

## PROJECT SUMMARY

Through funds provided by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services (FWS) and the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma the Iowa Tribe has had the opportunity to develop an eagle rehabilitation program in order to protect injured eagles and increase community awareness of wildlife care and native culture. Currently this has only been done by various independent wildlife rehabilitation organizations nationwide.

The eagle aviary named the *Bab Kho-je Xla Chi* (Grey Snow Eagle House) was completed in Jan. 2006 and has been built to protect Bald Eagles and Golden Eagles. The facility is located in Perkins, Oklahoma. The eagles are cared for daily by the Aviary Manager, an Iowa Tribal Elder, who became certified by the FWS as an Eagle Rehabilitator.

As of March 2007 the Grey Snow Eagle House offers a home to four non-releasable bald eagles and one non-releasable golden eagle. Those debilitated eagles that cannot be released to the wild due to the nature or severity of their injuries are fully protected by the Iowa Tribe through the FWS Religious-Use Permit. This permit has allowed the tribe the opportunity to gather eagle feathers as they naturally molt to be distributed to tribal members for their use in cultural activities.

In January 2006 the Iowa Tribe became the first Tribe in the country to be permitted through the FWS as Eagle Rehabilitators, and in June 2006 we released the very first tribal rehabilitated bald eagle back into the wild at the Sequoyah National Wildlife Refuge. To date the Iowa Tribe has received 300+ visitors from around the country to visit the facility.

## DONATIONS:

The Iowa Tribe is humbly requesting your donations to fulfill our fundraising goal of **\$250,000.00**.



Please send donations to the address below care of the **Grey Snow Eagle House**:



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## IOWA TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA

*Bab Kho-Je Xla Chi*  
Grey Snow Eagle House



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## THE CURRENT FACILITY

The Grey Snow Eagle House is located north of the Iowa Tribe Complex on the buffalo enclosure and is surrounded by a barbed-wire fence. The Grey Snow Eagle House was constructed to the dimensions of one-hundred (100) feet in length, twenty-five (25) feet in width, and eighteen (18) feet in height. The flight structure design consisted of 8x8 post and 4x10 beams, enclosed with 2x2 slats spaced on four inch centers, constructed out of rough sawn cedar lumber. Numerous perches and landing areas were also constructed. The perimeter of the flight area consisted of a footing three foot in depth and concrete block three foot high to prevent predators from entering the area. The mews area was a lean-to enclosure attached to main flight area. The observation/office area consisted of viewing windows, work counters, office area and restroom, the adjacent storage area contained freezer/coolers, and mechanical equipment. The quarantine facility was a shelf contained enclosure located 150 feet away from the main facility.



## PROBLEM AREAS AND NEEDS

Stringent Fish and Wildlife Service guidelines require the separation of rehabilitation and non-releasable birds, which necessitates expansion of the aviary. To date we have turned down 25 non-releasable eagles due to space limitations. Since all 25 birds have been found to be non-releasable, an educational or exhibition facility must be found to house these birds as our tribal aviary is at capacity. Odds are the birds will be euthanized.



Because of the overwhelming need for permanent care for these injured eagles the Iowa Tribe is committed to expanding the facility. The proposed expansion will include a triage room and additional side mews (large open cages for non-releasable eagles). With the aviary expansion the additional space will result in the ability to house 30 additional eagles. To support this project a total of \$250,000.00 is needed.

## PROPOSED ADDITION

The new flight area will be approximately 100 feet in length, 25 feet in width and 18 feet in height.

There will be two additional mews that will be approximately 40 feet in length, 25 feet in width, and 18 feet in height.

In addition an eagle triage room will be added.

