



News Release



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SPRING WINGS FESTIVAL PREPARES TO FLY

Fallon... Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge and the Friends of Stillwater NWR will be hosting the 14th annual Spring Wings Birding and Outdoor Festival on May 13, 14, 15, at the Oats Park Complex, located in Fallon, Nevada.

'Raptor Rapture!' opens the Festival weekend Friday night, May 13, at the Barkley Theatre.

HawkWatch International explores the amazing world of eagles, falcons, hawks and owls from many perspectives, through stunning visuals, original music and live birds of prey. Doors open at 5:30, with the show beginning at 6:30pm. Tickets are available for adults and youth at www.springwings.org, with limited seating for this one-of-a-kind family show.

Expertly guided tours are offered throughout the weekend at Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge, Carson Lake & Pasture, Pyramid Lake, and several other 'hot spots' within the Lahontan Valley Wetlands. Tour tickets can be purchased online at: www.springwings.org. Festival brochures and registration forms are also available at the Refuge office, 1000 Auction Road in Fallon, or you can call 775/423-5128 to have one mailed.

Friday afternoon featured tours are **Birding Hot Spots**, **Carson Lake/Pasture**, **Tule Trail Trek** (the new trail at Stillwater refuge), and **Heavy Metal Birds** – a behind the scenes visit to NAS-Fallon 'Top Gun' flight line and control tower.

There will be a **Free Festival Fun Day** on Saturday, May 14 in Oats Park, from 10am to 5pm. Free talks on Falconry, Cabela's Optics, local Audubon programs, and Birds of Prey are scheduled throughout the day along with many interactive, fun and educational displays and workshops. Children's craft activities include making bird nests, feeders and sculptures. Food, craft and other vendors will have items for sale, and the **Spring Wings Store** will have Festival shirts, mugs, art, jewelry and more. Raffles include a refuge airboat tour, a Pyramid Lake tour, a Tahoe kayak tour, and a Basic Birder kit of binoculars, bird book, backpack, bird feeder.

