

We're looking forward to seeing you at



Swan Haven



Dear Teacher,

We're glad you will be bringing your class to Swan Haven Interpretation Centre this April. Here are some ideas to present to your class before and after the trip, along with a background of the interpretation centre and M'Clintock Bay.

Included in this package is your *Registration Confirmation* with a map to Swan Haven. There is also a helpful *Thank You Swan Haven Chaperone* card of instructions that you may copy and distribute to your chaperones. Finally, the *Kit List* can be copied and given to each of your students to take home to their parents before their visit to Swan Haven, so that they come to school that day prepared for their field trip.

When you arrive at Swan Haven, interpreters will divide the students into three groups. Each group will have an interpreter to guide them through the three activity stations:

1. Inside Swan Haven
2. Along the lakeshore
3. The outdoor play area

Please remember that you must have at least **1 teacher/chaperone for every 10 students**. Though the building itself is heated, be aware that there is no running water and only outhouses as toilets.

If you intend to have lunch at Swan Haven, you must book the space ahead of time (e-mail: wildlife.viewing@gov.yk.ca or call 667-8291). We have been short on space in the past, and will let you know if another class has already booked the facility. Note that Sprucewind Girl Guide Camp is across the road and available to rent as a picnic space, free of charge. An indoor facility is also available for rent at the camp for a small charge. Please contact the Girl Guide office at 667-2455 to book that facility.

If you have any questions about your visit, please contact Scott Cameron, the Wildlife Viewing Technician, at 667-8291.

We look forward to seeing you at Swan Haven!

The Wildlife Viewing Program

NOTE: All the materials in this package are also posted online under "School Programs" at www.swanhaven.gov.yk.ca. If you misplace any of the sheets or materials, feel free to download them from the website.

Before, During and After your Visit Activities for Grade 2

Before your visit to Swan Haven

Before you visit Swan Haven, we suggest doing a few activities with your class to prepare them for their visit, such as **making binoculars** or **colouring** some images. We have included instructions for Home-Made Binoculars and a colouring sheet (designed to be printed on 11"x17" Tabloid paper). Use a bird book to help the group learn the colour details for these birds.

At Swan Haven

- **Station #1 Inside Swan Haven**

This activity station includes a grand view of the bay with spotting scopes mounted on the upper deck. Here interpreters will share some of the features that make this place so great! Back inside, discover the sounds and sights of swans up close and be turned into a swan! **Build a Swan** puts one student in the swan costume while everyone learns about swan body parts and pieces. Students can also vote for their favourite piece of student art.

- **Station #2 The outdoor play area**

It's time for some active fun! **Swan Antics** is a game where we humans get a glimpse into the swan's world of communication. Watch closely as the swans communicate with one another out on the bay, then an interpreter will guide you through these behaviours as you try to sort out what the other swan is saying to you! Sunglasses and winter boots will make this station a more enjoyable experience.

- **Station #3 Along the lakeshore**

Here is the place for some quiet looking and listening. Your interpreter will guide your group for a closer look at the birds with binoculars and spotting scopes. This is where students get to use their **Swan Haven Birding Passports** as they search for some of the birds featured there. Mittens, hats, warm boots, and a coat make this a more comfortable viewing experience.

After your visit to Swan Haven

The fun isn't over yet. In the attached template, have students **draw a picture** of their visit to Swan Haven. If you would like, choose one picture and mail it to us so we may put it in our scrapbook.

Please mail it to Wildlife Viewing,
Box 2703 (V-5N)
Whitehorse, Yukon
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HOME MADE BINOCULARS

Materials needed

*2 Cardboard Toilet Paper Rolls **

Plastic Wrap

Rubber

Bands Tape

Crayons or

Felts String or

Ribbon

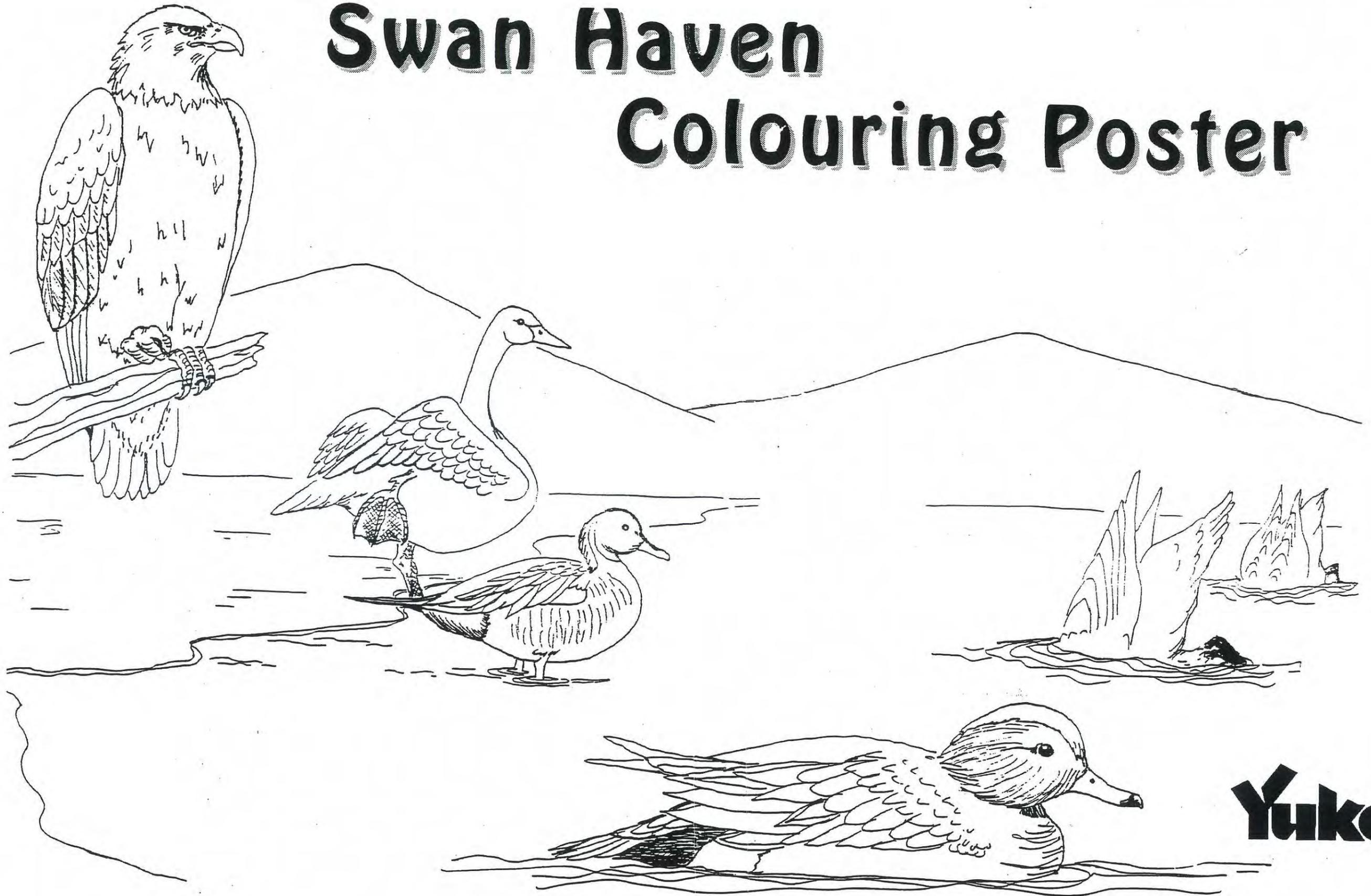
** Don't have enough toilet paper rolls? Cut a piece of small construction paper in two and use that instead*

Instructions

*Decorate both cardboard toilet paper rolls as desired
Cut two pieces of plastics wrap 3 inches x 3 inches.
Using the rubber bands (or even tape) fasten the plastic wrap around one end of each cardboard toilet paper roll. Attach the rolls together side-by-side using the tape. Make sure the plastic wrapped ends are on the same side. Attach the string or ribbon to the ends of the binoculars that are not covered with plastic.*

Happy Bird Watching

Swan Haven Colouring Poster



Yukon

My Swan from my visit to Swan Haven

