

Wolf Puppy Photography Workshop

Wildlife Science Center, Stacy MN
July 15 & July 16, 2017

Led by Photographer Jenni Bidner
*100% of Tuition Donated
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All Photos by Jenni Bidner from 2016 Seminar

Join us in this rare opportunity to photograph wolf puppies at the Wildlife Science Center (WSC) in Stacy Minnesota. The WSC is hosting a guided tour that will give participants unprecedented access to their wolf puppies!

What makes this opportunity unique is that you will be guided inside an extra-large enclosure and allowed to photograph wolf puppies, ages 9 -13 weeks old. This is the last year of a long-term study on wolf puppies, and it resulted in over a dozen puppies being handraised by the Center. NO puppies are planned for the next several years, so this may be your last chance for a long time.

Emphasis will be on maximizing shooting time and photo opportunities. A basic understanding of your camera and wildlife shooting techniques is assumed. Both advanced and beginning photographers are welcome. Award-winning photographer/author Jenni Bidner will lead the tour and help you achieve the best photographs possible. WSC Director Peg Callahan will be available to narrate canine behavior and help predict where the “action” will be.

Because these are wild animals, you will not be allowed to approach the puppies. However, they tend to be curious and playful, so if they approach you (which is highly likely) you will be allowed to interact with them. Thus it is not surprising that you will get terrific photos with normal to moderate telephoto lenses, and even wide angle lenses and cell phones should the pups decide to play near you.

Only 4 Sessions Offered

Choose between morning and afternoon shooting sessions on Saturday July 15 and Sunday July 16, 2017. You may sign up for multiple sessions. Each session will begin with a safety orientation and photographic techniques discussion, followed by about 2.5 hours in the pen.

The goal is to have morning sessions feature the younger pups (9 to 11 weeks), and afternoon sessions to feature the older ones (11 to 13 weeks). The month difference in age should yield very different photo opportunities because of the different look and behavior characteristics of those ages. Every effort will be made to provide a feeding session, encourage howls and promote play. The pen has been landscaped for good photo opportunities, including water.



Act Fast! Last Year's Seminar Sold Out in Days!

Pricing

Instructor Jenni Bidner is volunteering her time and expenses so 100% of your tuition will go toward the operating expenses of the not-for-profit Wildlife Science Center, helping them to continue to care for these beautiful animals. The price for this wolf puppy photo shoot is \$395 per session. To insure a tailored and unique experience, class size will be limited to 8. Participants must be 18 years of age, unless they get permission from the WSC prior to registering.

Morning Session (Younger Pups):

8:00am– 8:30am: Safety & Technique Lecture

8:45am– 11:15am: Out with the Wolves!

Afternoon Session (Older Pups):

3:45pm– 4:15pm: Safety & Technique Lecture

4:30pm – 7:00pm: Out with the Wolves!

Registration

For more information or to register, contact the WSC at:

wscinfo@wildlifesciencecenter.org

22830 Sunrise Rd NE, Stacy, MN 55079 (*NEW LOCATION!*)

(651) 464-3993; www.wildlifesciencecenter.org

Upon registration, we will contact you with information on planning your visit, equipment suggestions and shooting tips from Jenni Bidner.

WEATHER: The seminar will be held rain or shine. In the heat of summer, a rainy day can yield some of the best wolf activity and most dramatic shots. At the discretion of the WSC, two sessions may be combined if one is cancelled due to dangerous weather. In the case of complete cancellation due to weather, your tuition will be refunded.

LIABILITY: Being in the vicinity of wild animals is an inherently dangerous activity. Safety for both you and the animals will be taken seriously. Like dog puppies, wolf puppies have sharp teeth and claws. Though unlikely, it is possible you may get scratched or nipped. Any photographer not following the safety rules will be asked to leave the premises with no refund offered. All photographers must sign a liability waiver prior to entering the pen.

REFUND POLICY: Refunds are offered if the participants cancels at least five days prior to the event. No refunds can be offered if cancelled less than five days, unless your slot can be filled. A refund will not be offered to anyone asked to leave for safety violations. The WSC reserves the right to cancel as of 5 days before the start of the event.

Jenni Bidner is the author of over 20 books including *Growler the Wolf Pup* and *Is My Dog a Wolf*, as well as numerous books on photography.

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