



26th Annual Kachemak Bay Shorebird Festival - May 10-13, 2018

Greetings from the Kachemak Bay Shorebird Festival! While the snow is falling and the lakes are frozen, the Festival Committee is busy planning the 26th Annual Celebration of Spring, set for May 10-13, 2018. Please visit the Festival website, KachemakShorebird.org, for updated information. We are also updating the website with new information. The complete schedule of events, registration instructions, and sponsors will be available in mid-March.

The 26th Kachemak Bay Shorebird Festival will be a four-day weekend full of fun and educational activities, featuring world-class guides and presenters. Our **Keynote Speakers** this year include **Noah Strycker**, is Associate Editor of *Birding* magazine, the author of two well-regarded books about birds, and a regular contributor of photography and articles to all major bird magazines as well as other media. Strycker set a world Big Year record in 2015, and his book about the experience, *Birding Without Borders*, was released in 2017. He will be joined by Keynote **Jennifer Ackerman**, a bird lover since childhood, who has been writing about science and nature for three decades. Her most recent book, *The Genius of Birds*, explores the intelligence of birds. **2018 Festival Art** will feature work by Homer artist **Erin Rae D'Eimon**.

The Shorebird Festival attracts over one thousand visitors annually, creating a much needed economic boost for Homer's local economy. The Kachemak Shorebird festival celebrates not only the mass spring migration, but also conservation and education. The Festival will host over 100 events, including a Junior Birders Program, field outings, workshops, presentations, boat and kayak excursions, tours by bus and van, guided hikes and walks, viewing stations, arts activities, social events, entertainment and more!

As we prepare for our 26th Festival, we strongly encourage you to show your support for this community-wide event. Several sponsorship opportunities are available and we hope you'll consider participating, helping make the **26th Annual Kachemak Bay Shorebird Festival** a celebration to remember.

This year, we are **offering online forms and payment!**
Visit: www.kachemakshorebird.org/supportforms/

You may also submit by mail, with a paper form with a check. **Please submit your completed Festival Supporter form, with payment, by **January 29, 2018** to the address below.**

Contact me with any questions at kachemakshorebird@gmail.com.

Your contribution will be acknowledged within both the printed and online Festival programs and in our thank-you ads. Your contribution is tax deductible within the limits prescribed by law.

Thank you for your generous support!

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Join the Shorebird Festival's "Crane Club" and help us really take flight!

Donate at one of these Individual/Family levels and become a recognized supporter of the 26th Annual Festival and enjoy the perks of sponsorship. Each Crane Club member will be recognized in our program (if you join before printing deadlines) and on our Festival website. See additional perks included for some donation level.

*These levels receive 2 complimentary tickets to Keynote Address of choice

\$5000+	Bristle-thighed Curlew+* <i>(perks: 2 Festival hoodies, 1 signed art poster, 4 festival badges, 2 additional keynote tickets, thank you during Keynote Address, Meet and Greet with Keynote Speaker)</i>
\$2500 - \$4999	Bar-Tailed Godwit* <i>(perks: 2 Festival tshirts, 1 signed art poster, 2 festival badges, 2 additional keynote tickets, thank you during Keynote Address, Meet and Greet with Keynote Speaker)</i>
\$1000 - \$2499	Pacific Golden Plover* <i>(perks: 1 Festival Tshirt, 1 signed art poster, 2 festival badges, 2 additional keynote tickets, thank you during Keynote Address, Meet and Greet with Keynote Speaker)</i>
\$500-\$999	Sandhill Crane* <i>(perks: 1 Festival Tshirt, 1 signed art poster, 2 festival badges, 2 additional keynote tickets, thank you during Keynote Address)</i>
\$250-\$499	Trumpeter Swan* <i>(perk: 1 Festival tshirt, 1 signed art poster)</i>
\$100-\$249	Black Oyster Catcher
\$50-\$99	Dunlin
\$25-\$49	Wandering Tattler
\$1-\$24	Peep

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Payment options (select one):

Please charge my credit card # _____

Expiration date: ____/____

Name on card: _____

My check is enclosed, payable to Kachemak Shorebird Festival, mailed to:

Kachemak Shorebird Festival, 95 Sterling Hwy, Homer, AK 99603

I will pay online at: <http://kachemakshorebird.org/crane-club/> or

<http://kachemakshorebird.org/supportforms>