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## **Bald Eagle Presentation to be held at the Carlyle Grade School**

**Carlyle Lake** – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in cooperation with the Carlyle Grade School will be hosting a program presented by the World Bird Sanctuary entitled “All about Eagles” on Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, at 12:30 p.m. at the Carlyle Grade School Gymnasium. The World Bird Sanctuary will have a live Bald Eagle presentation, demonstrating the majestic flight and nature of this beautiful bird. After the presentation, eagle viewing will take place at the Carlyle Lake Main Dam and the General Dean Recreation Area. Maps will be given to participants illustrating eagle viewing locations. Participants are encouraged to bring binoculars and dress accordingly for the weather.

Bald Eagles have recently been sighted in various locations at Carlyle Lake. On January 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Carlyle Lake Staff performed the annual Illinois Department of Natural Resources “Midwinter Bald Eagle Survey” at Carlyle Lake. Approximately one hundred miles in three counties in the Carlyle Lake area was surveyed, recording three bald eagle sightings. Two of the eagles were identified as mature birds with one immature eagle spotted. The population of Bald Eagles in Illinois has steadily increased over the past several years due to Federal laws and conservation efforts that have been made to save this majestic bird of prey.

In past years active nests have been located at Carlyle Lake. With the increased numbers of eagles visiting over the past years, it is possible that additional eagles will remain in the area and nest. With 83 miles of shoreline, Carlyle Lake offers excellent habitat for eagles and has all the resources available for their survival.

For additional information on this presentation or on Bald Eagles please contact the Carlyle Lake Project Office at (618) 594-2484 or email at [carlylelake@usace.army.mil](mailto:carlylelake@usace.army.mil).