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Whirley and Rivet – the winning Osprey chick names!

No hanging chads in this election, just dangling fish.

Osprey fans voted decisively for **Whirley** and **Rivet** as names for the two Osprey chicks at the center of the Bay Area’s first live Osprey nest cam.

Whirley will be the name for the older chick, born on May 12 in the nest overlooking the Richmond shoreline. Rivet is the younger one, born two days later on Mother’s Day.

Golden Gate Audubon Society, which launched the 24-hour high-definition video feed in late March, announced the results of the online balloting today, June 1st.

The name Whirley evokes the Whirley Crane, the 75-foot-high World War II maritime crane on which the nest and the two cameras are located. The name Rivet evokes the nearby Rosie the Riveter historical monument.

“These names are so appropriate, given the unique location of this nest and the outstanding support for the nest cam from all the organizations involved with the Richmond shoreline,” said Cindy Margulis, Executive Director of Golden gate Audubon Society. “Plus the name Rivet reflects how thousands of people have become *riveted* to watching the nest!”

The live video feed of the Osprey family – Whirley, Rivet, and parents Rosie and Richmond, who are providing a steady diet of fish to their rapidly growing offspring – is viewable at <http://sfbayospreys.org>. The site also includes a live chat area where visitors can ask questions and share observations about the Ospreys, information about how we can all help

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protect Ospreys and their habitat, and downloadable lesson plans for teachers of grades 6-12.

The young Ospreys will spend 50 to 55 days in the nest before they fledge (learn to fly). In recent days, Rosie and Richmond have been adding material to the edges of the nest. They're building what Osprey experts call a "crib rail" – with the same function as a human crib rail, to keep the youngsters safe as they become more mobile and start to move around the nest!

Meanwhile, the Osprey cam web site has information on things that humans can do to keep these young birds and other Ospreys safe, including:

- Keep our waterways free of trash and debris.
- Recycle used fishing line to prevent entanglement of water birds and marine mammals.
- Volunteer to restore and clean up shoreline habitat. See

<http://goldengateaudubon.org/volunteer> for monthly volunteer opportunities.

Watch the live nest feed at <http://sfbayospreys.org>. Or keep up with highlights from the nest on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/bayospreys/>.

Recent photos of the chicks are available for media use at <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/iu0b5844ijqqih0/AAAcfR2VvoQXb3Ld3Epp3LN9a?dl=0>. Please note this Dropbox link is for media use ONLY.