Calling all friends of the National Eagle Center! Now is the time to let the legislature know how important the National Eagle Center is to you and all of Minnesota.

Please meet us in St. Paul on Wednesday, March 7th for National Eagle Center Day at the Capitol. Your voice is needed to show support for the National Eagle Center’s eagles, the importance of environmental education, and the valuable contribution the National Eagle Center makes to Minnesota’s economy.

Join with other National Eagle Center advocates from around the state, including over 100 Wabasha school children and community members for a rally in the State Capitol Rotunda at 2:00pm. Legislators, National Eagle Center leadership, veterans and Prairie Island Indian Community representatives will be there. You can have your photo taken with a live eagle ambassador from 1:30pm to 3:30pm.

Your National Eagle Center Day at the Capitol is an opportunity to thank our legislative champions and let Minnesota’s legislative leaders know how many Minnesotans care about our mission to inspire the world with eagles and how important the National Eagle Center is to Minnesota.

The 2018 state legislature is considering a $9.5 million bonding request sponsored by the City of Wabasha that includes the expansion of the National Eagle Center. Governor Mark Dayton supports fully funding the request, and legislators will determine their funding priorities during the upcoming legislative session, beginning February 20th.

With state investment and private donations, National Eagle Center will increase educational programming, acquire more live eagle ambassadors, develop Wabasha’s Mississippi Riverfront as public open space, and

Your National Eagle Center Day at the State Capitol is March 7!
Influencing the success of our expansion bonding request.

Are you unable to share the festivities on March 7th? You can still help us inspire more people with eagles! Take a moment to contact your legislator and let them know what the National Eagle Center means to you and ask for their support. It’s easy to find contact information for your representative by visiting the State of Minnesota at www.gis.leg.mn/Maps/districts.

Because of you, the National Eagle Center is a top Minnesota attraction, inspiring over 83,000 visitors from 50 states and 115 countries each year. With you, the National Eagle Center will become the most comprehensive, national destination for everything eagle.

Please make sure your voice is heard in the halls of the Minnesota State Capitol by joining us Wednesday, March 7th or contacting your legislator today!

New Eagle’s Name Set to SOAR

Thanks to your support, a new bald eagle is set to join Angel, Columbia, Wac’aka and Donald on the National Eagle Center ambassador team. Your sustained investment made this exciting addition possible!

For nearly two years our Avian Care staff has been working to introduce this newest male eagle to visitors at the National Eagle Center.

He was found as a fledgling in the summer of 2016 on the shore of the Mississippi River near Winona, MN. A local tour boat company noticed him on the ground near an eagle’s nest. With help from the US Fish and Wildlife Service, this young eagle was brought to the National Eagle Center, where a volunteer transferred him to The Raptor Center at the University of Minnesota for veterinary evaluation.

They determined he had a malformed left eye making it impossible for him to survive on his own. He arrived at the National Eagle Center on September 22, 2016. Since then he has been an eagle in training.

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Finally, I really enjoy the special programs throughout the year. Since we visit often, the special programs really stand out. We love the SOAR with the Eagles programs, the rotating art in the Watershed Gallery and my wife and I enjoy spending an evening with the eagles at the Taste of Wabasha. It’s all awesome!

Why is the National Eagle Center important to you? Living in Wabasha, it’s a world class experience right out my backdoor. The National Eagle Center brings a lot of people to the community, but it’s also a great resource for my family and I to enjoy. No matter how many times we visit, we always have a fabulous time!

What value do you see as being a member? I feel good supporting an organization that is a leading force of growth in a small community in the SE Minnesota region. The price of membership is comparable to one visit for my family so not only do we love to support the eagles, but it makes sense for my family.

How would you describe the National Eagle Center in three words? 1. Fun 2. Engaging 3. Entertaining

Which bird is your favorite? My favorite bird is the one with feathers. I love them all!