

## Conference Highlights

### Sunday, November 15, 2009

9:30 AM to 2:30 PM -- **Field Trip** (cost: \$40 - includes transportation, entrance fees, and lunch)  
This special tour of the Denver Zoo features the zoo's well-known carnivore exhibits, including Predator Ridge, Bear Mountain, Wolf Pack Woods and Northern Shores.

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM -- **Icebreaker**

Enjoy a complimentary dessert reception and explore the newest exhibit of the Wildlife Experience, one of Denver's premiere museums which focuses on combining wildlife and conservation with interactive learning.

### Monday, November 16, 2009

8:00 AM to 5:30 PM. – [Conference Sessions](#) We are pleased to announce our keynote speakers for the opening plenary session of the conference: **Robert Beschta** and **Bill Ripple** of Oregon State University will discuss their groundbreaking work on the ecological impacts of the loss of apex predators in five National Parks in the American West, and the striking effects of the return of wolves to Yellowstone National Park. **Sam Hamilton**, Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, has been invited to present opening remarks at Monday morning's plenary session.

7:00 PM to 10:00 PM -- **Carnivore Film Festival** (free to conference registrants, \$5 for guests)  
Join us Monday evening for screenings of several films showcasing the conservation of wolves, bears and other predators. We will show *The Lords of Nature*, a special sneak preview of the upcoming *Nature* release *Clash: Encounters of Bears and Wolves*, and more!

Ambassador Wolf Sessions (Monday and Tuesday, times vary)

Colorado's own Mission:Wolf returns to provide their special one-hour small group sessions with a live wolf. Open to first 200 conference registrants only!  
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### Tuesday, November 17, 2009

8:00 AM to 5:30 PM. – [Conference Sessions](#).

5:30 PM to 7:00 PM -- **Poster & Exhibitor Reception and Booksigning** Past attendees asked for a dedicated poster session and more time to enjoy the exhibit hall, and we listened! Authors of carnivore-related books will also be on hand to sell and sign their work. Light refreshments and a cash bar will be available.

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM -- **Banquet** (cost: \$75)

The banquet will take place in the Grand Hyatt Denver's Pinnacle Club. This venue on the 38th floor offers stunning views of the Rockies and downtown Denver. [Joel Sartore](#), *National Geographic Magazine* photographer and author, will be the keynote speaker for this event.

### Wednesday, November 18, 2009

Another full day of [conference sessions](#), wrapping up at 5:30 PM.