



## Current Education Offerings

Hawk Ridge Bird Observatory

All programs take place at the new outdoor lecture area at Hawk Ridge and include a demonstration with a live bird (usually a raptor), if available. Programs are adapted by trained educators for each specific grade level according to students' development and abilities.

### Preschool – Kindergarten

Raptors!

30 minutes

Raptors are birds of prey...they catch and eat other animals! They do this with their tools: excellent eyesight, sharp talons, and curved beak.

### Grades 1 – 2

Birds of Prey

45 minutes

There are many kinds of birds of prey. Birds of prey are also known as raptors. Raptors catch and eat other animals! They do this with their tools: excellent eyesight, sharp talons, and curved beak. The different kinds of raptors use their tools in different ways.

### Grades 3 – 5

Raptors: Tools of the Trade

45 minutes

What is Hawk Ridge known for? Raptors! Raptors are birds of prey...they catch and eat other animals. They do this with their tools: excellent eyesight, sharp talons, and curved beak. Different raptors also have adaptations for their particular lifestyles, and these differences also make them easier to identify in flight.

Raptors on the Move

45 minutes

Over 1,000 raptors per day fly past Hawk Ridge each fall, a major concentration point for migrating raptors. It is a concentration point for many reasons, one of which is Lake Superior. Raptors are birds of prey...they catch and eat other animals, and food availability is the major reason why raptors need to migrate. There are many "roads" birds follow on their journey, which can last for weeks and take them thousands of miles.

### Grades 6 – 8

Raptor Banding

45 minutes

Over 1,000 raptors per day fly past Hawk Ridge each fall. Raptors are birds of prey, which means they catch and kill their prey, and they do this with their tools: excellent eyesight, sharp talons, and curved beak. Because Hawk Ridge is a concentration point for migrating raptors, it provides opportunities for research. One of the research programs at Hawk Ridge is the raptor banding program. The trapping and banding process, while certainly "cool", also has an important purpose.

### Grade 9 – Adult

Hawk Ridge Primer

45 minutes

Hawk Ridge has a fascinating history, from gunner's lair to birdwatcher's paradise. Over 1,000 raptors per day fly past Hawk Ridge each fall for many reasons, one of which is Lake Superior. These migrating raptors take advantage of the geology of the North Shore to migrate more efficiently. As the birds migrate past Hawk Ridge, they provide an opportunity for bird research, education, and recreation.