

(e)agle Newsletter

NEI TEC Talk

Natural Encounters, Inc. introduced their Training and Education Center (NEI TEC) in 2019 with the intent of holding in-person training workshops for animal trainers around the world. With COVID-19, NEI TEC moved online to present themed weeks of training techniques featuring industry experts. On November 3rd, ABEF Raptor Program Manager Sidney Campbell will be presenting during “Rehab Raptor Week: Considerations for Program Success”.



Campbell, along with Jason Beale of Shaver’s Creek Environmental Center, presented a workshop on practical approaches to creating cultural shifts in raptor programs at the 2020 International Association of Avian Trainers and Educators (IAATE) conference in February. Their NEI TEC presentation will include key concepts from their workshop and share practical strategies to create lasting, positive change. Both Campbell and Beale will also take part in a Q&A panel at the end of the week to answer individual questions from viewers. If you’re interested in learning more about the TEC Talk or want to register to watch, [click this link](#).

Chronolog Project Complete

Over the past few months, the ABEF and Takshanuk Watershed Council have been working to place two Chronolog photo stations in Haines. Chronolog is an international citizen science project that creates a photo time lapse of a specific location to track environmental changes. The two stations, located at Jones Point along the Chilkat

River, are the first in the state of Alaska. Travelers and locals can be a part in chronicling this rich ecosystem as it changes over time.

The mission of Chronolog is to engage people with nature in an interactive, new way and keep a record of phenological change for scientific use. The Chilkat River changes rapidly, rising and falling each day with the tides, depositing sand bars in new locations each time. The pictures will not only capture this change but also include the beauty of the valley and its evolution for years to come. [Click Here](#) see the two Chronolog locations!



2020 Alaska Bald Eagle Festival Update

Due to the ongoing global health crisis and the continued spread of COVID-19 the American Bald Eagle Foundation has made the decision to cancel the 2020 Alaska Bald Eagle Festival. While we regret having to make this choice, the health and safety of the town of Haines, residents of Alaska, and those traveling to attend the festival is paramount. We urge everyone to stay home and stay safe by following CDC recommendations. Thank you for your continued support and patience, we look forward to seeing you in 2021. Keep an eye on our website and social media platforms for updates as the eagles begin to gather in Haines.



If you planned to attend the Festival this year, please consider donating the money you would be spending on registration, flights, or hotels to the ABEF. Your support will help us stay open for future Festivals and continue protecting the bald eagle through education and stewardship. You can also click this link to our [Support Us](#) page to explore other options. Thank you for your continued dedication to our facility, and we hope to welcome you through our doors when it is safe to do so.

Species Spotlight: Woolly Mammoth

The woolly mammoth is the state fossil of Alaska. The mammoth could be up to 12 feet tall, was estimated to weigh around 6 tons, and was covered in long hairs for warmth. Believed to be most closely related to the Steppe elephant of Eastern Asia, this elephant species roamed North America during the most recent Ice Age.



Many fossils of this species have been discovered in Alaska. The last Ice Age

created a land bridge connecting Asia and North America, allowing travel for them into what is now Alaska and the Yukon Territory of Canada. Going extinct on the mainland around 10,000 years ago, a small population of woolly mammoths were able to survive on St. Paul Island, Alaska until approximately 5,600 years ago when their supply of fresh water most likely ran out due to the changing climate.

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