Great Midwest Crane Fest Schedule - Sunday, Nov 15 2026

International Crane Foundation On-Site Events
E11376 Shady Lane Road, Baraboo, WI 53913

Aldo Leopold Foundation On-Site Event Schedule
E1701 Levee Road, Baraboo, WI 53913

FOUNDATIONS OPEN AT 8:30 A.M.

All Day Events and Activities!
8:30am-4:30pm

Self-Guided Crane Discovery Center and Migration Center Exhibit Tours

George Archibald Welcome Center & Gift Shop

Craft & Activities Table in the Migration Center

Self-Guided Nature Trail Walks:
Sauey Birding Loop, Deedee's Wetland Trail, Prairie Loop, Stedman Landscape Loop, Branch Family Trail

Food Trucks:
Any Street Grill Food Truck
RMN Mini Donuts & Coffee

Lonely Marsh: A Live Performance
9:00am-10:00am
Ron Sauey Memorial Library

Welcome Remarks and ICF 101 with President Dr. Rich Beilfuss
9:30am-10:15am
George Archibald Welcome Center Theater

Guided Prairie Walk
9:30am-10:30am
Meet at the Branch Family Trailhead

Crane Discovery Center Guided Tour
Theme: Crane Behavior 101
10:00am-11:00am
Meet behind George Archibald Welcome Center

Home Habitat Support for Birds: How to Create Bird Habitats at Home with Jennifer Lazewski
11:00am-12:00pm
George Archibald Welcome Center Theater

Crane Keeper Chat
11:00am-11:30pm
Wattled Crane Amphitheater

Whooping Crane Q&A Chat
12:00pm-12:30pm
Whooping Crane Alcove

Crane Discovery Center Guided Tour
Theme: Cranes of the World
12:30pm-1:30pm
Meet behind the George Archibald Welcome Center

Whoopers in Wisconsin: What it Takes to Reintroduce a Species with Alicia Ward
1:00pm-2:00pm
Ron Sauey Memorial Library

Guided Prairie Walk
2:00pm-3:00pm
Meet at Branch Family Trailhead

Crane Keeper Chat
2:15pm-2:45pm
Wattled Crane Amphitheater

Crane Discovery Center Guided Tour
Theme: North American Cranes
3:00pm-4:00pm
Meet behind the George Archibald Welcome Center

Built to Fly, Wade, and Dance: Inside Crane Anatomy from Head to Toe with Sara Kalani
3:30pm - 4:30pm
Ron Sauey Memorial Library

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8:30am - 4:30pm

Explore a National Historic Landmarck, the Leopold Shack & Farm (open all day, with rotating docents)

Meet "A Sand County Comic" creator, Emily Johnson inside the Aldo Leopold Legacy Center

Explore the Leopold Foundation's Hiking Trails

Aldo Leopold Legacy Center & Marshland Market

Las Milpas Mexican Food Truck, 10:00AM to 3:00PM

The Wonderful Adaptations of Turkey Vultures with Uncle Butzie!
9:00am-10:00am
Aldo Leopold Foundation's Lecture Hall

Can Biotechnology Help Save Endangered Birds and Resurrect Extinct Ones? with Dr. Stan Temple
10:30 am-11:30am
Aldo Leopold Foundation's Lecture Hall

Ishkode: A Story of Fire, Healing & Reciprocity with Dr. Evan Larson
12:00pm-1:00pm
Aldo Leopold Foundation's Lecture Hall

Guided Crane Congregation Tours
Starting with Presentation from Dr. Stan Temple in the Lecture Hall
2:00-5:00

add on event, various prices

West Blind, Shack Blind, & Riverside Farms

ALL TOURS SOLD OUT

Guided Nature Hike with Leopold Foundation Land Stewards
9:30am-10:30am
Prairie Vista Loop Trailhead

Guided Green Building Tour
11:30am-12:30pm
Inside the Aldo Leopold Legacy Center

Dr. Evan Larson Book Signing
"Ishkode, A Story of Fire"
1:00pm-2:00pm
Inside The Aldo Leopold Legacy Center

Guided Nature Hike with Leopold Foundation Staff
2:30pm-3:30pm
Prairie Vista Loop Trailhead

Guided Leopold Shack Tour with Leopold Foundaiton Docents
10:00am-12:00pm
Aldo Leopold Shack & Farm

"A Sand County Comic" with Emily Johnson
12:30pm-1:30pm
Inside the Aldo Leopold Legacy Center

A Vast Pulsing Harmony by The Deep Time Collective
3:30pm-4:30pm
Meet on top of Frank's Hill (look for signage or ask a docent)

FOUNDATIONS CLOSE AT 4:30 P.M.
If you plan to attend a crane viewing tour in the evening, please do not leave your car parked at the International Crane Foundation.