

**Registration Form  
Deadline: July 24, 2009**

\_\_\_\_Single Occupancy Registration -\$631 per person\*  
\_\_\_\_Double Occupancy Registration-\$431 per person\*  
\_\_\_\_Triple Occupancy - \$365 per person\*  
\_\_\_\_Quad Occupancy - \$331 per person\*

\*Children 10 and under stay free at Grand Ely Lodge with 2 adults, call about prices.

**A \$100 per person refundable deposit** will hold your reservation. The balance is due before July 24, 2009.

**I prefer to board the bus in (circle choice):**

Independence                      Cedar Rapids

**Your trip payment includes:** Deluxe motor coach transportation, all admission and program fees, trip escorts, one meal, one night at the Radisson Hotel in Duluth, two nights at the Grand Ely Lodge in Ely.

**Make checks payable to Butler's Travel Service.**

Please return this form and payment to:  
Discover Wolves Tour  
Fontana Interpretive Nature Center  
1883 125<sup>th</sup> St  
Hazleton, IA 50641

A minimum number of participants is needed. If this number is not met, all fees will be refunded in full.

For more information contact the Buchanan County Conservation Department (319-636-2617) or the Linn County Conservation Department at Wickiup Hill (319-892-6485).

**Tentative Tour Schedule**

**Friday, September 25**

6:00 am – Depart Cedar Rapids (Cedar Valley Nature Trail Parking Lot, Hiawatha)

7:00 am – Depart Independence (East side of Courthouse.)

11 am – Break and Lunch in Como Park, St Paul

1:30 pm – Depart Twin Cities and drive to Duluth—  
Check into Radisson Hotel

Evening Free Time: Explore the Canal Park Area; enjoy the Weekend of Color Celebration

**Saturday, September 26**

Continental Breakfast at Hotel

8:00 am – Load bus for tour of Duluth's Skyline Drive

10:00 am – Begin visit at Hawk Ridge, Lunch

Noon – Load Bus

1:00 pm – Stop at Gooseberry Falls

2:15 pm – Load bus, drive to Ely; check into Grand Ely Lodge; Supper on your own at Grand Ely Lodge

5:45 pm - Load Bus

6:00 pm – Arrive at International Wolf Center

6:30 pm – "What's For Dinner" – wolf feeding program

7:30 pm – Load bus and return to Lodge

**Sunday, September 27**

Breakfast on your own at Lodge

8:45 am – Load bus

9:00 am – Arrive at International Wolf Center

Programs: Wolf Research, Wolf Management,  
Wolf 101 – Meet the Pack

11:30 am – Load bus

Buffet Lunch at Lodge (Included in trip fee)

Afternoon is free – Shop in Ely, hike the walking trail or canoe (lodge has free canoes, kayaks, and bikes for use.)

Supper on your own

6:15 pm - Load bus

6:30 pm – Arrive at International Wolf Center

Program – Introduction to Wolf Talk

7pm, 8pm, 9pm - Rotate Through 3 Programs

– Tour Center, Wolf Movies, and Wolf Howling Near a Wild Wolf Pack (You may depart for the Lodge early if you wish).

**Monday, September 28**

Breakfast on your own

8:30 am – Load bus for return trip

10:00am—Tour Split Rock Lighthouse

11:30am—Load bus and stop for lunch soon after

5:00am—Short food break

7:00 pm – Arrive in Independence

8:00 pm – Arrive in Cedar Rapids

**Discover Wolves Bus Tour  
Visit the International  
Wolf Center,  
View Fall Colors  
Ely, Minnesota  
September 25-28, 2009  
Reservation Deadline is  
July 24, 2009**

**Sponsored by the Buchanan and  
Linn County Conservation Boards**



**The Feared Hunter**

Wolves have been persecuted as an exaggerated threat to domestic animals and people since Europeans settled in the United States. Just a generation ago, a war was waged to eradicate all wolves so that nearly all of these animals living in the lower 48 states were destroyed.

However, Americans have begun to appreciate this skilled hunter as a valuable member of our delicately balanced ecosystems. The wolf's hypnotic eyes and haunting howl have enticed many into viewing this mysterious beast as a symbol of nature's wild beauty instead of merely an animal to be feared.

Isolated wolf populations have survived in northern Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Montana and Idaho. Ninety-five percent of these are concentrated in northern Minnesota, especially around Ely, the home of the International Wolf Center.

During this four-day journey, participants will visit the International Wolf Center and take part in its programs as well as view other sites in Minnesota. The climax of the trip will be an experience of a lifetime, the chance to see and hear wolves in the wild during a guided evening wolf howl in the Superior National Forest.



### **The International Wolf Center**

The International Wolf Center strives to be a focal point for worldwide education about wolves. The center promotes the wolf's survival by teaching about the wolf's way of life, how it relates to other species and its role within human society.

The center offers hands-on naturalist programs such as wolf communications, adaptations, the use of radio telemetry equipment, wolf research, ecology and recovery efforts.

The Exhibit Pack refers to the wolves in the main enclosure. Members of the pack may vary as wolves age and new wolf pups are socialized and added to the Exhibit. In early summer of 2008, the Exhibit Pack consisted of Shadow and Malik-two arctic subspecies born on May 8, 2000, and Grizzer and Maya-two great plains subspecies born May 5, 2004.

In early August 2008, Aidan and Denali, two northwestern subspecies, joined the Exhibit Pack. The pups were born on April 27, 2008, at the Wildlife Science Center in Forest Lake, Minnesota.

Exhibiting three subspecies in one exhibit, with three age structures represented, is historic for the Center. This is a great opportunity for visitors to observe the dynamics of a wolf social hierarchy and to learn about the differences of the subspecies.

### **Other Minnesota Sites on the Tour**

Our lunch break in the Twin Cities is **Como City Park** in St. Paul. This park has a zoo and a conservatory. Perhaps

you will get to view the new baby orangutan. The park café and a few food vendors will be available. For more information, go to: <http://www.comozooconservatory.org/>.

The mission of the **Hawk Ridge Bird Observatory** is to protect birds of prey and other migratory birds in the Western Lake Superior Region through research, education, and stewardship. The Hawk Ridge Nature Reserve, located in Duluth, Minnesota, provides some of North America's best autumn hawk watching. A seasonal average of over 94,000 raptors migrate past Hawk Ridge during the fall migration. For more information go to: [www.hawkridge.org](http://www.hawkridge.org)



Shipwrecks from a mighty 1905 November gale prompted the construction of **Split Rock Lighthouse**. Completed in 1910, Split Rock Light Station was soon one of Minnesota's best known landmarks. Restored to its 1920s appearance, the lighthouse offers a glimpse of lighthouse life in this remote and spectacular setting. For more information go to [www.mnhs.org/places/sites/](http://www.mnhs.org/places/sites/).