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MEDIA ALERT

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE EAGLES NOW?

Another Nest and Camera Move at Norfolk Botanical Garden

Norfolk, VA (December 9, 2008) - The resident bald eagles at Norfolk Botanical Garden (NBG) are on the move again.

The eagles don't seem interested in using the nest that was built earlier this year, where so much turmoil ensued this past nesting season *. Instead, they are starting to rebuild their *original* nest that fell apart in 2007.

This means a move for the camera and infrared light which makes it possible for the public to watch the Eagle Cam's live streaming video 24 hours a day.

WHAT: Arborists with Nuckols Tree Care Service will climb trees to move the Eagle Cam camera and infrared light.

WHEN: Wednesday, December 10, 2008
9 AM – 1 PM

WHERE: Norfolk Botanical Garden

WHY: Eagles are *rebuilding their old nest*. Moving the camera will mean the public will be able to view the entire process of building a nest when the Eagle Cam goes live.

WHO: Experts will be on hand to explain why the nest move may be taking place and to discuss the dramatic events of the past nesting season and to discuss the status of the NBG eaglet taken from the nest in May.

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- * A summary of the dramatic events of the past nesting season is attached.

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Norfolk Botanical Garden is proud to work with the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries and WVEC. The Eagle Cam partnership allows viewers around the world a chance to observe the NBG Bald Eagles on live video 24 hours a day.

Visit www.norfolkbotanicalgarden.org and click on the Eagle Cam link to WVEC and to the VDGIF blog.

About Norfolk Botanical Garden

2008 marks the Garden's 70th Anniversary year celebrating seven decades of promoting the enjoyment of plants and the environment through beautiful gardens and education programs. NBG recently received accreditation by the American Association of Museums placing the Garden in the top 5% of museums in the U.S. The accreditation is a national recognition of a museum's commitment to accountability and public service, its high professional museum standards, and its excellence in education and stewardship.

The Garden is managed by the Norfolk Botanical Garden Society in cooperation with the City of Norfolk. Now recognized as a Virginia Historic Landmark, it also is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

About Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (VDGIF)

VDGIF is responsible for the management of inland fisheries, wildlife, and recreational boating for the Commonwealth of Virginia. They provide scientific knowledge about the eagles for the Garden staff and on the VDGIF blog. Wildlife Biologist Stephen Living updates his blog each week. Stephen can be reached (757) 465-6868 (Media only) or email Stephen.Living@dgif.virginia.gov.

About WVEC.com

WVEC.com is the ABC affiliate serving the Norfolk, Virginia area, including Virginia's Eastern Shore and northeastern North Carolina. They host the live video stream on their website www.wvec.com, making it possible for thousands of national and international bird watchers to have a rare look inside a Bald Eagles' nest.