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Wolf Haven Announces 2009 Events *Family Friendly Staycations Centrally Located*

Looking for inexpensive, family friendly, close-to-home ways to have fun this year? With their multiple event offerings, Wolf Haven International offers something for everyone! Located only 7 miles southeast of Washington's 1-5 highway, our busiest time of year for events is July through October, when we host an assortment of unusual, educational and fun activities.

First up at Wolf Haven is a three-part Speaker's Series held at Great Wolf Lodge. Lectures by local animal and conservation experts are scheduled for the 2009 series. Each is free to the public, with a suggested donation of \$10 per person.

Our series kicks off on Thursday, February 26, with a lecture by Harriet Allen, Threatened and Endangered Species Program Manager for the WA Department of Fish and Wildlife, about *The Return of the Gray Wolf to Washington State*. The series continues on Sunday afternoon, March 22, when Julie Hopkins presents *Bears of the World In Your Backyard*, and concludes appropriately enough on Earth Day, April 22, with a presentation by Donny Martorello about *Cougars in Washington*.

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on Saturday, July 11th. Times are 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Admission to the festival is free. A variety of vendor and educational booths will stretch across the Wolf Haven grounds, and 15 minute tours are available for \$5 per individual. Limited camping in 4-person tents or RVs can be purchased for that evening, and includes smores, coffee and muffins.

Below is the complete 2009 event schedule at Wolf Haven International.

Event	Date/Time	Cost & Details
Speakers Series (3)	1) Thu., Feb.26, 7-9 pm 2) Sun. Mar. 22, 2-4 pm 3) Wed., Apr.22 , 7-9pm (Earth Day)	1) Harriet Allen - Return of the Gray Wolf to WA State 2) Julie Hopkins - Grizzly Bears 3) Donny Martorello ó Cougars in WA State
Spring Spruce Up	Saturday, March 28	Not open to the public
Wildlife Art Auction & Dinner at Heritage Room	Friday, July 10 6:00pm ó 9:00pm	\$40 per person/\$75 per couple; Reservations required. Exclusive wildlife art auction and dinner 604 Water St. SW, Olympia
Wildlife Festival	Saturday, July 11 10:00am-9:00pm	\$5 for 15 minute tour Admission to festival free Camping \$25 per 4-person tent/rv site includes: smores, coffee, muffins and Discounted full-tour available on 7/12 for campers.
Business ONLY Howl-In	Saturday, July 18 & 25	Reservation only: \$3,500 for entire event
Public Howl-In	Sat., Aug. 1, 8, 15, 22 6:00pm-9:00pm	Reserved Price: \$17/adult, \$10/child, \$14/senior,military \$25 4-person tent site (with smores & muffin/coffee in the morning) Add \$2 to each admission for payment at the gate.ø
Poker Run	Saturday, September 12 9:00am-3:00pm Pre-reg price closes 9/3	Pre-reg. \$25/Day of \$30 Couple \$45/\$55 T shirts \$10/Long-sleeved \$20
Wolf Awareness Week	Oct. 18-24 Various Times	TBA ó Various Activities Free Tour Day 10/18
Wolf Pack Appreciation Dinner	Saturday, October, 24 6:30pm-9:30pm	TBA
Wildlife Handling	November 3, 4, 5 Various Times	\$550 for course