

Festival Schedule

Photo Blinds and self-guided tours of Camas Wildlife Refuge (donation) available all week!

Friday, April 11, 2008

5:00 pm Friday Evening Social & Sloppy Joe Dinner

- ◆ Pick up registration packets & events schedule
- ◆ Welcome by Grouse Days Committee
- ◆ View art displays from local artists
- ◆ Visit with the local vendors
- ◆ Chat with agency representatives
- ◆ Purchase Raffle tickets for quilt, etc.
- ◆ Participate in the Silent Auction
- ◆ Enjoy a casual evening with new & old friends

Saturday, April 12, 2008

5:00 am Wake up with coffee & doughnuts

6:00 am Busses leave to view grouse leks then return to Dubois for breakfast

11:00 am- 4:00 pm

- ◆ Fun youth activities
- ◆ Displays from local artists
- ◆ Interesting research and conservation presentations
- ◆ Trade show and poster session
- ◆ Additional wildlife & sage grouse habitat project tours

5:00 pm Doors open for the banquet

- ◆ Roast beef Dinner & trimmings
- ◆ Welcome by Dubois Grouse Days Committee
- ◆ Presentations about grouse and their ecosystems
- ◆ Raffle and Silent Auction
- ◆ Closing Ceremonies

Please select one of three trips - Enrich your day by adding other options:

Trip 1 - West of Dubois (Leave via bus 6 am)

Visit sage grouse leks en route to Crooked Creek Valley. Join photographers there and enjoy a presentation about the Crooked Creek Valley partnership project, a model conservation project for Greater Sage-Grouse.

Trip 2 - East of Dubois (Leave via bus 5:30 am)

Visit sage grouse leks and also watch the antics of Columbian Sharp-tailed Grouse. Listen to local experts discuss the grouse, wildlife, plants, and ecology of the area. Learn about elk, deer,

moose, and other wildlife that share this desert system with grouse.

Trip 3 - South of Dubois (Leave via bus 6 am)

Visit sage grouse leks on public and private land. Tour Camas National Wildlife Refuge with the refuge manager and learn about the recent neotropical bird banding and new sage-grouse habitat restoration projects.

Additional Options (Provide own transportation)

Camas National Wildlife Refuge Tour

Saturday 2 - 4 pm (Donations to DGD accepted!)

Refuge personnel will guide visitors through wetlands and uplands to view the refuge wildlife. Observe diverse wildlife. Learn about challenging refuge management issues.

Special Photo Opportunities

Blinds will be set up for photographers who want to photograph sage grouse on leks. Grouse have been as close as 5 feet from blinds so bring a variety of lenses.

Registration

Registrations postmarked by April 1 will be eligible for an Early Bird Raffle drawing.

Registration fee: \$40 for adults and \$25 for children (12 or younger) for all activities. \$35 for adults and \$20 for children for all Saturday events only. \$20 for individual events. Extra \$5 to register at door so register early.

To reserve space in a photography blind, please pay an additional \$25 fee. (Photo blinds available all week long!)

Please make your check or money order payable to Dubois Grouse Days. The full registration fee covers the Friday night social and Sloppy Joe dinner, early Saturday morning coffee & doughnuts,

lek tours, breakfast, other events, Closing Banquet, and a commemorative poster.

Please Fill out the Registration Form and mail with payment to:

Jeri Tavenner, P.O. Box 85,
Dubois, ID 83423

Questions or to request a registration form: Call Jeri at (208) 374-5422
e-mail: jtavenner@mudlake.net

Accommodations

There are 10 rooms available at the Crossroads Motel (no credit cards accepted; rooms from \$27.85, single, to \$36.40, triple occupancy). Phone (208) 374-5258. The Hernandez Hotel has 4 rooms (from \$35 per night). Phone (208) 374-5644. Tent and RV camping are available at two town parks free of charge (porta-potties included). RV hookups are available only at Scoggins. Phone (208) 374-5504. Additional motels are available in Rexburg and Idaho Falls.

Come Prepared!

Keep in mind - It will be spring-time in the high desert!

Weather conditions and changes can be extreme. Temperatures are often around freezing in the early morning, later warming into the 50's. It could snow or rain with a cold wind. Bring layered clothing, a camera, binoculars, water, and snacks.

How to Get to Dubois Grouse Days

Take Interstate 15 to Dubois exit #167. Turn east into town. Follow signs to DGD.

Welcome to Dubois
where we have never
met a stranger yet!



The small, western, high-desert crossroads town of Dubois lies on the Upper Snake River Plain about a dozen miles south of the beautiful Centennial Mountains. Every spring, Greater Sage-Grouse and Columbian Sharp-tailed Grouse congregate on traditional strutting or dancing grounds called leks. These magnificent birds are in need of effective conservation efforts to reverse downward population trends. To experience these birds during their mating rituals is a rare treat that leaves memories that are permanently etched in the mind like fine art. Become one of the fortunate few to experience the magic of grouse during the Annual Dubois Grouse Days Festival!

Dubois Grouse Days

On Friday, April 11 and Saturday, April 12, residents of Dubois, Idaho, and an array of private, state and federal agencies will host the Sixth Annual Dubois Grouse Days to celebrate Greater Sage and Columbian Sharp-tailed Grouse and the wonderful environments that are their home.



Join us for the opportunity to:

- ♦ Watch grouse strut and dance
- ♦ Learn about the cultural and natural history of their high desert environment
- ♦ Learn about and view wildlife (elk, deer, moose, migratory birds) and plants that live with grouse
- ♦ Tour model conservation program areas for Greater Sage-Grouse
- ♦ Talk with ranchers and professional biologists working to conserve grouse
- ♦ Learn about sagebrush ecosystems
- ♦ Enjoy good food and western hospitality
(Meals hosted by local organizations and caterers)

You are cordially
invited to attend
the 6th Annual
Dubois
Grouse
Days

April 11-12, 2008

A special thanks goes to the people of
Dubois for their hospitality in hosting
this event - THANK YOU!

