

The Staff of the Draper Natural History Museum, at the Buffalo Bill Center of the West, would like to personally extend to you a VIP invitation for a

ONE-DAY-ONLY PRESS PREVIEW

JUNE 7, 2018

introducing our new *Monarch of the Skies: The Golden Eagle in Greater Yellowstone and the American West* exhibition.



This invitation allows you to experience the exhibition before our public opening on June 10th and provides you with exclusive access to our scientists, scholars, and curatorial staff behind the scenes who created the content for the exhibition. This exciting new addition to the Center's Draper Natural History Museum represents a collaboration of research teams from around the western United States, including Wyoming, Montana, Utah, Idaho, Washington, and Alaska. This unique installation represents a rich blend of disciplines. It integrates Ecology and Wildlife Conservation, Archaeology, and Native American perspectives to weave a story that spans thousands of years on the American landscape using our most powerful, and arguably most charismatic aerial predator, the golden eagle, as the vehicle. You will hear first hand the Native voice speak to the importance of this magnificent bird to Native Peoples' history, culture and continued way of life. You will also learn of the host of challenges that threaten the health and continued survival of this majestic creature and its habitats in the rapidly changing American West. But you will also discover some of the opportunities to eliminate, reduce, or mitigate many of these challenges. The key message of Monarch of the Skies is that sound wildlife and archaeological site conservation have come and will continue to flourish from sound science and the investment of multiple stakeholders over several time periods and from all walks of life. Also, science and exploration are exciting! We hope that you will be able to attend this special event and help bring the adventure of Monarch of the Skies to your audiences with insights you glean from this exclusive preview.



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

12:00 – 1:15 PM Brian Woodbridge presentation Coe Auditorium

1:15 – 2:00 PM Draper Gallery walkthrough with curatorial staff

2:00 – 5:00 PM Press entry into Monarch exhibit:

- Introduction to *Monarch of the Skies*
- Interviews and access with scientists, scholars, and staff
- Behind the scenes tours through exhibit with commentary
- Exhibit photo opportunities
- Access to explore all 5 Center museums:
 - Draper Natural History Museum
 - Buffalo Bill Museum
 - Plains Indian Museum
 - Whitney Western Art Museum
 - Limited access to the Cody Firearms Museum

EXHIBITION TOURS

Charles R. Preston, PhD — Curator DNHM and Monarch co-curator

Brian Woodbridge — US Fish and Wildlife, Monarch contributor

Bonnie Lawrence-Smith — Curatorial Assistant DNHM and Monarch co-curator

Rebecca West — Curator Plains Indian Museum and Monarch co-curator

Corey Anco — Assistant Curator DNHM

Melissa Hill — Assistant Curator DMNH Raptor Experience

Nathan Horton — Research Assistant DNHM

INFO <https://centerofthewest.org/explore/greater-yellowstone-natural-history/exhibits/monarch-of-the-skies/>

VIDEO <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T77etdlzdOk&feature=youtu.be>