

UPCOMING EVENTS



MEMBER APPRECIATION DAY

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Crane Saver
(\$25,000)

Nest Builder
(\$5,000)

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Oct. 24

Good Neighbor Day
Free admission with a
food pantry donation.
Baraboo, WI

Oct. 31

**Crane Discovery Center
Closing Day**
Baraboo, WI

Nov. 5 - 10

Hope on the Road
Minnesota and northern Wisconsin Craniacs,
join us for a series of conservation events.
Details coming soon.
Minnesota, Wisconsin

Nov. 14 - 15

Great Midwest Crane Fest
Celebrating Community and Conservation
co-presented by the Aldo Leopold Foundation
Baraboo, WI

greatmidwestcranefest.org

Upcoming Event Sponsor: **DISCOVER REAL
BARABOO**

Saturday, Sept. 26 | Gates open at 9 a.m.

Whooping Crane Exhibit

9:30 a.m. We Give a Whoop!

Mary Callaghan, *Outreach Biologist Assistant - Indiana*

11 a.m. Texas Program Update

Matti Prukop, *Whooping Crane Biologist*
Katie Fernald, *Wetland/Rangeland Ecologist*

Cranes & Culture Plaza

10 a.m. – 12 p.m. & 1 - 2 p.m.

Crane Legacy Society Welcome Booth

Stop by to mingle with fellow Crane Legacy Society members or to learn how you can become one!

Administration Courtyard

12 p.m. Welcome Remarks, Good Egg Award, Crane Legacy Campaign Celebration, George Archibald Birthday Remarks

Dr. George Archibald, *Co-founder*, and Dr. Rich Beilfuss, *President & CEO*

Administration Parking Lot

1 - 3 p.m. Crane Tracking Demonstration

Nina Conklin, *North America Program Fellow*
Annabelle Wood, *Outreach Program Assistant - Alabama*

Wattled Crane Amphitheater

2 p.m. Keeper Chat

Taylor Funai, *Aviculture Apprentice*

3 p.m. Africa Program Update

Kerryn Morrison, *Vice President of Africa Programs*

Guided Public Tours

(Meet at George Archibald Welcome Center)

10 a.m. Spirit of Africa

1 p.m. Cranes in Folklore

3 p.m. Crane Behavior 101



10 a.m., 1:30 p.m.
Guided Prairie Walk
(Meet at Branch Family Trail)
Andy Gossens, *Senior Ecologist*

Lunch in the
Crane Discovery Center Parking Lot

11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Lunch available for purchase
from **Las Milpas Restaurant and Hometown Hotdogs**

Crane Care Demonstration and Open House Locations

10 a.m. – 12 p.m. & 1 – 3 p.m.

Veterinary Clinic and Crane Care Unit
Administration Parking Lot

Sandhill Crane Building and Husbandry
Sandhill Crane Exhibit

Egg Incubation Show and Tell
Between Administration and Crane Care Unit

Breeding Management Show and Tell
Restoration Overlook

Chick Rearing Show and Tell
Whooping Crane Alcove

savingcranes.org

Gates close at 5 p.m.

CRANE DISCOVERY CENTER

INTERNATIONAL CRANE FOUNDATION



GEORGE ARCHIBALD WELCOME CENTER

Watch our signature film, enjoy indoor views of Sandhill Cranes, learn about our conservation work through interactive exhibits, and find the perfect souvenir of your visit at our world-class gift shop.

GLOBAL CRANE CONSERVATION THEATER

High-definition projectors, curated videos, and interviews from our staff tell the stories of our fieldwork around the world.

WHOOPING CRANE ALCOVE AND WETLANDS EXPERIENCE

What will the future hold for Whooping and Siberian Cranes? These birds came perilously close to extinction. Learn about the extraordinary and tireless efforts by people around the world to bring them back—and the challenges they still face.

CRANES AND CULTURE PLAZA

The Cranes and Culture Plaza is a place for reflection and inspiration, so be sure to take a break near our Zen Garden, spin the prayer wheels, and listen to the sounds of our Red-crowned Crane fountain sculpted by Richard Van Heuvelen.

PRAYER WHEELS

Prayer wheels are used as a meditation practice to collect wisdom and to purify bad karma. Our prayer wheels, handmade in Nepal, are embellished with cranes and filled with written prayers. Spin the wheel clockwise as the mantras move with the sun across the sky.

JOHNSON EXHIBIT POD

That's 360 degrees of crane! This exhibit pod is home to six crane species. From Asia to Africa and Europe, cranes are ambassadors for conservation and international cooperation—serving as flagship species for some of the most important places on Earth.

SAUEY FAMILY OVERLOOK

Take a seat and enjoy an expansive view of our prairie, woodland, and trails. You may see wild Sandhill Cranes nesting in Gromme Marsh below, observe the sweeping colors of wildflowers in bloom, and hear the melodies of abundant songbirds.

SPIRIT OF AFRICA

The African continent is home to six crane species threatened by habitat loss, climate change, poaching, and illegal trade. Learn about our creative conservation approaches to save them from extinction.

MIGRATION CENTER

For just eight weeks each year, a 70-mile stretch of the Platte River in the heart of North America becomes a vital haven for over half a million Sandhill Cranes. Experience the spectacle of the annual migration through a stunning mural of the Platte painted by artist Victor Bakhtin. The Migration Center is restored from the barn that originally stood on this site.