injured raptors so they can ultimately be returned to the wild, healthy and no longer dependent upon humans for their survival. We hope to foster a greater appreciation and respect for all wildlife through public education programs, the publication of the *DVRC Journal*, and the maintaining of our internet website [www.dvrconline.org](http://www.dvrconline.org).



*In the end, we will conserve  
Only what we love.  
We will love only what  
We understand.  
We will understand only  
What we are taught.*

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**Education Programs  
Presented By  
The Delaware Valley  
Raptor Center**





## About DVRC

The Delaware Valley Raptor Center, a wildlife rehabilitation and education facility, has been promoting the conservation of raptors (hawks, falcons, owls, eagles, and vultures) since its inception in 1987. DVRC birds have captivated audiences of all sizes and ages at thousands of presentations. With over 25 years of experience, educators have enthralled and entertained groups at a variety of venues including schools, libraries, festivals, scout meetings, elderhostels, camps, and conservation organization events.



## “Close Encounters With Birds Of Prey” Education Programs

Using 5 to 6 live raptors, DVRC offers educators and group leaders the opportunity to introduce their students and participants to the fascinating world of raptors. The audience will experience the majesty of hawks, falcons, owls, and eagles up close, while gaining an understanding of a variety of ecological concepts. This experience instills into each individual a greater respect and appreciation for these magnificent birds and fosters a more responsible attitude towards all wildlife.

## The Birds

Most of the birds treated at the center are returned to the wild. However, due to their injuries, some birds must remain in captivity. These birds become an important element in DVRC education programs, offering both young and old a joyful, magical experience that one is unlikely to forget.

### Some of the birds that may be seen in our educational programs:



Top Row: Saw-whet owl, American kestrel, Great-horned owl, Golden eagle  
Bottom Row: Barred owl, Bald eagle, Peregrine falcon, Red-tailed hawk

### Some of the concepts they help to teach:

- predator/prey relationships
- behavior
- raptor conservation
- the “evil” predator myth
- survival adaptations
- the hawk migration phenomenon
- the ancient art of falconry
- raptor identification
- rehabilitation
- endangered species

## The Education Staff

DVRC Director Bill Streeter has over 30 years of experience as a raptor rehabilitator, falconer, and educator. He has a BA in Biology and MS in Zoology, and has completed Tuft’s University Veterinary School’s Leadership Program in Wildlife Medicine and Rehabilitation.

DVRC Associate Director Jan Lucciola, following her completion of her BS in Biology, spent 2 1/2 years as an instructor and program director for the Pocono Environmental Education Center. After completing a 2 year internship at DVRC, Jan joined the rehabilitation/education staff in 1990.