

The Sullys Hill Birding & Nature Festival offers enjoyable educational programs, presentations, workshops, and outdoor recreation opportunities. Come join us for great fun for the entire family!

## Schedule of Events

\*All events held at Sullys Hill unless otherwise noted.

**The Auto Tour Route will be open and free throughout the Festival.**

Concessions will be available Friday and Saturday of the Festival. Stop by the visitor center for souvenirs and information.



### Thursday, June 12

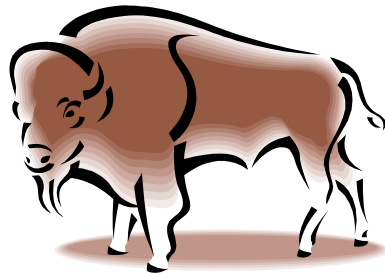
Festival “early birds” are invited to leisurely explore the unique and diverse nature of Sullys Hill and the surrounding area on their own. The following activities are suggested. For further information, inquire at the Sullys Hill Visitor Center or the Devils Lake Area Chamber of Commerce.

-Drive Sullys Hill Auto Tour Route (**8am to Sunset**) and stop at the Visitor Center (**10am to 5pm**)

-Enjoy a scenic drive through the highways and byways of the Fort Totten area

-Tour the nearby Fort Totten State Historic Site (**8am-5pm**, fee required)

- History buffs may check out the Lake Region Heritage Center/Old Historic Post Office in downtown Devils Lake – (**10am-5pm**, fee required)



### Friday, June 13

**6:30am-9:00 am Sullys Hill Early Morning Birdwalk** Dr. Eldon Greij and Dr. Dave Lambeth will lead a guided walk through the woods at Sullys Hill NGP. Get a chance to see Hooded Mergansers, American Redstarts, Clay-Colored Sparrows, and more on this 1.5 to 2.5 mile walk.

**9:30am-10:30am Warblers of the North Dakota Prairies** Dr. Dave Lambeth, Professor of Biochemistry and Founder of the Grand Cities Bird Club, will provide an introduction to the various types of warblers in the region. Warblers are certainly among the most colorful birds seen in North Dakota! This illustrated talk will explore their lifestyles with tips on when, where, and how to observe the more than 30 species that are on the state checklist.

**11:00am -12:00n Wildflower Identification Walk** Wildlife Biologist Cami Dixon will provide a chance to touch, smell, and see the beauty of the prairie. You will have an excellent opportunity to learn about and identify the native wildflowers and grasses of the Northern Great Plains. This is a moderately strenuous walk over sometimes rough terrain. Sign up early as registration is limited. **(Limit 20 participants)**

**12:00n-1:00pm Lunch Break** Concessions available. Nominal fee. All proceeds go to the Devils Lake After School Childcare Program.

**1:00pm-2:00pm Becoming a Better Birdwatcher** This program, presented by Dr. Eldon Greij, the founder of *Birder's World* magazine, includes a variety of topics that will enhance your birdwatching skills and enjoyment of birds. The program includes a brief discussion on binoculars, field guides and other equipment. Tips on identifying birds will include examples of field marks, identification by silhouette, behavior and habitat, as well as the importance of songs and calls. Finally, a discussion of how to connect with others and the value of guided trips and tours.

**2:30pm-3:30pm Specialties of North Dakota** Join Dr. Dave Lambeth as he presents this fascinating look at something a little different. The term “specialties” is used to describe species of birds that are rare or uncommon and usually seen only through making a special effort. This presentation will focus on several specialties of North Dakota with an emphasis on those found in the Devils Lake region.

**4:00pm- 5:00pm Wisdom from Nature** Noted world-citizen Kevin Locke will share intriguing stories and lessons to be found in the exploration of the natural world. More about Kevin below.

**5:00pm- 6:30pm Supper at Sullys** Concessions available. Nominal fee. All proceeds go to the Devils Lake after School Childcare Program.

**7:00 - 8:30pm Sullys Hill Amphitheater Program- Kevin Locke “The Hoop of Life”** Inspiring “edutainment” by a famous American Indian performer, educator, & cultural ambassador featuring virtuoso traditional flute, song, historical & cultural narratives, native sign language, audience participation, humor, & his world-renowned hoop dance symbolizing his powerful message of “Unity through Diversity.” A member of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Fort Yates, ND, his Lakota name is Tokeya Inajin, “The First To Arise.” His high school days were at the Institute of American Indian Arts in NM. He earned a BS in Elementary Ed at UND, and a MS in education admin. at USD. His programs in over 75 countries have captivated children & adults alike. Locke’s programs at this festival are funded in part by the **ND Humanities Council**. If weather warrants, an alternative site will be announced.

**8:30-9:30pm Sullys Hill Evening Hayride Tour** Hop on board for an evening open-air hayride tour and catch a glimpse of some of the spectacular wildlife of Sullys Hill. Pre-registration required. Tour departs from the amphitheater.



### Saturday, June 14

**6:00am-10:30am Lake Alice NWR Birding Tour** Join Wildlife Biologist Mark Fisher on a tour of Lake Alice National Wildlife Refuge. Although most of the roads on the Refuge are flooded, the opportunity to view waterfowl and shorebirds is incredible. This is an off-trail walking tour. Bring lots of water and a good pair of hiking boots. Transportation provided from Devils Lake Wal-Mart parking lot. Pre-registration suggested.

**9:30am-10:30am Treasures of the Prairies** Delve into the concept of prairie as Cami Dixon presents an interactive discussion on the vibrancy of life that exists across North Dakota’s magnificent grasslands. Prepare to see the prairie come alive with photos, live plants, and even a bit of poetry.

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**12:00n-5:00pm Sullys Hill Hayride Tours** Hop on board for an afternoon open-air hayride tour and catch a glimpse of some of the spectacular wildlife. Engage in your surroundings as your guide explains the history, geology, habitats, and wildlife of this unique refuge. Each tour lasts about 1 hour.

**12:00n-5:00pm Kids Activity Booths** Navigate a maze of nature based activity booths, hands-on fun for children and adults while learning about wildlife and habitat. Activities include tree

climbing, leaf art, track casting, bird feeders and more!



**1:00pm-2:00pm Live Eagle Presentation**

Meet Ithaca the golden eagle up-close and personal, learn his fascinating life story, in his 35 years, he has traveled the nation teaching thousands about eagles and other birds of prey. This program is presented by Kathy Diekman and Tom Schmaltz of Chahinkapa Zoo.

**2:30pm-3:30pm The Expected Effects of Global Warming on Birds**

Dr Eldon Greij Will examine how climate change has affected bird behavior such as migration timing and disruption of nesting schedules. Also considered will be the effects of future climate change such as reduced precipitation in the Prairie Pothole Region.

**4:00pm-5:00pm The Wonders of Waterfowl**

Dr. Greij joins us again to present this fascinating look at waterfowl. Ducks, geese, and swans are large, often beautiful, and can usually be found in predictable areas. This illustrated program will look at the fascinating characteristics and biology of waterfowl. Because waterfowl can be identified by wings alone, he'll conclude with a collection of wings which participants can examine.

**5:00pm-6:30pm Supper at Sullys**

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**5:00pm-7:00pm Explore the Refuge on your own**

Take time to hike the nature trails or hone your bird watching skills.

**7:00pm-8:30pm Sullys Hill Amphitheater Program- Fauske Fiddlers & Friends**

Talented high-energy fiddlers Tyrell & Austin Fauske from North Dakota's Turtle Mountains began classical violin lessons at Brandon University at age five. Eventually they turned back

to their fiddling roots because it was more fun, fast, and furious. For more than 10 years, they traveled extensively across Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and North Dakota performing with the internationally known Fantasy Fiddlers and also as a duo. Now they are students at colleges miles apart but are still managing to perform as a duo. They love delighting and surprising their audiences especially when up to a dozen "fiddlin' friends" show up to join the rousing, fast-paced performance. Their special Sullys Hill program will feature an unusual and entertaining mix of old folk tunes, traditional and newer fiddle tunes, gospel, bluegrass, and country.

Don't miss these charming young entertainers! Their delightful free public program is funded in part by the **North Dakota Council on the Arts**. (An alternate site will be announced if weather warrants.)

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Join Mike Jacobs life-long birder for a relaxing bird walk around Sweet water Lake and the nature trails. The 1.5 to 2.5 mile walk will begin after the amphitheater program.



**Sunday, June 15**



**6:00am-10:00am Last Chance Early Morning Prairie & Wetland Bird Walk**

Join Wildlife Biologist Mark Fisher for an early morning bird walk looking for wetland and prairie birds on Lone Tree Waterfowl Production Area. Pre-registration suggested. Transportation provided from Sullys Hill Visitor Center.

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For more information and to pre-register for tours, please contact:

Sullys Hill Wildlife Refuge Society  
PO Box 286 Fort Totten, ND 58335  
Telephone: (701) 766-4272  
sullyshill@fws.gov  
[www.sullyshillbirdfest.com](http://www.sullyshillbirdfest.com)

No registration or entrance fees are charged, but tax-deductible contributions are needed to help support and improve the birding festival.

Schedule subject to change due to inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances.



**Free Public Festival**

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**Fort Totten/Devils Lake, ND**

Sponsored by the Sullys Hill Wildlife Refuge Society & Community Partners



Join us for a celebration of birding, wildlife and nature in the Northern Great Plains!

