

# Raptor Research Foundation 2008 Annual Conference

## Hosts ~ Committee Members

### Raptor Research Foundation (RRF)

Founded in 1966, RRF is a non-profit scientific society formed to accumulate and disseminate scientific information about raptors in order to inform the scientific and lay public about the role of raptors in nature and to promote their conservation. The RRF membership, which includes nearly 1000 individuals from some 50 countries, consists of academic researchers, government employees, and others interested in birds of prey. The Journal of Raptor Research is issued quarterly to members and contains the latest research results from raptor studies around the world.

### Raptors of the Rockies (ROTR)

Executive Director Kate Davis began this educational program in 1988, and has since provided over 1100 presentations with live raptors to schools and the public in Montana and Idaho. She cares for eighteen disabled and falconry raptors, held in facilities at her acreage on the banks of the Bitterroot River south of Missoula. These birds are the source of inspiration for her artwork, photography, and writing. Her second book, *Falcons of North America* by Mountain Press Publishing Company, is due out this summer. Kate is the Chair of the RRF Education Committee.

### The University of Montana (UM)

The University of Montana is renowned for its research and education programs in ornithology, wildlife, and wilderness management. They host one of the nation's finest biological sciences departments and wildlife biology programs, including the Avian Science Center, Avian Flight Lab, and USGS Montana Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit. The scenic campus is just across the Clark Fork River from the conference center, Holiday Inn Downtown at the Park.

### Local Committee Members:

Raptors of the Rockies

The University of Montana

Division of Biological Sciences

Wildlife Biology Program

USGS Montana Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit

Continuing Education, Technical Assistance and Training Center

### Local Committee Chair:

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