

# **Decorah Eagles Mod Farewell 2012**

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As promised to the chatters who couldn't be there for chat closing, here is the transcript of what mods had to say. Elf captured it; Elf is the one who deserves your thanks.

Mods Farewells, 6/30/2012

8:01 Pagent: Wow, we paused the chat just in time. The emoticons were creeping in!!  
8:01 nature27-1: hang on chatters  
8:01 Pagent: Chatters, this is the official close of the moderated chat for the 2013 Bald Eagles of Decorah nesting season!!  
8:02 FinnBMD: 2013? huh? did I miss a year?  
8:02 Pagent: We have enjoyed every moment (well, nearly every moment) of our moderating for you!!  
8:02 Pagent: Ok, 2012  
8:02 Pagent: LOL  
8:02 FinnBMD: whew! Pag! lol  
8:02 thinkingwoman: Give us a moment to catch our breaths and do some reorganizing  
8:03 thinkingwoman: We will be back with you shortly  
8:04 nature27-1: get ur helmets on and fastened  
8:06 FinnBMD: I think we had a crash!  
8:06 bbsak2: a major crash!  
8:06 thinkingwoman: We did. A big crash!  
8:07 FinnBMD: My Finn and Tonic went all over my tray table!  
8:07 EAthatsme: My head is spinning under my tin foil hat  
8:07 jfrancl: I'm back  
8:07 bbsak2: and it still doesn't feel very stable  
8:07 EAthatsme: nopes  
8:07 Pagent: Chatters, I think I cut the wrong wire!!  
8:07 Pagent: Oops!!  
8:07 elfruler: dadgummit, pagent, I told you yellow  
8:08 thinkingwoman: Hang in there chatters while we reorganize  
8:08 elfruler: you went for the green again, didn't you?  
8:08 Pagent: Yellow, I thought you said to eat the Jello!!  
8:08 EAthatsme: get that duck tape out  
8:08 FaithHopeCure: Whew! forgot my tinfoil hat  
8:08 Pagent: Tool belt check, duct tape check  
8:09 FinnBMD: what about that screwdriver, Pag?  
8:09 luvsbirds: Ok who kicked me so high that I thought I was in the twilight zone??  
8:09 Pagent: To be on the safe side chatters, fasten your seat belts!!  
8:09 bellnurser1: I went soaring with the eagles  
8:09 jfrancl: luvsbirds, I was right behind you!  
8:10 luvsbirds: lol jf!  
8:10 EAthatsme: hey I heard if a woman has duck tape, a butter knife and a good pair of heels she could fix anything!

8:10 luvsbirds: Look at those darlin' lil faces to the left! Doncha just wanna kiss them?  
8:11 EAthatsme: only after they feak their beaks I don't like fish  
8:11 luvsbirds: lol EA  
Pagent climbing into the 18 wheeler wondering who thought an 18 wheeler was a good idea!!  
8:12 jfrancl: EA, fish isnt as bad as squabbit!  
8:12 luvsbirds: So everyone must not see what I see to the left! Thats ok..its the 3 eaglets all light gray with those cute faces!  
8:12 EAthatsme: ewww jf you got that right plus I need defurring lessons from M/D  
8:12 elfruler: luv, are you watching a recording?  
8:13 luvsbirds: no elf, just a still pic that says "Thanks for watching the Decorah Eagle Cam! We'll see you this fall"  
8:13 Pagent: I see a slide of 3 precious faces!!  
8:13 jfrancl: EA, dad could tutor us, defurring 101!  
8:13 FaithHopeCure: I still see the same cam view we had earlier and am listening to squees  
8:14 Pagent: Faith, your camera did not go off air??  
8:14 luvsbirds: do u see it elf?  
8:14 Pagent: That's what i have luv!!  
8:15 EAthatsme: sure can he is the faster defurring-er I have eva seen jf  
8:15 bbsak2: me too faith -- lots and lots of squeeing  
8:15 elfruler: I have a few of the nest and some squeeing off cam  
8:15 FaithHopeCure: Not off air yet, Pagent  
8:15 raptorresource: Thanks so much for your dedication, enthusiam, and support. We are looking forward to coming back in the fall.  
8:15 Peg22-1: cute pic here of 3 little e's  
8:16 luvsbirds: Please refresh if you don't have the # eee's!  
8:16 TX\_Ninja-1: Oooph...  
8:16 Peg22-1: we are thankful to you RRP  
8:16 elfruler: thank you RR  
8:16 Pagent: RRP, thank you for this wonderful peek into the lives of the Bald Eagles.  
8:16 jfrancl: Thank you so much RRP  
8:16 raptorresource: elfruler, thank you. Thanks to all of you.  
8:16 luvsbirds: Thanks so much RRP for a job well done!  
8:17 luvsbirds: We so respect all you do and all the time it takes!  
8:17 nature27-1: wait raptor  
8:17 hummingbird2011: Thanks to all at RRP. We love the eagles and all you have taught us! See you in the fall. <3  
8:18 raptorresource: Pagent and luvsbirds Thank you so much for your dedication.

8:18 thinkingwoman: Chatters, we are having a mod afterhours like you haven't seen this year.  
8:18 raptorresource: See you in the fall! I need to go, but thanks so much!  
8:18 FaithHopeCure: Thank you RRP!  
8:18 Pagent: Thank you RRP!! See you nest season!!  
8:18 bbsak2: Thank YOU RRP for this awesome opportunity!  
8:18 thinkingwoman: The mods will be speaking to you from their hearts  
8:18 jfrancl: We'll be looking forward to it, thank you again RRP  
8:18 TX\_Ninja-1: Thanks RRP!  
8:19 EAthatsme: Ty RRP thank you for all you have done and all you will be doing for these awesome creatures!  
8:19 bell nurse1: yes thanks RRP

8:19 Peg22-1: RRP has blessed so many!! thanks again

8:19 bell nurse1: It is bittersweet for me this time of year, with our juvies ready to fly from the nest and continue their lives as Bald Eagles. m/d have done such a good job raising the juvies; they have great skill

8:20 bell nurse1: skills to build on as they move on with their lives. I have met so many wonderful people here and am grateful for all—RRP, Bob, Amy, the camera operators, most of all, our royal family, our chatter

8:20 raptorresource: I can't thank you enough. 😊

8:20 bell nurse1: v

8:21 bell nurse1: vmods. I will certainly take away a lot of memories to keep me warm this winter until we meet again. My favorite memory this year has been seeing what a clown 14 has been. I never thought I would

8:21 bell nurse1: ever love the juvies as much as I did the previous season, but I did manage to enjoy this group as much. I am looking forward to the next nesting

8:21 bell nurse1: season with all of my close, personal friends here. And whatever you do, please be safe and know we love you and want you back here next season.

8:21 bell nurse1: Happy Trails to you, until we meet again. Hopefully when the camera and chat open and we eagerly await seeing our 3rd clutch together.

8:22 bell nurse1: Soar with the eagles, my friends--Sincerely, Bell nurse1

8:22 birdsohio: Thank you RRP,Bob,Amy, CO's, Volunteers, Mods, Farm owners & chatters.Happy holidays until the morrow! i'll leave u with my fav. saying, We Will Never Let Go,,We Will Move On,, And,,Add To. c u soon!

8:22 elfruler: This time and this space -- the small view of a bald eagle nest in a tiny corner of Iowa, the few short months of activity -- have become for me an infinity of time and space.

8:23 elfruler: These eagles are special to all of us who have been in this time and this space. The friends we have made here are special.

8:23 elfruler: But all created things have their own time and their own space, and all are special.

8:23 elfruler: I want to find as many of them as I can.

8:23 elfruler: I want to do all that I can to ensure that all of them have all the space and all the time that they need. They deserve nothing less.

8:23 elfruler: Squee to all of you as you look for special things in your lives, as you share your time and your space with them, and come to respect theirs.

8:24 FinnBMD: In Feb 2011, I saw E1's little head and beak emerge thru the egg shell and the earth's axis tilted slightly for me—something clicked in my head and my heart and I began this incredible journey.

8:24 FinnBMD: Our journeys with M&D Decorah and their young have continued this season. In the process, more things close to the human heart and spirit have been brought to life in each one of us.

8:24 FinnBMD: Thank you chatters for making this another memorable season with your expressions of humor & joyful appreciation of the Decorah BE family. We continue to learn together—that's a good thing!

8:25 raptorresource: I will leave saying that this entire experience has been a privilege. Bell nurse - Happy Trails! Thanks so much. Adios, everyone.

8:25 hummingbird2011: I could get all mushy, which is easy for me, but I won't. I am going to take this opportunity to be my sassy little self, because all seriousness aside, this place is just great fun.

8:25 hummingbird2011: Bobbleheads, Ps', getting bonked with sticks, staring into the camera, wing waps, just to mention a few, of the funniest moments spent here, IMO.

8:26 hummingbird2011: I love to learn, but at the same time, I love to live too. Personally, I can't do either without humor.

8:26 hummingbird2011: Love to all. S E D! Good Night Decorah!!!!

8:27 thinkingwoman: Jollygiantredwood couldn't make it tonight and asked me to post

8:27 thinkingwoman: jolly To everyone here, it has been another memorable year. We have made it through another successful clutch!

8:27 thinkingwoman: jolly I want to wish all of you the best this off season and encourage you all to become more active with wildlife in your area!

8:28 thinkingwoman: jolly Thanks to all the other mods for their hard work and dedication, and thank you chatters for your commitment to learning and your love for eagles!

8:29 LGB1126-1: Hello chatters, I would like to say a BIG Thank You for making this the best chat ever!

8:29 LGB1126-1: I have said many times that we have the best chatters on USTREAM.

8:29 LGB1126-1: I would especially like to say to all the chatters in SS- You Rock!

8:29 LGB1126-1: It has been my privilege to be a mod for RRP/Bob/Amy

8:30 LGB1126-1: and the main stars-The Decorah Eagles 😊 So long for now

8:30 luvsbirds: Ap special thank you to RRP, without you, none of this would be happening and it brings so much respect to a magnificent bird. Thank you to all the wonderful chatters! You were all so great this year

8:30 luvsbirds: My fellow mods, thank you for another great year and such fun we had! Love you all!

8:31 luvsbirds: And to our beautiful eagle family! Mom and Dad and all of their children. What a wonderful ride and to many more years! <3

8:32 nature27-1: I would just like to say how much this year has meant to me. I have learned so much from you chatters and my fellow mods. I have also gained a ton of useful information from the eagles

8:32 nature27-1: themselves via the transmitters etc. and Bob, Amy and all the staff at RRP. While we don't always agree with Bob and RRP's decision on everything, we do need to remember that if it wasn't for

8:33 nature27-1: them none of this would have been possible. I just want to thank each and every one of you chatters, mods and Bob, Amy and all the staff at RRP. A special thanks also to all the camera

8:33 nature27-1: operators for your breathtaking views! Each of you have special place in my heart. So have a great rest of the year where ever you may be from and I hope to see you all again in 2013. <3

8:33 gardengirl1: This has been a gift to <censored> be a moderator in the Decorah Eagle MC has been a real privilege. Thank you RRP. I have learned much about eagles and people. I have been blessed

8:34 gardengirl1: to help chatters and make friends

8:34 gardengirl1: It is nothing but a miracle to watch nature unfold on the nest everyday. My heart is full.

8:35 Pagent: Chatters, It has been my absolute pleasure and joy to learn and to laugh with you all. We found humor in learning and we were able to laugh in the most frustrating of times!

8:36 Pagent: Some mods shared extensive Eagle knowledge, thank you for teaching me!! Some mods seemed to always be modding, didn't you ever sleep?! And all mods, brought humor and playfulness. I will miss you all!

8:36 Pagent: I know you are expecting a song, and I do parody many of them to fit our eagle family. And I love doing songs for you because, as Elton sang, "my gift is my song and this one's for you."

8:36 Pagent: But tonight there is one that is fitting that needs no parody so here is my gift to you (think Joe Cocker from An Officer and a Gentleman):

8:37 Pagent: 😊 Who knows what tomorrow brings, In a world where few hearts survive. All I know is the way I feel, When it's real I keep it alive.

8:37 Pagent: The road is long, There are mountains in the way, But we climb a step every day.

8:37 Pagent: Love lift us up where we belong, Where the eagles cry, On a mountain high. Love lift us up where we belong, Far from the world we know, Up where the clear winds blow.

8:37 Pagent: Some hang on to used to be, Live their lives looking behind When all we have is here and now, All our lives, Out there to find.

8:37 Pagent: The road is long, There are mountains in the way, But we climb a step every day

8:38 Pagent: Love lift us up where we belong, Where the eagles cry, On a mountain high. Time goes by, No time to cry, Life's you and I, Alive, today 😊

Pagent says, "And finally, to paraphrase Dorothy in the Wizard of Oz, 'Chatters, I know I will miss you most of all!!' Be Safe and Take Care!! And see you Nest Season!!"

8:38 Peg22-1: It's been a true privilege being here with the best chatters, camera operators, & my very special fellow mods.

8:39 Peg22-1: Thanks to all of you for making this another successful season

8:40 Peg22-1: Also many thanks to RRP, Bob and Amy for all their hard work bringing this very special site to all of us

8:41 Peg22-1: we have all learned so much while enjoying ourselves at the same time. A special thanks to our SS mods and chatters. you all rocked

8:42 Peg22-1: Enjoy your summer and see you next time! FLY FREE OUR DECORAH EAGLES!! <3

8:43 thinkingwoman: Spice also couldn't make it tonight. Here's her words

8:44 thinkingwoman: I have enjoyed my second year with all of you here in beautiful Decorah, Iowa and our cherished Decorah Eagle Family.

8:44 thinkingwoman: Have a safe and wonderful Summer, I am looking forward to seeing you again in the Fall for another amazing year of, well just about anything is possible with this family!

8:45 jfrancl: There are so many reasons that this season means so much to me but I can only name a few. The Decorah Eagles have touched my life in so many ways, watching mom & dad's parenting skills has,

8:45 jfrancl: at times left me speechless. I've said before, they work together like a well oiled machine. Watching their hatchlings go from bobbleheads to magnificent young eagles takes my breath away.

8:46 jfrancl: But it goes beyond that. RRP, mods & chatters have also touched my life in ways you will never know. We've become a family bonded by the Decorah Eagles, a bond that I will always treasure.

8:46 jfrancl: Thank you RRP & wonderful mods & chatters for an incredible season filled with precious memories and know that we love you all. Until we meet again, stay safe and good night.

8:46 bbsak2: TY RRP, mods, COs & chatters! It was an honor to spend this season with the best people on the internet watching the 2012 clutch of Decorah eaglets grow to be healthy & flying strong.

8:47 bbsak2: This experience has opened my eyes to the extremes, both fierce & gentle that M/D take to protect their offspring & has reminded me that I need to be more fierce/passionate @ my interests.

8:47 bbsak2: Have a great summer everyone. My hope for us all is that we find a way to put our enthusiasm & interest in nature & Es to work in our communities & pay RRP's gift to us forward in some way!

8:47 bbsak2: YOU all are what make this so worthwhile! I'm looking forward to seeing each & every one of you here in MC & SS again next season. Until then - be safe, happy & healthy!

8:47 TX\_Ninja-1: What another great season of watching our incredible eagles. It has been amazing to have experienced two seasons now.

8:48 TX\_Ninja-1: It has been such an honor this year to be a part of the Mod Squad. Thanks to RRP for the privilege of being part of the team. Thank you mods for accepting me into this great team.

8:48 TX\_Ninja-1: I will miss all of you great chatters. Thank you so much for letting me share the journey with you again. I look forward to next year and sharing another journey with you all! TX\_Ninja-1 climbs quietly to the rafters with the harmonica in hand

8:49 EAthatsme: What an honor and privileged it has been to be here with all of you. Thank you RRP! Thank you TW for you leadership. I would also want to give a shout to "my teachers" the "seasoned- Mod Squad" .,

8:49 EAthatsme: You have excepted me into your fold and have taught me so much that no words can express my gratitude to you.

8:49 EAthatsme: And last but not least You Dear Chatters>Thank you for learning, your contributing, your humor, your awesome videos and for sharing the Love for this Royal Family.

8:49 EAthatsme: I like you, have learned so much for that I am grateful. When you think of this season remember > The Golden Hour > Gloaming< and Smile> for it was a beautiful time in the Nest.

8:49 EAthatsme: Thank you DECORAH> Thank you Our ROYAL FAMILY Well Done! Until next year> Do a Random Act of Kindness>< Be good to yourselves and others<>SED ~ PEACE~ <3 EA

8:50 FaithHopeCure: It does my heart good to see what all this has done for young and old alike. Every day I have seen someone say it has changed their life in one way or the other  
8:51 FaithHopeCure: I feel very fortunate to have been even more involved in this adventure this season. I have been very impressed with the knowledge all of you have gained in the last 2 seasons. The chatters dedicati  
8:51 FaithHopeCure: dedication and love for the eagles has touched my heart great!  
8:52 FaithHopeCure: Coming into this room each day feels like coming home. I have been humbled by the welcome from chatters as a new mod and so thankful to the others mods for taking me under their wing and teaching so  
8:52 FaithHopeCure: so patiently  
8:53 FaithHopeCure: Thank you chatters, thank you fellow mods and thank you RRP, CO's, and Mom & Dad Decorah!  
8:53 FaithHopeCure: I hope to see each and every one of you back here next season. Same time, same station.

8:53 thinkingwoman: You're going to be tired of me by the time the night is over. Lol  
8:54 thinkingwoman: Nan wanted to say this to you.  
8:54 thinkingwoman: nan3rd: I'm sorry I could not be here tonight for our Finale, but I had prior commitments and as we all know, the announcement of our closing date came a bit sudden. TW will graciously post for me.  
8:55 thinkingwoman: nan3rd: I've had the complete pleasure of 'Modding' for the last 2 months, and it has gone by so quickly. I appreciate everyone for welcoming me to the Mod Squad with open arms. I am so honored!!  
8:55 thinkingwoman: nan3rd: What a year 2012 has brought to us. We've laughed together, ahh'd together, gasped together, shared together, cried together and of course, I'll admit it, Worried Together, LOL  
8:55 thinkingwoman: nan3rd: It's simply amazing that this beautiful Eagle family has created lifelong memories and a bond between us, which I will forever cherish.  
8:55 thinkingwoman: nan3rd: My favorite moments this year has got to be the Teeter Totter event! Watching it 'live' was so hilarious that I was literally ROFL or as TW would say, MOD DOWN!  
8:56 thinkingwoman: nan3rd: The day Mom decided to bless us with her Stunning Pose was another moment that froze me at the keyboard! I was speechless, unbelievable!  
8:56 thinkingwoman: nan3rd: Chatters, to you I genuinely have enjoyed each day with you! We have learned so much about nature from this eagle family and we've been so gifted by RRP to witness these fabulous events. TY RRP  
8:56 thinkingwoman: nan3rd: You're all so talented in your own ways! From helping one another out, to writing poems, and bringing humor, nothing better than humor, I've loved it!  
8:56 thinkingwoman: nan3rd: Our fantastic Mod Squad has led us thru each and every day, step by step, making this chat room the most educational and safest place to be on the internet. Thank you all!  
8:57 thinkingwoman: nan3rd: Thank you for spending time together at this peaceful place. It's always a pleasure, and remember... Keep Smiling and 'Make Someone's Eyes Shine'! Make it a goal everyday! Until next year...<3

8:58 thinkingwoman: GoldenEagle got caught in the crash. He sends along what he would have said had the crash not caught him

8:59 thinkingwoman: My thanks to RRP for inviting me to return as a Moderator for the 2012 nesting season. It's a pleasure to work with such dedicated professionals.

8:59 thinkingwoman: 2012 was a very different year from 2011. The weather was quite different. We noted many differences in the actions of our eagle parents and, most especially, the actions of their offspring.

8:59 thinkingwoman: Through it all, our team of Mods has worked very hard to make this a fun and educational experience. But, we couldn't possibly do that without your cooperation. For that, we thank YOU!

9:00 thinkingwoman: I've been told that what we do here is the equivalent of a college level education in Raptor Science. And all it costs us is our time! That's a pretty good deal, don't you think?

9:00 thinkingwoman: Until We Meet Again - No matter what, stay calm, cool and collected. "GE"

9:01 thinkingwoman: This time last year I was thinking how much fun I'd had and how much I'd learned. Little did I know how much better it could get.

9:02 thinkingwoman: A very special thank you to RRP for bringing us this camera. And for increasing the height by 5 feet. No PS hits this year!

9:02 thinkingwoman: My fellow mods were an inspiration day in, day out. They are knowledgeable, funny, and caring. Incredibly smart too. There is NOTHING the mod squad can't figure out together.

9:02 thinkingwoman: We have each other's backs. Always

9:03 thinkingwoman: Chatters, you frustrated me at times. Not for the reason(s) you are thinking! Every time I tried to compliment you, it got turned around, and you were thanking mods!

9:03 thinkingwoman: Just once, I wanted to tell you how great you are, and not have it sound like I was soliciting compliments back. Now's my chance!

9:04 thinkingwoman: Chatters, you are the best group on the Internets! You share accurate information and ask sterling questions. Almost daily one of you asked a question that made me think. For that I thank you.

9:04 thinkingwoman: Chatters, YOU ROCK!

9:05 thinkingwoman: When I signed on to be a mod in March of last year, I figured it would be a 5 month gig, and I'd move on. Here I am a year and a half later still firmly ensconced in the Decorah eagle world.

9:05 thinkingwoman: I've found I like eagles! I like how big they are. I love how frugal they are with their energy and with their food. I now scrape out jars! I always did love to perch!

9:05 thinkingwoman: I especially love the brown sable colour!

9:06 thinkingwoman: We survived the crash. There really is no good way to end, so with that, I'll simply say Nyto! (flame)