

NAFA

NORTH AMERICAN FALCONERS ASSOCIATION New Membership Application



First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City / State or Province: _____

Country & Zip-Postal Code: _____

Phone #: _____

Birth Date: _____ / _____ / _____

Email Address: _____

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY: *(Please Select One)*

- REGULAR OR PRIMARY FAMILY MEMBER- \$60 (U.S.)**
Voting Member (18 years or older AND a licensed falconer residing in the U.S, Canada, or Mexico.)
Applicants **must** include copy of falconry license or proof of Mexican falconry experience.
- ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBERS - \$30 EACH (U.S.)**
Voting members. Additional Family Members must qualify as Regular Members AND must reside at the same address as a Primary Regular Member. **Each family member must complete and sign their own application form** and include a copy of their falconry license. Do not qualify to receive mailed publications.
- ASSOCIATE MEMBER - \$60 (U.S.)**
Non-voting Member (12-17 years old - OR resident of the U.S., Canada or Mexico AND never legally practiced falconry.)
- AFFILIATE MEMBER - \$60 (U.S.)**
Non-voting Member - Organizations Only
- FOREIGN MEMBER - \$95 (U.S.) (with mailed publications)**
\$60 (U.S.) (with online publications only)
Outside of the U.S., Canada, or Mexico.

MEMBERSHIP PREFERENCES

When publishing membership information would you like us to publish the following information

(Please circle Y or N for each)

- Your Phone number (Y) (N)
- Your Email Address (Y) (N)
- Your Mailing Address (Y) (N)

Would you like our 4 yearly printed publications sent to your home? (Y) (N)

(Additional Family Members do not qualify for printed materials)



Please submit your dues payable to **NAFA** (U.S. Check, Credit Card or Money Order (U.S. funds) with your application to:

NAFA Membership Secretary

Lauren Redig / P.O. Box 2665 / Idaho Falls, ID 83403

DUES AMOUNT \$ _____

CREDIT CARD #: (MC / VISA / DISCOVER / AMEX) *(please circle one)*

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Expires (MM/YY) _____ / _____ CVV _____ (3 or 4 digits)



THANK YOU FOR BECOMING A MEMBER!

Your Signature: _____

Date: _____ / _____ / _____

(Application MUST be signed and dated)



NAFA CODE OF ETHICS:

• **REGARDING BIRD MAINTENANCE:** NAFA supports falconers in keeping, within regulatory entitlements, only those birds (both by species and numbers) that they can regularly fly at quarry. It is incumbent upon each falconer, in addition to meeting minimal standards required by regulation, to ensure that his/her birds are equipped, housed and maintained in the manner most conducive to their well-being. Each falconer is urged to take all available measures to minimize the possibility of loss of his birds and to make every effort to recover any bird lost. Each falconer, likewise, is expected to spare no effort in curing a sick raptor. He is expected to ensure that if a raptor is no longer desired, it is passed on to another qualified falconer able to fly it at wild quarry or returned to the wild with full capability of sustaining itself.

• **REGARDING CONFORMANCE TO FALCONRY LAWS AND REGULATIONS:** Each falconer is under a moral, as well as a legal obligation to observe the laws and regulations of our own or foreign Countries with regard to taking, import and export of raptors, taking of quarry and access to land.

• **REGARDING CONSERVATION OF RAPTORS:** The well-being of our native raptor populations is fundamental to the continued practice of falconry. Each falconer should endeavor to promote to the utmost the welfare and survival of those populations in their wild state in accordance with accepted precepts of use-management conservation. NAFA opposes the taking of haggards, i.e., the wild breeding populations except under exceptional circumstances (such as birds that would be destroyed due to depredation). NAFA urges that in taking eyas raptors, at least one young be left in the eyrie/nest unless again, exceptional circumstances prevail. NAFA opposes commercial traffic in wild-taken North American raptors.

• **REGARDING EXOTICS:** Based on extensive scientific scrutiny and historical evidence, NAFA supports the use of non-native (exotic) raptors - to include hybrids - in the practice of falconry in North America. Despite lack of scientific evidence of any threat to native avifauna, NAFA nonetheless counsels against any deliberate release into the wild of such raptors.

• **REGARDING CAPTIVE BREEDING:** NAFA recognizes the importance of captive breeding as a significant source of birds for both falconry and release to the wild for restoration of wild populations. NAFA concurs in the commercial sale of captive-bred progeny to appropriately licensed and qualified recipients as a way to encourage the production of captive-bred birds so that they will be available for both purposes.

• **PUBLICITY:** Falconers are cautioned about the dangers of publicity. Those considering public representation are urged to consult NAFAs policy on publicity or NAFAs Publicity Committee. In general, the only two acceptable alternatives are the very highest quality presentation or no Publicity. With or without Publicity, application of discretion, moderation and common sense by all falconers will go a long way toward maintaining a favorable image of our sport.

NAFA was founded in 1961 as a non-profit fraternal organization to improve, aid and encourage competency in the practice of falconry among interested persons. More specifically, NAFAs purposes are:

- To provide communication among, and to disseminate information to, interested members.
- To promote scientific study of the raptorial species, their care, welfare and training.
- To promote conservation of the birds of prey and an appreciation of the value in nature and in wildlife conservation.
- To urge recognition of falconry as a legal field sport.
- To establish traditions, which will aid, perpetuate and further the welfare of falconry and the raptors it employs.

The development, improvement, and defense of the legal status of falconry on our continent has been of increasing importance in NAFAs functions. Beginning with its successful campaign to add falconry to the list of legal means of taking migratory waterfowl in the U.S. in 1964, we have achieved a great deal for the benefit of all licensed falconers. As a result of NAFA members lobbying on the state level, with the direction of NAFAs Technical Advice Committee, the average extended season for falconry in the U.S. is now more than six months in length. NAFA accomplished much in retaining the use of captive-bred peregrine falcons in the sport of falconry. NAFA has filed a formal request with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service to allow states to set special seasons for taking migratory waterfowl by means of falconry. On an ever-increasing basis, NAFA is representing falconry on state, national and international levels and is recognized the world over as the voice of the North American Falconer.

Signature: _____ Date: _____/_____/_____

I have read, and agree to follow NAFAs "Code of Conduct" [] Yes [] No