

ALPENGLOW PRODUCTIONS – PHOTO WORKSHOPS

Winter Wildlife Photography – Triple D Game Farm – Kalispell, MT

January 23 – 25, 2010

(January 26th – Inclement Weather/Optional Day)

There you are – out in the wild and that once in a lifetime opportunity to capture an image of a mountain lion, lynx, wolf, bear or some other rare and illusive species appears right in front of your eyes. In the excitement of the moment, chances are your photo will be out of focus, poorly composed, or worse yet - you most likely will have missed the opportunity entirely because the animal ran away before you could get your camera properly set. Well, that won't be the case at the Triple D Game Farm.

How about having the animal move around right in front of you with plenty of time to get 100's of shots? How about seeing the animal in a beautiful Rocky Mountain location with magnificent light? This is the Triple D Game Farm, the best place in North America to photograph native mammals in natural settings.



As you probably know, animals can be a difficult subject, so here is a chance to get acquainted with photographing wildlife in a controlled, but entirely natural setting. You can expect to go home with many “keepers” that range from close-ups to wide-angle habitat images.

Winter is the time to capture truly remarkable images that few other photographers can boast of or have experienced.

The animals will be resplendent in their luxurious winter coats, and the low winter light angle will allow us to shoot virtually all day long with great light. A snow covered background will not only provide the contrast to make the animals pop out from their surroundings, but it also acts as a great light box to provide even subject illumination for uniform tonality rendering. Workshop size will be limited to 8 participants – to insure individual attention to the needs of each attendee.

Highlights

We will spend 3 days photographing a variety of animals (8 sessions) in unique wilderness settings and compounds specifically designed for photography sessions. We will start with a pizza party orientation session the evening before the workshop. Then, each morning beginning on January 23, we will travel short distances from the Game Farm to naturally designed settings to photograph the animals in their natural surroundings. After a morning shoot we will return to the main lodge for complimentary hot lunch then return to the field for an afternoon shoot. Mid-day breaks will allow for photo critiques and a chance to share information such as digital image editing and workflow, and other useful photo tips that will help improve your portfolio. A 4th day will be set aside in case of inclement weather or as an extra day for added optional sessions. The Triple D staff is truly amazing! You won't find a friendlier, more knowledgeable group of people, who have years of experience working with the animals. While your safety is of prime concern to the trainers, you will be closer to large cats, wolves, bear, etc. than you ever thought imaginable. All off-site wilderness compounds are fenced to help control the animals, but they are permitted to roam free and you will be right there with them inside the fence.



Triple D will guarantee at least 8 species of wildlife to be photographed. Wildlife models may include: **grey and black wolves, bobcats, mountain lions, snow leopards, Canadian and Siberian Lynx, various species of fox, Siberian Tiger, grizzly and black bears and more.**

Itinerary

- January 22nd Evening: 6:00 PM Orientation meeting at the Triple D offices or TBA. Pizza and beverages will be served.
- January 23 – 25th: Morning and afternoon photography sessions with the wildlife models at various shooting locations; mid-day break will allow for instruction and free time.
- January 25th 4:00 - 6:00 PM: Wrap-up session and workshop comes to an end.
- January 26th: Weather Day, or it can be used for additionally purchased photography sessions.

What Is and Is Not Included?

The fee includes 3 days of photography instruction, and we have a “snow” day built in to our schedule. For an additional fee we can conduct additional photography sessions on the 4th day. Please contact me for details. The pizza dinner during orientation and hot lunches during the 3-day workshop are also included.

What to Bring?

Lots of energy, extra batteries and a lot of memory cards! Cold weather clothing – lots of layers with wool/synthetic under layers, wind/waterproof outer layers. A tripod can be used and is always recommended. You will not need long glass, a 70-200mm is more than enough for the majority of the photography. There are some places where a 400-500mm can be used or you can add a teleconverter. If you have a wide angle you will have some unusual opportunities to use it as well. Bring your flash to catch specular highlights and open up shadows.



The Leader

Rick Sheremeta is president of AlpenGlow Productions, Inc.. An avid outdoor and wildlife photographer,

his work has been published widely - from calendars to international marketing campaigns and magazines. Rick is a contract photographer for the Associated Press and he has authored numerous articles for Outdoor Photographer, Shutterbug, Distinctly Montana, Tamron's Viewfinder and Pro-Learning Center. He is a photography instructor with the Glacier Institute and a workshop leader for Outdoor Adventure River Specialists (OARS). He believes it is important to have fun while learning - so be prepared to enjoy yourself and have a great time. Rick resides locally in the Flathead Valley, and is the **Photographer in Residence** at Triple D Game Farm.

Please contact [Rick](#) for further details and to answer any questions that you may have regarding clothing or photo gear. Be sure to include any special needs that you may have so that we can try to accommodate them.

Lodging

There is cozy lodging available at the Triple D Guest Log Cabin. The cabin has 4 bedrooms, two baths, setting room w/fireplace, kitchen and laundry area. For arrangements or further lodging information, please contact:

Triple D Game Farm
190 Drake Drive
Kalispell, MT 59903
406-755-9653

Discount rates are available at several Kalispell hotels and motels. The recommended hotel for this trip is the Holiday Inn Express:

Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites
275 TREELINE ROAD
KALISPELL, MT 59901 UNITED STATES
Hotel Front Desk: 1-406-755-7405

Workshop Fees

- Enrollment Fee :: \$1195 (Special Intro. rate)
- Includes :
 - Three Days of Photography
 - Welcome Party and Orientation Session
 - All Photographic Instruction
 - Three Days Hot Lunch
 - Lodging Discounts
- Not Included – meals (other than noted), lodging, transportation, and gratuities for the handlers.
- A Non-Refundable Deposit of \$250.00 is required upon booking
- Balance is due by January 1st, 2010

To Enroll – Contact

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Note:

Prior to making airline reservations, please inquire about the status of the Workshop. We reserve the right to cancel regardless of cause and will notify anyone registered at least 30 days prior if this occurs. In this case, all monies paid will be refunded in full. AlpenGlow Productions, Inc., Triple D Game Farm, their respective employees, agents and/or assigns re responsible for non-refundable airline tickets because of workshop cancellation. Obtaining Traveler's Insurance is therefore highly recommended.

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