

SASKATCHEWAN FALCONRY ASSOCIATION

60TH ANNIVERSARY FIELD MEET

October 1st - October 6th 2018

SWIFT CURRENT, SASKATCHEWAN

CANADA



This is the first NAFA sponsored field meet in Canada.

Field Meet Headquarters:

Days Inn

905 North Service Road E.
Swift Current, Saskatchewan

306-773-4643

Quarry: Ducks, Huns, Sharptail and small birds.

*(*There will be limited ground quarry.)*

Contact:

Meet Coordinator Paddy Thompson wjpfalcons@sasktel.net 306-227-0907	Registration Gail Bryne gjbryne@sasktel.net 306-251-0330	Raffle Rick Bryne rbryne@sasktel.net 403-620-4227
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REGISTRATION

- (Questions call Gail Bryne: 306-251-0330)
Online: <https://www.n-a-f-a.com>
By post, mail to: SFA, Box 215 Dundurn, SK S0K 1K0 Meet
package tickets include:
Wednesday and Thursday evening meals - Friday banquet – Workshops - Guest
Speaker - Meet pin and poster

AGENDA

Monday and Tuesday October 1st and 2nd

Welcome arrivals and registration -11:00 AM to 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM to 8: PM
Evening open

Wednesday October 3rd

1:00 PM to 3:00 PM Workshop
Lynn Oliphant, "The Four Week Window"
8:00 PM Evening Meal
Mark Adam, Video interview with Frank Beebe

Thursday October 4th

1:00 PM to 3:00 PM Workshop
Dale Guthormsen, "The eyass and the Imprint"
8:00 PM Evening Meal
Guest Speaker, Ed Pitcher

Friday October 5th

1:00 PM to 3:00 PM Workshop
Shawn Corman, "Merlins"
8:00 PM Banquet
Tribute to Richard Fyfe by Phil Trefrey
60th Anniversary Video
Raffle

Saturday October 6th

No planned events at this time

ACCOMMODATIONS

(*Ask for Falconry Association rates)

Headquarters

Days Inn

905 North Service Rd. E.
Swift Current, SK Phone:
306-773-4643

Weathering Yard:

Location to be determined
***Will not be fenced and not
attended**

Pet Friendly Motels:

Caravel Motel

306-773-8385

Thrift Lodge

306-773-3101 **Widus**

Inn

306-816-1234

Motel 6

306-778-6060

Best Western

306-773-4660

Campgrounds:

Trail

306-773-8088

Ponderosa

306-773-5000

Kinetic Park

306-773-2944

HUNTING LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

- Saskatchewan Wildlife Habitat Certificate & Saskatchewan Game Bird License are available online at <https://saskatchewanlicences.active.com/licensing.page>

OR at Canadian Tire

NOTE: You will be required to register and create an account

- Migratory Game Bird Permit (Duck Stamp): for 2018/2019 online or Post Office

FALCONRY LICENSE & PERMITS CANADA

Falconers must get the required import/export licenses from their province of origin if required

Out of Province Falconers must: Submit an application for a Non-Resident Falconry Licence to the Director. The form is available online

at <http://www.environment.gov.sk.ca/adx/asp/adxGetMedia.aspx?DocID=998513c7-feff4c41-a3f8-81e2f8cfdaa3>

A Non-Resident Falconry Licence will serve as:

- Captive wildlife licence for falconry purposes
- Import/export licence

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Email or mail your completed applications to:

Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment
Wildlife Management Section
Main Floor 102 – 112 Research Drive
Saskatoon, SK S7K 2H6
Attention: Lois Koback

Email: lois.kobak@gov.sk.ca

Permits: 306-933-5766

BRINGING FALCONRY BIRDS TO THE CANADIAN MEET FROM USA

Special arrangements have been made with the USFWS to make it as easy and inexpensive as possible for American falconers to bring their birds and join us for this unique event. The information below will detail exactly what paperwork and permits you need. None of the forms are complex, but you should read the information carefully to ensure there are no errors. **Also please contact Martin Geleynse** nafavicepresident@na-f-a.com or mpgeleynse@icloud.com if you are thinking about coming.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

1. Get a CITES pet passport from the USFWS for you bird(s): See “U.S. Falconry Birds” at <https://www.fws.gov/forms/3-200-64.pdf>. (Cost \$75)
2. Get a USDA-endorsed “poultry” health certificate: https://www.aphis.usda.gov/library/forms/pdf/VS17_6.pdf (Cost varies)
3. Make sure Martin Geleynse knows your plans: nafavicepresident@n-a-f-a.com
4. Arrive at Sweetgrass MT and have your birds inspected at the border. USFWS costs covered by NAFA under special arrangement. CFIA inspection \$30 CDN (\$25 US)

BEFORE YOU LEAVE:

If you are thinking about coming there are 3 things you need to do:

1. Contact Martin Geleynse at nafavicepresident@n-a-f-a.com or mpgeleynse@icloud.com so that he knows you are coming and can coordinate with the various border agencies.

2. Apply for a CITES “Pet Passport”
3. Obtain a USDA-endorsed Health Certificate (Form VS 17-6)

CITES “PET PASSPORT”

A “Pet Passport” is a CITES permit that allows for temporary non-commercial export and reimport of personally-owned CITES-listed species. It is good for 3 years and allows multiple crossings. The permit is issued by the US FWS. With this permit an import permit from Canada is NOT required. Details and a downloadable application form are available at <https://www.fws.gov/forms/3-200-64.pdf>.

HEALTH CERTIFICATE

You must have your bird inspected by a USDA-certified vet. The inspection form, VS 17-6 is the same form used for poultry exports. Important: your vet will need to get the form endorsed by the USDA. This is done online through the USDA web site.

The inspection certificate is valid for 30 days and is required to get your bird into Canada and back into the United States. The form can be downloaded from

https://www.aphis.usda.gov/library/forms/pdf/VS17_6.pdf

AT THE BORDER - US:

NAFA has made a special arrangement with the US FWS to treat all export/imports for the meet as a single crossing. NAFA will pay the inspection fee and “designated port exception” permit fee for all members crossing at Sweetgrass, MT on October 1, 2018 and returning on

October 8 or October 14 (TBD). Individual falconers will not have to pay the \$435 inspection fee normally charged by the USFWS.

Before you cross in to Canada you will (in order)

1. Stop at the US FWS office just before the border in Sweetgrass, MT to have your bird(s) and CITES permit inspected. Assuming I have been informed that you are coming, an appointment will be set up for you. This inspection will take about 15 minutes.
2. Proceed to the CFIA (Canada Food Inspection Agency) veterinarian’s office which is also on the U.S. side of the border, to have your health certificate and bird(s) inspected by the Canadian vet. This inspection will take about 15 minutes. As with the USFWS, an appointment should be set up in advance.

You will then proceed to the Canadian port of entry.

AT THE BORDER - CANADA:

At the Canadian port of entry you will go through the normal customs/immigration inspection and will be asked if you have anything to declare. You will say “yes”

1. Declare your birds traveling with you under a CITES pet passport.

2. Declare any firearms you have. NOTE: importing firearms normally used for hunting shotguns in this case) is relatively straight forward. On the other hand, possession of handguns is severely restricted in Canada. Details for importing firearms can be found at <http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/cfp-pcaf/fs-fd/visit-visite-eng.htm>
3. The officer will ask you to pull up to the building where your CITES permit will be stamped and bird(s) may be inspected. This should take no more than 15 minutes.

Proceed to the meet location at Swift Current SK, about 4 hours away

AT THE BORDER - RETURN TO THE US:

We have not yet finalized the date of return. This will depend on the wishes of those making the trip. Currently we expect that either October 6, 8 or 12 will be the most desirable dates for return. In any case, upon your return to the US, declare your birds at the gate on the U.S. side.

1. Proceed to the USFWS to have your CITES permit and bird inspected. There is no fee for this as you are returning from a temporary export
2. Proceed to the USDA to have your health certificate inspected