



Sandhill Cranes on the Wisconsin River by Ted Thousand.

Great Midwest Crane Fest

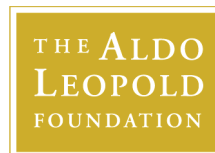
Celebrating Community and Conservation
November 10 to 11, 2023 | Baraboo, Wisconsin

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General Admission Schedule | Friday, Nov. 10

Aldo Leopold Foundation

E13701 Levee Road, Baraboo | Open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Opening remarks by Executive Director Buddy Huffaker | 8:30 to 9 a.m.
Meet in Seed Hall

Trusting the Traditional Remedies of Sauk County with Jane Hawley Stevens
9 to 10 a.m. | Presentation in Seed Hall

Guided Nature Hike | 10 to 11 a.m.
Meet guide on trail behind Legacy Center

Shack Tour | 10 to 11:30 a.m. | Meet at the Legacy Center

The Migratory Bird Treaty Act, Then and Now – Is It Still Working? with Dr. Stan Temple | 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. | Presentation in Seed Hall

Guided Nature Hike | 12 to 1 p.m.
Meet guide on trail behind Legacy Center

Aldo Leopold, Cranes and the Writing of Marshland Elegy with Dr. Curt Meine
1 to 2 p.m. | Presentation in Seed Hall

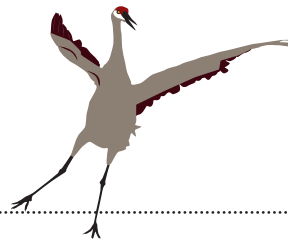
Shack Tour | 1 to 2:30 p.m. | Meet at the Legacy Center

Guided Nature Hike | 2 to 3 p.m.
Meet guide on trail behind Legacy Center

Barn Quilts, Leopold and Our Rural Plant Communities with Max Sorenson
3:30 to 4:30 p.m. | Meet at Legacy Center

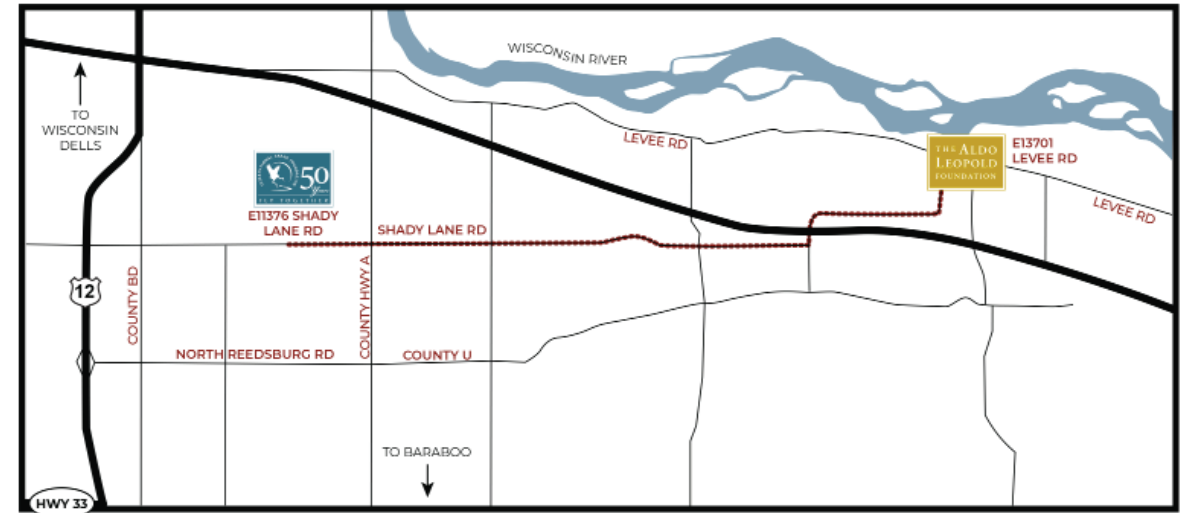
Guided Green Building Tour | 4 to 5 p.m.
Meet at Legacy Center

Feeling Hungry?



Stop by the **Las Milpas Mexican Food Truck** at the Aldo Leopold Foundation on Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The **RMN Mini Donuts Food Truck** will be at the International Crane Foundation on Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., along with the **Thai Station Food Truck** from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



The festival venues are an approximate 12 min. car or shuttle ride between each other.

When Viewing Cranes in the Wild

- Give cranes space and appreciate them from afar. Remain in your vehicle and get no closer than 100 yards.
- Please remain concealed and do not speak loudly enough that the birds can hear you. If the cranes you are viewing change their behavior, such as going from feeding and relaxing to being alert, walking away, or flying away, you are too close to the cranes.
- Finally, do not trespass on private, state or federal property in an attempt to view or photograph cranes – **thank you!**



Look for these signs between the International Crane Foundation and Aldo Leopold Foundation to identify private property.

General Admission Schedule | Saturday, Nov. 11

Aldo Leopold Foundation

E13701 Levee Road, Baraboo | Open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Fire Ecology and Leopold Leadership
with Dr. Jed Meunier | 9 to 10 a.m.
Presentation in Seed Hall

Guided Nature Hike | 10 to 11 a.m.
Meet guide on trail behind Legacy Center

Shack Tour | 10 to 11:30 p.m. | Meet at the
Legacy Center

Nature Journaling with Susan Kilmer
11 a.m. to 12 p.m. | Presentation in
Seed Hall

Guided Nature Hike | 12 to 1 p.m.
Meet guide on trail behind Legacy Center

Ajijaak: Ojibwe Lessons from the Crane
with Dr. Patty Loew | 1 to 2 p.m.
Presentation in Seed Hall

Shack Tour | 1 to 2:30 p.m. | Meet at the
Legacy Center

Guided Nature Hike | 2 to 3 p.m.
Meet guide on trail behind Legacy Center

Guided Green Building Tour | 4 to 5 p.m.
Meet at the Legacy Center

Shuttle

Park your car and take the Ho-Chunk Shuttle between the International Crane Foundation and Aldo Leopold Foundation! Shuttles will pick up guests at the site parking lots. See below for the pick-up times:

International Crane Foundation

10:30 a.m. 3:00 p.m.

12:45 p.m. 4:45 p.m.

Aldo Leopold Foundation

9:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m.

11:45 a.m. 4:15 p.m.

Scan with your phone to view the full schedule with presentation abstracts and speaker bios.



General Admission Schedule | Saturday, Nov. 11

International Crane Foundation

E11376 Shady Lane Road, Baraboo | Open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Guided Cranes of the World Tour –
North American Cranes | 9 to 10 a.m.
Meet in Welcome Center Return Plaza

The Ecology of Oak Woodland
Restoration with Maia Persche
9:15 to 10:15 a.m. | Presentation in
the Library

Guided Prairie Walk | 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
Meet at the Branch Family Trailhead

Mates for Life Film and Q&A With
the Director | 10:45 to 11:30 a.m.
Film in the Welcome Center Theater

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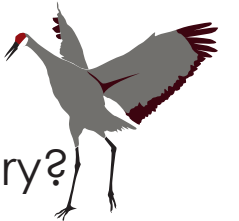
Guided Cranes of the World Tour –
Continent of Cranes | 12 to 1 p.m.
Meet in the Welcome Center Return Plaza

Birding is for Everyone – A Look Into the
BIPOC Birding Club of Wisconsin with
Dr. Jeff Galligan | 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.
Presentation in the Library

Guided Prairie Walk | 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.
Meet at the Branch Family Trailhead

Celebrating Cranes at Festivals in Bhutan
and Mongolia with **Dr. George Archibald**
2:30 to 3:30 p.m. | Presentation in
the Library

Guided Cranes of the World Tour –
Crane Behavior 101 | 3 to 4 p.m.
Meet in the Welcome Center Return Plaza



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RMN Mini Donuts Food Truck will be at the International Crane Foundation on Saturday with tasty donuts and hot beverages from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Add-on crane viewing tours and workshops are not included in this schedule. Please check your confirmation email and tickets for dates and times if you purchased add-on activities.

Festival Hosts

The **Aldo Leopold Foundation** was established in 1982 by the five children of Aldo Leopold and his wife Estella as a conservation organization that works to inspire an ethical relationship between people and nature through Leopold's legacy. This vision of a "land ethic" was not meant to be rigid or dogmatic; instead, Leopold intended for it to evolve continually through personal reflection, open dialogue, and people's actions on the land and in their communities. We invite you to join us as we work to weave a land ethic into society and encourage its unfolding in myriad of ways.



The historic Aldo Leopold Foundation Shack. Cliff Nieuwenhuis



The celebrated Whooping Crane Exhibit at the International Crane Foundation. John Ford

The **International Crane Foundation** works worldwide to conserve cranes and the ecosystems, watersheds, and flyways on which they depend. We provide knowledge, leadership and inspiration to engage people in resolving threats to cranes and their diverse landscapes. From our nearly 300-acre headquarters in Baraboo, Wisconsin, USA, our reach extends across the globe. We have offices and staff in China, Uganda, Kenya, Zambia and South Africa, as well as Texas, and work through strong partnerships with local organizations, governments, universities, businesses and others in these regions. Our more than 125 staff and associates work with a network of hundreds of specialists in over 50 countries on five continents.

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International Crane Foundation

E11376 Shady Lane Road, Baraboo | Open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Opening remarks by President and CEO Dr. Rich Beilfuss | 8:30 to 9 a.m.
Meet at Welcome Center Theater

Guided Cranes of the World Tour – Crane Behavior 101 | 9 to 10 a.m.
Meet in the Welcome Center Return Plaza

Guided Prairie Walk | 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.
Meet at the Branch Family Trailhead

Whooping Cranes in the Eastern Migratory Population with Stephanie Schmidt | 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Presentation in the Library

Mates for Life Film and Q&A With the Director | 11:45 to 12:30 p.m. | Film in the Welcome Center Theater

Guided Cranes of the World Tour – North American Cranes | 12 to 1 p.m.
Meet in the Welcome Center Return Plaza

The Health of Cranes – Avian Medicine in Conservation with Dr. Barry Hartup | 1 to 2 p.m. | Presentation in the Library

Guided Prairie Walk | 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.
Meet at the Branch Family Trailhead

Guided Cranes of the World Tour – Continent of Cranes | 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.
Meet in the Welcome Center Return Plaza

Maa Wakçaqç: Visual Connections to Sacred Land with Melanie Tallmadge Sainz | 3 to 4 p.m. | Presentation in the Library

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