



## KACHEMAK BAY BIRDERS PRESENT

### The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Kachemak Bay Big Day Birding Challenge

A 10-hour Birding Challenge for all ages, all skill levels  
Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 6am to 4pm

### Official Entry Form

(Chamber of Commerce Gaming Permit #599)

All teams must have 2-4 members to qualify. If you are looking to join a team, or looking for members for your team, meet at the front desk at the Pratt Museum on Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm, during the Keynote Welcome Reception. Or come to the Islands & Ocean Visitor Center, Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 5:45am for the optional Challenge "send off".

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Captain: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Member 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Member 3: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Member 4: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\$15 Team Fee:  Cash  Check Payable to Shorebird Festival  Credit Card

Credit Card #: \_\_\_\_\_, exp date \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Credit Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Return completed entry form and fee to the Homer Chamber of Commerce, 201 Sterling Highway, Homer, AK 99603. Register the day of the Challenge at the Islands & Ocean Visitor Center on Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 5:45am during the Big Day "send off".



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**Rules & Regulations**

**Entry Rules:**

1. Teams to consist of 2-4 people.
2. Entry fee is \$15 per team. Make checks payable to Kachemak Bay Shorebird Festival.
3. All birders wishing to join a team, or teams looking for members, check in at the front desk at the Pratt Museum on Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm during the Keynote Welcome Reception, or meet at the optional Birding Challenge "send off" Saturday, beginning 5:45am at the Islands & Ocean Visitor Center.
4. There will be an official "send off" gathering for all participants at the Islands & Ocean Visitor Center, Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 5:45am. Attendance at the send off is optional, as teams may depart from any Kachemak Bay destination of their choice.
5. A Committee of 3 officials from Kachemak Bay Birders will count the tally sheets and make judgments on any contested rule infractions. Decisions of judges are final.

**Birding Rules:**

1. All birds counted must be seen during the Challenge hours 6am to 4pm, Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>.
2. Road vehicles (cars, trucks, vans, buses, bicycles, etc.) and motorized boats and kayaks are the only forms of transport allowed. All participants in any one team must travel in the same vehicle or be within earshot of each other.
3. Team members must remain within distances which permit direct, unamplified voice contact at all times.
4. Playing tapes, CDs, minidisks, etc. for the purpose of calling birds in is not allowed.
5. No team may intentionally flush or drive in to hiding any bird with the intent to prevent another team from finding it.
6. Team members are reminded that traffic rules must be obeyed and common sense used at all times while driving and birding on public roads.

### **Birding Information:**

1. During the Challenge, all team members are expected to be on their honor in making every reasonable effort to not solicit information from other birders.
2. Any information received prior to the count may be used during the count.
3. Participants may go to the shorebird viewing stations but are reminded to not solicit information from other birders at the stations.

### **Checklist Rules:**

1. Bird checklists will be provided. Participants may record species on anything they wish to use, but final entries must be turned in on the official Challenge checklist. Bird species not found on the official checklist should be written in with details on the location and number of team members that observed the bird. The judges will have the final say on whether or not to accept the write-in birds.
2. For any species to count on a team list, the bird or an identifiable portion of the bird must be seen or heard by at least two members during the Birding Challenge event. Identifications made by one team member do not count.
3. It is not necessary for all team members to record the same individual bird. For example, if half the team records a tree swallow in the morning, and the other half records one in the afternoon, that counts as all members recording that species.

### **Geographical Area:**

1. Teams may count birds from the Anchor River drainage, the watersheds draining in to Kachemak Bay, including all of Kachemak Bay State Park and the Bay itself between Anchor Point and Point Pogibshi.

### **Reporting and Judging:**

1. Completed checklists must be turned in at the Shorebird Festival booth at the Arts & Education Fair at the Homer High School, no later than 5pm on Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>.
2. Teams that fail to meet the 5pm deadline will forfeit one bird from their official total for every five-minute period that they are late. Checklists will be accepted at the Homer Chamber of Commerce until 7pm on Saturday, after which time entry acceptance closes.
3. Participants are encouraged to double-check their checklists to verify that all birds recorded have been checked off. Totals are considered final once list are submitted. No alterations or corrections may be made after checklists have been turned in.
4. In the event of a tie, the place will be shared.

### **Ethics:**

1. Each participant must maintain proper birding ethics at all time as defined in the ABA Code of Ethics, a copy of which is included in the registration packet.

### **Prizes and Awards:**

Prizes will be awarded for the Top 3 Adult Teams (ages 19 & older), the Top 3 Youth Teams (ages 18 & under) and the Top Mixed Age/Family Team (all ages). Prizes and awards will be presented at the Islands & Ocean Visitor Center on Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30am, in the auditorium.

**Thank you for participating in this 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual event.  
Contact the Homer Chamber of Commerce with questions, 235-7740**



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## **SUGGESTIONS?**

**We appreciate your thoughts, ideas and suggestions for next year's event.**

**Please complete this form and submit it with your Festival survey to the survey boxes at the Homer Chamber of Commerce and the Islands & Ocean Visitor Center. Or return by mail or fax to: Shorebird Festival, 201 Sterling Highway, Homer, AK 99603; fax: 907-235-8766. Thanks for your feedback.**

- 1. Was the entry fee reasonable?**
  
- 2. Were the rules and regulations easy to understand?**
  
- 3. Did you attend the optional send off?**
  
- 4. Was the bird checklist user-friendly?**
  
- 5. Would you participate in a 24 hour Challenge?**
  
- 6. Do you have any thoughts or suggestions for next year's Big Day?**