



## ***Great Midwest Crane Fest FAQ***

For more information:

[www.greatmidwestcranefest.org](http://www.greatmidwestcranefest.org)

### **How much does registration cost?**

Registration is now open, with early-bird pricing through September 30, 2022:

<b>Early-bird Registration - Through September 30</b>	<b>Registration - On or after October 1</b>
\$45 Friday and Saturday (18+)	\$55 Friday and Saturday
\$20 Single day Friday (18+)	\$30 Single day Friday
\$25 Single day Saturday (18+)	\$35 Single day Saturday
\$6 Youth (6-17 years)*	\$6*
FREE Children (ages 5 and under)	FREE

**\*Youth registration is valid throughout the festival and not for a single day.**

**The event is held rain or shine, and registration is non-refundable.**

### **Are there any events with additional registration fees?**

Yes, the following events require additional registration. Visit [greatmidwestcranefest.org](http://greatmidwestcranefest.org) to register for these events. Please note that if you're planning on bringing children to any of the following events, you will need to purchase tickets for them as well, regardless of age.

- John Van Den Brandt Photography Seminars: \$25/person
- Sunrise & Sunset Crane Viewing Tours: \$50/person
- Evening Crane Congregation Tours: \$100/person

### **What activities are included with general registration?**

Guests who purchase a single-day registration for either Friday or Saturday will have access to all included events during the day of their registration. In addition, guests who purchase a Friday *and* Saturday registration will have access to included events on Friday, November 11, and Saturday, November 12. **Please note that capacity may be limited for select events.**

Events included with the purchase of a general registration ticket are:

- Lectures at the International Crane Foundation and the Aldo Leopold Foundation
- Guided Prairie Walks at the International Crane Foundation
- Guided Cranes of the World Tours at the International Crane Foundation
- Shack Tours at the Aldo Leopold Foundation
- The Self-Led Duhr Riverview West Sandbar Trail at the Aldo Leopold Foundation
- Documentary showings at the R.G. Brown Theater, UW-Platteville Baraboo Sauk County

### **Can I purchase add-on tours and seminars without registering for the festival?**

No, you must be registered for the festival to purchase add-on events.

### **Will you mail me a printed ticket?**

If you register online, your automated email confirmation is your proof of registration. If you register over the phone, we will mail a confirmation letter to you; this will be your proof of registration. ***Noting for any phone registrations after November 3, 2022, you will check in by name.*** If you have questions regarding your registration, please contact 608-356-9462, ext. 807 or email [events@savingcranes.org](mailto:events@savingcranes.org).

### **When should I arrive, and how will I check in?**

The Aldo Leopold Foundation and International Crane Foundation sites will open at noon on Friday, November 11, and close at 5 p.m. Both sites will open at 9 a.m. on Saturday, November 12, and close at 5 p.m. When you arrive at either site, there will be a registration station. The registration station will be set up by George Archibald Welcome Center at the International Crane Foundation, and by the Aldo Leopold Legacy Center at the Aldo Leopold Foundation. Stop at the registration station first to receive your wristband, event schedule and site map. There will be a shuttle between sites running throughout the day. Be sure to look at the event dates and times for any tours or seminars you purchased in addition to your general registration, as those events may be happening outside the hours of when the sites will be open to festival goers.

### **Can you recommend nearby hotels or lodging?**

Please visit [savingcranes.org/visit/places-to-stay/](https://savingcranes.org/visit/places-to-stay/) for more information on nearby lodging options. The [Willowwood Inn](#) is offering a special deal for Great Midwest Crane Fest guests: book one night and get the next night 50% off.

## **Parking**

Parking will be available at the International Crane Foundation and Aldo Leopold Foundation. Signs will be posted that will help direct traffic. Parking at the Aldo Leopold Foundation may be limited, if so, please park at the International Crane Foundation. Note: If the parking lots are full at the International Crane Foundation, you will be directed to park in the nearby overflow parking lot at Ho-Chunk Gaming (located at [E10965 N Reedsburg Road, Baraboo, WI 53913](#)). Shuttles will operate on a regular interval and bring guests between the Ho-Chunk Gaming parking lot and the International Crane Foundation. There will also be hourly shuttles that will transport guests between the Aldo Leopold Foundation and the International Crane Foundation.

## **What can I expect if I attend the Great Midwest Crane Fest?**

Events will take place at the International Crane Foundation and the Aldo Leopold Foundation, with shuttles available for transportation between sites. Through this festival, attendees will witness the results of the incredible Sandhill Crane conservation success story and learn how the land connects us to our past and future. Festival events will include guided and self-led crane viewing tours, photography workshops, conservation-related lectures, exhibition tours at both host sites, documentary showings, an art exhibit and more.

## **Are children allowed to attend crane viewing tours?**

*Sunrise and Sunset Crane Viewing Tours* and the *Evening Crane Congregation Tours* are recommended for children 12 years and older. While there is no minimum age requirement for these tours, please keep in mind that participants will be asked to keep noise levels to a minimum to avoid disturbing the cranes and to ensure a quality experience for all attendees. All participants will be required to stay for the duration of the tour. As you know your child best, we ask that you consider if your child will be comfortable for 2+ hours in potentially chilly weather. All individuals, regardless of age, will need to have their own ticket to attend these tours.

## **Can I bring a pet to the Great Midwest Crane Fest?**

Pets are not allowed. Service animals are permitted but must always remain leashed and under control. If you plan to bring a service animal to the event, please contact us in advance at 608-356-9462, ext. 104.

## **Will there be food for purchase at the Great Midwest Crane Fest?**

The Aldo Leopold Foundation and International Crane Foundation are in the process of securing food trucks at both sites for Friday, November 11 and Saturday, November 12. Food truck and vendor information will be posted on the event website once finalized.

## **How much walking is involved with this festival?**

That will depend on the guests' preferences and what events they attend. Lectures, seminars and documentary showings will be seated events; however, lectures will be first-come-first-served, and standing room may be offered if no seats are available. Events that will likely include long periods of walking/standing time include the Guided Prairie Walks, the Cranes of the World Tours, the Shack Tours, and the Sunrise and Sunset Guided Crane Viewing Tours.

## **Do you have more questions or interest in becoming a sponsor?**

Please contact Maddie Tebbe at [mtebbe@savingcranes.org](mailto:mtebbe@savingcranes.org), or 608-356-9462, ext. 104.