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### Event Celebrates a Decade of Bald Eagle Restoration

In 2002, efforts began to restore bald eagles to the northern Channel Islands—today there are over 30 resident bald eagles on three islands with many successfully breeding.

On Saturday, May 19, 2012, an event to celebrate the return of bald eagles will provide visitors an opportunity to see a live bald eagle up close, meet wildlife biologists, and learn about the ecological significance of bald eagle restoration on the Channel Islands.

The event will feature hourly screenings of *Return Flight: Restoring the Bald Eagle to the Channel Islands*, a film selected for the 2012 Wild and Scenic Film Festival that is currently touring the U.S. This film chronicles the story of the bald eagle's recovery from disappearance from the Channel Islands in the 1960s due to DDT contamination, overhunting, and egg collecting to today's growing population.

Activities for the entire family include a live bald eagle viewing from 1:00 to 3:00 pm, Native American storytelling with Chumash island descendent Julie Tumamait, arts and crafts, educational booths, and ranger talks broadcast live from remote Anacapa Island and at the visitor center marine life exhibit.

The free event is from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on May 19, 2012 at the Channel Islands National Park Robert J. Lagomarsino Visitor Center at 1901 Spinnaker Drive in Ventura Harbor.

Bald eagle restoration efforts on the Channel Islands are funded by the MSRP, a multi-agency program funded by court settlements and dedicated to restoring natural resources harmed by DDTs and PCBs released into the environment. Partners in this restoration effort include Channel Islands National Park, the Institute for Wildlife Studies, The Nature Conservancy, and Ventura County Office of Education.

To watch two live bald eagle nest webcams on Santa Cruz Island visit:  
<http://www.nps.gov/chis/photosmultimedia/bald-eagle-webcam.htm>

To watch bald eagles nests on Santa Catalina Island visit:  
[http://iws.org/interactive\\_nestchat.html](http://iws.org/interactive_nestchat.html)

For a film on the bald eagle recovery visit:  
<http://www.montroserestoration.gov/multimedia/videos/>