



The Great Midwest Crane Fest



November 15-16, 2025
Baraboo, Wisconsin
greatmidwestcranefest.org

*General Admission Schedule | Saturday, Nov. 15

Aldo Leopold Foundation

E13701 Levee Road, Baraboo | Open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Welcome and Opening Remarks

- **Executive Director Buddy Huffaker**

8:30 | Seed Hall

Explore a National Historic Landmark, the Leopold Shack and Farm

8:30 to 4:30 | Shack is open all day

Hoo's Woods Live Raptor Demo (2)

- **Dianne Moller**

9:30 to 10:15 | Seed Hall

11:00 to 11:45 | Seed Hall

Guided Nature Hike (2)

10:00 to 11:00 | Aldo Leopold Memorial

12:00 to 1:00 | Aldo Leopold Memorial

Guided Shack Tour

11:00 to 12:30

Bus Shuttle from Leopold Center

"The Passenger Pigeon: Lessons from the Past for Bird Conservation"

- **Dr. Stan Temple**

12:30 to 1:30 | Seed Hall

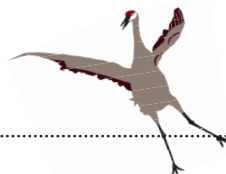
Green Building Tour

2:00 to 3:00 | Leopold Center Lobby

"A Sense Sublime" • **Glory-June Greiff**

3:30 to 4:30 | Seed Hall

Feeling Hungry?



At the Aldo Leopold Foundation:

Las Milpas Mexican Food Truck - Saturday and Sunday from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Cub Scout Pack 70 (coffee, hot cider, hot chocolate, and baked goods) - Saturday and Sunday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

At the International Crane Foundation:

RMN Mini Donuts Food Truck - Saturday and Sunday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Banzo Mediterranean Food Truck - Saturday and Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m..

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International Crane Foundation

E11376 Shady Lane Road, Baraboo | Open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Welcome and Opening Remarks

• **President and CEO Dr. Rich Beilfuss**

8:45 to 9:15 | George Archibald

Welcome Center Theater

Crane Crafts & Activity Table

All day, all ages | Migration Center

Keeper Chats (2)

11:15 to 12:00 | Wattled Crane

Amphitheater

2:15 to 3:00 | Wattled Crane

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Guided Crane Discovery Center Tours (3)

9:30 to 10:30 - Crane Behavior 101

12:30 to 1:30 - Cranes in Folklore

3:15 to 4:15 - North American Cranes

All times: meet behind the George

Archibald Welcome Center

Guided Prairie Walk (2)

9:30 to 10:30 | Branch Family Trailhead

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Behind the Scenes of Crane

Conservation Medicine

• **Dr. Diana Boon**

11:00 to 12:00 | Ron Sauey Mem. Library

**"How Birds Fly: The Science and Art of
Avian Flight" • Peter Cavanagh**

12:30 to 1:30 | Ron Sauey Mem. Library

**Peter Cavanagh Book Signing and
Meet & Greet**

1:30 to 2:30 | George Archibald Welcome
Center Gift Shop

**Lessons in Crane Conservation
Worldwide • Jeb Barzen**

2:00 to 3:00 | Ron Sauey Mem. Library

**Bird Funerals: Painting Ecological
Change • An Artist Presentation by
Vesper Rothberg**

3:15 to 4:15 | George Archibald Welcome
Center Theater



Scan here to check current
availability and learn more
about add-on tours and
workshops!



***General Admission Schedule | Sunday, Nov. 16**
Aldo Leopold Foundation
E13701 Levee Road, Baraboo | Open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Explore a National Historic Landmark,
the Leopold Shack and Farm**

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**“Owls: Designed for Darkness”
Presented by the Schlitz Audubon
Nature Center with Live Owls! (2)**

• Schlitz Audubon

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**“Why Are Birds So Important in
Conservation History?”**

• Dr. Stan Temple

1:00 to 1:45 | Seed Hall

Green Building Tour

2:00 to 3:00 | Leopold Center Lobby

“Getting Started in Nature Journaling!”

• Kathy DeVries

3:30 to 4:30 | Seed Hall



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

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

Hoping to see more wild cranes? Visit Crex Meadows State Wildlife Area, Necedah National Wildlife Refuge, White River Marsh, Jasper-Pulaski Fish & Wildlife Area, or Horicon Marsh! Please help protect wild cranes from avian influenza by cleaning your shoes and vehicle between sites.

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**International Crane Foundation's
10-Year Vision for Cranes and So Much
More • Dr. Rich Beilfuss**

10:15 to 11:15 | Ron Sauey Mem. Library

**"Birds of the Great Lakes" Author
Presentation • Dexter Patterson**

11:30 to 12:30 | George Archibald

Welcome Center Theater

**Dexter Patterson Book Signing and
Meet & Greet**

12:30 to 1:00 | George Archibald

Welcome Center Gift Shop

**Observing Whooping Cranes: Hands-
On Drawing and Anatomy Workshop
• Vesper Rothberg**

12:45 to 2:00 | Ron Sauey Mem. Library

**Reintroducing Whooping Cranes in
Wisconsin • Nicki Gordon**

2:30 to 3:30 | Ron Sauey Mem. Library

**Tiny Heroes, Giant Flights: A Crane-
Inspired Story Reading & Puppet-
Making Workshop • Julia Blair**

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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 ways.

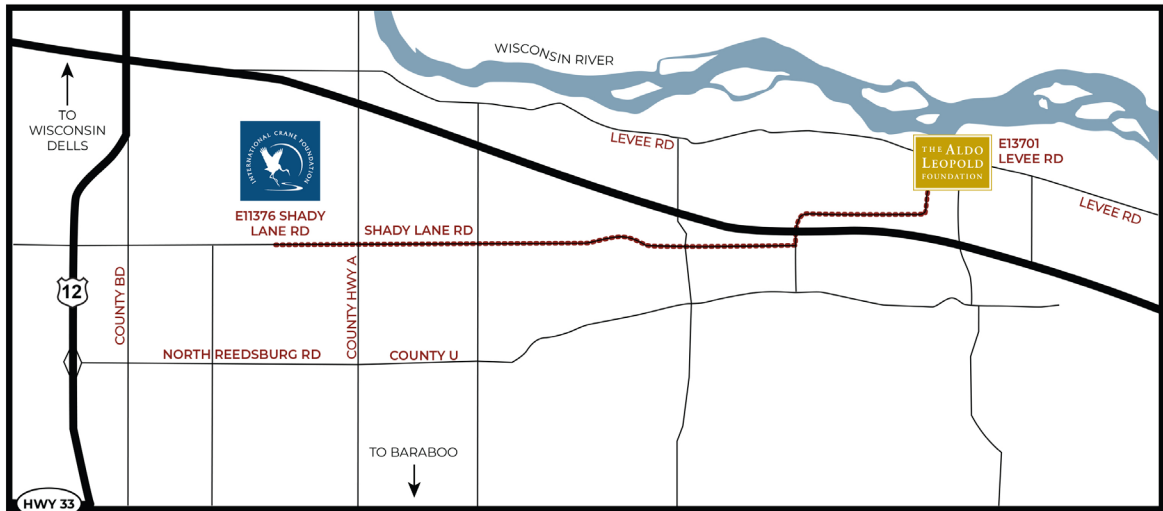


The historic Aldo Leopold Shack.
—Cliff Nieuwenhuis



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, Rwanda, 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.



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

Shuttle—Get on the Bus!

Park your car at either site and take the free shuttle between the Aldo Leopold Foundation and the International Crane Foundation! Shuttles will pick guests up in the main parking lots at each site. The shuttle schedule departure times on Nov. 15 and 16, are:

Aldo Leopold Foundation

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9:00 a.m. | 10:00 a.m. | 11:00 a.m. | 12:00 p.m. |
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Look for these signs between the International Crane Foundation and Aldo Leopold Foundation to identify private property.

Thank you for respecting the property rights of our neighbors.

Find What's in Store for You!

Welcome to our world-class facilities. While you're here, check out our world-class retail shops for apparel, art, memorabilia, books, and more.

Don't miss these special items:



All-new phenology Journal and Planner. Be like Aldo: keep your pencil—and your heart—close to nature. Choose from 3 colors!

\$14.95



Crane Congregation Long-Sleeve Tee. Add soaring style to your time in the blind!

\$37.95 - \$39.95



Track hundreds of nature's annual transitions with the 2026 Phenology Calendar. **\$18.95**



2025 Great Midwest Crane Fest T-shirt: Featuring art by Alex Tomlinson, this limited-edition T-shirt will be sold during the festival—get yours before they migrate! **\$24.99**



"Birds of the Great Lakes": This easy-to-use book by Dexter Patterson will help you identify more than 100 birds that help make the Great Lakes the natural wonders that they are. Get a copy signed on Nov. 16! **\$18.99**

ICF Exclusive Whooping Crane Camp Mug: Celebrate the beauty of Whooping Cranes and the great outdoors with this insulated camp mug. **\$26.99**



Special thanks to our festival sponsors:



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