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See what the AEF has been up to this year!

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If you've been following the American Eagle Foundation on Social Media – or if you've seen any of the international media coverage about the exciting addition to our LIVE Nest Cam Program – you'll know that it's been a very eventful year for the AEF. We've been so busy that we haven't sent out our quarterly newsletter in quite a while! To bring you up to speed on what's been happening at the AEF, we've pulled together some of our favorite photos and written about our most notable events, announcements, & updates since last summer. Grab a cup of coffee, sit back, and enjoy! (Photo of Challenger by Joshua Bower)



We Launched a New Nest Cam in 2016!

The American Eagle Foundation first provided a live view into the world of eagles in 2001 with a small, stationary security camera positioned over the nest of one of our non-releasable Bald Eagle breeding pairs. Since then, technology has come a long way, and so has the AEF's Nest Cam Program. Today, our high-definition PTZ video cams capture every special moment in brilliant 1080p resolution 24/7 from Bald Eagle nests in Tennessee, Florida, and now...Washington, DC!



DC Eagle Cam

On February 15, 2016, the AEF, in cooperation with the USDA and other partners, launched what would soon become one of the most popular LIVE animal cams on the Internet, generating more than 60 million views! Two HD video cams streamed the everyday lives of Bald Eagle pair Mr. President & The First Lady as they raised their two eaglets, Freedom & Liberty, from right inside the nation's capital at the U.S. National Arboretum. Visit dceaglecam.org to learn more.



Northeast Florida Eagle Cam

Our third season celebrated the return of parent Bald Eagles Romeo and Juliet, who once again successfully raised two strong and healthy eaglets, Liberty & Justice. [Visit the NEFL end-of-season page for a full recap.](#)



Dollywood Eagle Cams

Inside Eagle Mountain Sanctuary at Dollywood, non-releasable Bald Eagles Independence and Franklin, Isaiah and Mrs. Jefferson, and Hero and Volunteer live productive lives. [Visit their cam page.](#)



Sevierville, TN Nest Cam

Lady Independence, hatched and raised by Independence and Franklin at Dollywood and released into the wild by the AEF at 13 weeks of age, returned 4 years later with her chosen wild mate in 2012 and built a nest in Sevierville. She and Sir Hatcher have successfully raised 8 eaglets (3 in 2016). (Photo by John Douglas Prickett)

Our live chats are moderated by volunteers who know eagles and are conservation advocates. Volunteers also remotely control our cameras to showcase the daily lives of these eagles. The AEF would like to recognize and thank all of its Moderators and Remote Camera Operators who educate

and inspire our nest cam viewers.

In addition to private viewing, our eagle cams are watched by many classrooms, whose teachers sing our praises. [Read what viewers and teachers are saying!](#)



We released our 150th Eaglet into the Wild!

Last summer (2015), the AEF successfully released 10 Bald Eaglets into the foothills of the Great Smoky Mountains, many of which were raised by our non-releasable Bald Eagle breeding pairs. This year, we released 5 more eaglets...with our last release of the summer marking our *150th* eaglet set free into the wild from our Douglas Lake hack tower in East TN! The AEF has partnered in releasing over 250 other eaglets into the wild in Tennessee since 1985.

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[Watch 2016 Eagle Release Videos](#)



"Invictus" (L6) takes his first flight after spending several weeks in the AEF's hack tower.



"Hope" (H6) was released into the wild in remembrance of the forty-nine individuals who were massacred in the horrific shooting in Orlando on June 12th, 2016.



At 13-weeks of age, "Survivor" (PH6) was released into the wild in remembrance of and in honor of Pearl Harbor victims and survivors. This was the AEF's 150th eaglet released from its Douglas Lake hack tower!



We Traveled To 17 States with our Educational Eagles!

We've received more requests this year than *ever* before to bring our trained, educational Bald Eagles (Challenger, Mr. Lincoln, America, and Spirit) to inspire and educate millions of Americans at sporting events, corporate conventions, store openings, schools, veterans homes, and charitable fundraising galas from coast to coast. These events not only allow us to educate the public, but also help the AEF raise much-needed funds to care for our 80 non-releasable birds of prey in Pigeon Forge, TN.

[Watch 2015 Videos](#)

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(Photo of Challenger over Flag by Danny Wild)



We Had Our Most Successful American Eagle Day to Date!



Since 1995, the American Eagle Foundation has been spearheading the effort to create a national commemorative day on June 20th to celebrate the majestic American Bald Eagle, its symbolism, and its comeback from the brink of extinction. In 2016, Governors from 48 states issued American Eagle Day Proclamations. This was our highest participation from U.S. Governors to date (states that did not issue proclamations were Alaska and California). To view individual state proclamations, and to confirm your state's participation, [visit this page](#). The United States Senate also passed yet another American Eagle Day Resolution by unanimous consent! (Photo of Challenger by Gena Flanigen)

[Learn More](#)



We Hosted our 3rd Annual Chatter Reunion & 2nd Annual American Eagle Day @ Dollywood Celebration!

Our 3rd Chatter Reunion was held on June 16-17 at AEF headquarters in the Great Smoky Mountains. Approximately 100 excited chatters, mods, AEF staff, and guests enjoyed activities that educated and entertained—including a dinner and auction that raised \$12,391.23 for the AEF, a tour of the AEF's bird-care facilities, an opportunity to see Challenger fly, and a trip to the AEF's hack tower (artificial nesting tower).

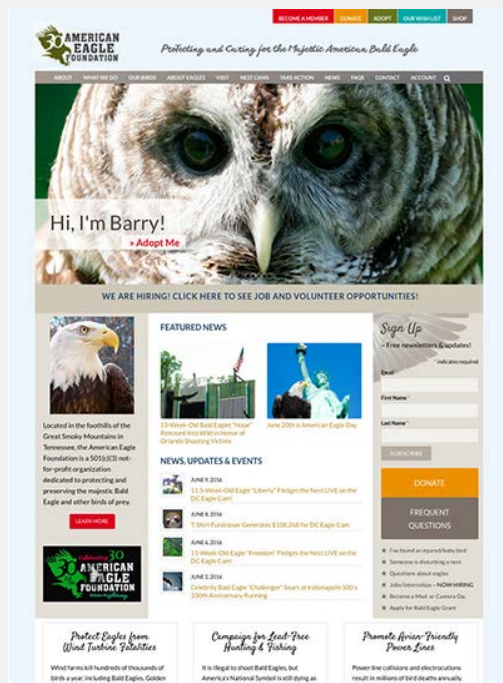
On Saturday June 18th, American Eagle Day was the headliner event at Dolly Parton's Dollywood theme park (celebrated two days earlier than its official date). Informational booths, hands-on activities, special presentations, and entertaining performances inspired and educated the public about the need to protect and celebrate our symbol of freedom.

[See Complete Recap Here](#)





We Launched a New Website!



In the Spring of 2016, the American Eagle Foundation unveiled its new website, EAGLES.ORG. Over a year was spent in planning, designing, and testing this massive project, and AEF thanks Julia Cecere, Sherle Raitt, Carolyn Stalcup, and Michael Stalcup for their hard work.

Our Internet presence has increased significantly since the launch of our new website, with online daily visits frequently reaching hundreds of thousands during nesting season.

By spending some time navigating EAGLES.ORG, you can learn about the work of the AEF, become familiar with all our raptors, study Q & A's about Bald and Golden Eagles,

contact raptor resource agencies in each state, watch our eagle cams, plan a visit to our facility, apply for a job or volunteer position, find out how to take action to protect Bald and Golden Eagles from dangers present in their environment, and of course, support the American Eagle Foundation in a host of different ways.

Visit New Site



Daily Bird Care, Rehabilitation, & Educational Efforts



All the while, we've continued caring daily for over 80 non-releasable birds of prey, conducting educational birds-of-prey shows at Dollywood and local venues, rehabilitating many injured birds, and doing what we can to continue our mission of protecting America's eagles and raptors.



If you'd like to learn more about what we do at the American Eagle

Foundation on a daily basis, visit our [What We Do](#) section on our website



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The AEF depends on people like you. We seek no state or federal funding and continue to rely on donations from concerned citizens and socially responsible corporations who share our common goal.

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