



## LEGACY OF HOPE FAQ

### *A Celebration of George Archibald's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday*

#### **Event Basics**

##### *How much does it cost to attend?*

Individual tickets are \$750, all ticketing is electronic, and all ticket communications will come from the email address [noreply@onecause.com](mailto:noreply@onecause.com). Tickets will be available for purchase starting mid-April until they sell out or June 18. There is also the option to become an event sponsor. Sponsorship begins at \$10,000 and if you are interested in learning more about event sponsorship, please contact Kate Fitzwilliams at 608-356-9462 ext. 147.

##### *What is included in the ticket?*

Included with your ticket is a reception, dinner, drinks, and program, including a presentation by Michael Forsberg, wildlife photographer, conservation storyteller and renowned author of *Into Whooperland – A photographer's journey with Whooping Cranes*. Each household will get a complimentary copy of *Into Whooperland*.

##### *What is the date, time, and location of the gala?*

The celebration will take place on Saturday, July 18, 2026, at the Four Seasons Hotel Chicago, 120 E. Delaware Place, Chicago, Illinois. Registration begins at 5 p.m., and the program starts at 6:30 p.m. (Event sponsor hosts at \$25,000 and above may check in starting at 4:30 p.m. for The Roost pre-gala VIP reception starting at 5 p.m.) The event will end around 9:00 p.m.

##### *Where in the hotel will the event be held?*

The gala will be held in the Grand Ballroom on the 8<sup>th</sup> floor of the Four Seasons Hotel Chicago, just beyond the grand staircase.

##### *What is The Roost and who can attend?*

The Roost is an intimate pre-gala cocktail hour with Dr. George Archibald, Dr. Rich Beilfuss, and Michael Forsberg to toast crane conservation before the evening takes flight. It takes place in the State Room (8th floor, across from the ballroom) from 5-6 p.m., with check-in beginning at 4:30 p.m.

This sponsorship benefit is for table hosts and their guests at the \$80,000 and \$50,000 levels and for table hosts at the \$25,000 level.

#### *How will I check in event night?*

There will be no printed tickets. You will have the option to download an electronic ticket before the event, or to check-in by name at the event. Upon arrival, we will scan the electronic ticket you received via email or text or look you up by name. At check-in you will confirm your table assignment, confirm your contact information and credit card, and receive an assigned paddle for the paddle raise. Please note that all email ticket communications will come from the email address [noreply@onecause.com](mailto:noreply@onecause.com).

### **Arrival & Check-In**

#### *What time should I arrive?*

We'll start welcoming guests at **5:00 p.m.** to check in, mingle, and enjoy a drink before the festivities begin. The **program begins at 6:30 p.m.**, so we recommend arriving before then to get registered and find your table. ***Event sponsor hosts at \$25,000 and tables above may arrive at 4:30 p.m. for The Roost pre-gala VIP cocktail reception.***

#### *Will there be a way to donate during the gala?*

Yes, we will have a paddle raise the night of the gala. Once you complete your registration in OneCause, you will be able to participate in the live paddle raise event. Please note that the paddle raise is 100% tax deductible, as no goods or services are provided. A formal tax receipt will follow post event. Sign-up can be completed through the link you received with your electronic ticket from OneCause. If you have any questions, please contact our Gift Processing team at 608-356-9462 ext. 807 or [gifts@savingcranes.org](mailto:gifts@savingcranes.org).

#### *What should I bring?*

Please bring your ticket or confirmation email for express entry. If you'd like to take part in the paddle raise, we encourage you to bring a credit card or checkbook. Otherwise, simply come ready to enjoy an elegant evening of celebration.

#### *What is the suggested attire?*

The dress code is semi-formal. Cocktail attire is welcome — elegant dresses, suits, or dressy separates are all appropriate for the occasion. We also recommend bringing a light wrap or jacket in case the venue is cool.

*Is this an adult-only event / is there an age minimum?*

The gala is primarily an adult-oriented event, though guests aged 18 and older are welcome. Please note that alcohol will be available only to those 21 and over.

### **Venue, Logistics, & Accessibility**

*Is there a room block at the Four Seasons Hotel Chicago for guests of the gala?*

The International Crane Foundation has a limited number of rooms reserved for our guests at \$495 per night on July 18. You can reserve a room at this special rate either by calling the hotel directly at 312-280-8800 and asking for the International Crane Foundation dinner rate, or by booking online using our promo code: **260718ICF**.

This special rate will be guaranteed for our guests through June 18. After this date, you will be able to book at the hotel's best available rate.

To book online:

1. Go to [fourseasons.com/chicago](https://fourseasons.com/chicago)
2. Enter stay dates under "Check-in / Check-out"
3. Under Promo Code, type in **260718ICF** (do not copy and paste the code, as it will appear invalid)
4. Click "Check Rates"
5. A screen will appear with the option to select the guest room of your choice and proceed to confirm the reservation.

To book over the phone:

1. To book your reservation over the phone, call **312-280-8400** and ask for the Reservations Department
2. Reference the group name "**International Crane Foundation Dinner**" or the block code **260718ICF** when booking your reservation.
3. The reservations agent will assist with securing your reservation over the phone

***Please note that when booking on the Four Seasons Hotel Chicago website, you must enter dates within the contracted date range of July 18-19, 2026. If you enter shoulder dates, the code will appear invalid. If you prefer to book outside this date range to extend your stay, please call their on-site Reservations team directly (312-280-8400). Please note that shoulder dates and rates are based on hotel availability.***

*What if I require assistance or have mobility limitations?*

Four Seasons Hotel Chicago is fully accessible. If you or a guest requires assistance, please notify us in advance so we can ensure appropriate accommodations, including accessible seating or entry support.

*Are service animals permitted?*

Yes. Service animals are welcome in all public and event areas of the hotel in accordance with ADA guidelines.

*Is photography / recording allowed?*

Guests are welcome to take personal photos and short videos during the evening. We kindly ask that flash photography and recording be kept discreet to ensure an enjoyable experience for all. A professional photographer will also be in attendance to capture important moments throughout the evening. Please note, our staff will also be taking photos and videos throughout the event and these may be used in our communications.

**Food & Beverage**

*What kind of menu will be offered?*

Guests will enjoy a multi-course plated dinner prepared by the Four Seasons culinary team, featuring seasonal ingredients and locally inspired flavors. Entrée selections will be made in advance on your RSVP reply card or online no later than June 18. You can manage your tickets online through OneCause, or by calling our Gift Processing Team at 608-356-9462 ext. 807. Guests will choose from a meat, seafood, or vegan dish.

**Menu**

**Garden Green Salad and Bread Basket**

Heirloom tomatoes, radish, cucumber, beet, toasted almonds, edible flowers, and lemon thyme vinaigrette

Mini baguettes, pretzel rolls, and flatbread crisps with butter

**Entrée Choice**

Miso Braised Beef Short Ribs

Butternut squash puree, French beans, crispy sweet potato, cipollini onion, shiso

Herb Roasted Sustainable Salmon

Creamy lobster fregola, sweet corn, peas, carrots, shaved fennel, tarragon oil

Rosenthal Bowl

Grilled tofu "steak" and broccoli (DF, GV, V, VG)

*Can dietary restrictions be accommodated? How do I notify you?*

Yes. The Four Seasons culinary team is happy to accommodate dietary restrictions and food allergies with advance notice. Please indicate any special requirements when you register online or RSVP with your reply card, or contact [gifts@savingcranes.org](mailto:gifts@savingcranes.org) or (608) 356-9462 ext. 807 no later than June 18, 2026.

*Will there be a bar / open bar, or limited drink service?*

A hosted bar will be available during the cocktail reception, and wine service will be available during dinner.

**Transportation & Parking**

Valet parking is available at the Four Seasons Hotel Chicago entrance on Delaware Place and is included in the ticket purchase for all sponsors and their guests \$25,000 and above. Self-parking is also available at the Four Seasons Hotel Chicago. If you would like to self-park off site, there is a parking ramp in the nearby 900 North Michigan garage with direct access to the hotel. A breakdown of parking costs at the Four Seasons Hotel Chicago is listed below.

<b>Valet Parking</b>	
Height clearance is 6 ft. 2 inches	
Less than 3 hours	\$38
3 to 8 hours	\$48
8 to 24 hours	\$82 (includes in/out privileges for guests)

<b>Self-Parking</b>	
Height clearance is 6 ft. 2 inches	
Less 1 hour	\$29
Less than 2 hours	\$33
Less than 3 hours	\$38
Less than 4 hours	\$40
4 to 10 hours	\$43
10 to 24 hours	\$56

## **Donations, Sponsorship & Giving**

*Who should I contact about sponsoring the event?*

You may contact [gifts@savingcranes.org](mailto:gifts@savingcranes.org) or reach out to us at (608) 356-6462 ext. 807.

*Is the ticket cost tax-deductible (or a portion thereof)?*

A portion of your ticket purchase is tax-deductible. You will receive an acknowledgment letter detailing the deductible amount, in accordance with IRS guidelines.

## **Miscellaneous**

*What is the cancellation / refund policy?*

Because this event is a benefit for the International Crane Foundation, tickets are nonrefundable. If your plans change, please know that your contribution will still support our ongoing programs and initiatives.

*Who should I contact if I have further questions?*

If you have further questions, please reach out to us at [gifts@savingcranes.org](mailto:gifts@savingcranes.org) or (608) 356-6462 ext. 807.