



WHOOPING CRANE
FESTIVAL

FEBRUARY 19-22, 2015

Event Time	Sunday, February 22	Fee	Total
6 a.m.	Birds of the Coastal Bend Field Trip, w/Gene Blacklock, Civic Center (6 hrs)*	\$60	
7 a.m.	Photography Field Trip w/Larry Ditto LBTBC (2 hrs)	\$50	
7:30 a.m.	Port Aransas Nature Preserve Field Trip w/Joan and Scott Holt, PANP (3 hrs)	\$40	
8 a.m.	Island Birding Van Tour, Civic Center (1½ hrs)*	\$20	
8 a.m.	Whooping Crane Boat Tour w/George Archibald, FW (4½ hrs)	\$50	
10 a.m.	Nature/Birding Boat Tour Woody's (1½ hrs)	\$25	
10 a.m.	Island Birding Van Tour, Civic Center (1½ hrs)*	\$20	FULL
12:30 p.m.	Dolphin Encounters Boat Tour, DSH (1½ hrs)	\$25	
1 p.m.	ARK Tour, UTMSI (50 min)	\$15	
1 p.m.	Island Birding Van Tour, Civic Center (1½ hrs)*	\$20	
2 p.m.	ARK Tour, UTMSI (50 min)	\$15	
2 p.m.	Nature/Birding Boat Tour, Woody's (1½ hrs)	\$25	
2:30 p.m.	Dolphin Encounters Boat Tour, DSH (1½ hrs)	\$25	
3 p.m.	Island Birding Van Tour, Civic Center (1½ hrs)*	\$20	
5 p.m.	Overnight Stargazing and Birdwatching at La Copita Ranch	\$175	

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8 a.m.	Birdwatching at La Copita Ranch, (3 hrs)	\$50	

Subtotal _____

Registration Fee **+\$20**

Total Amount Enclosed _____

Each person must register early to enjoy the prices listed above. Event fees are in addition to your \$20 registration fee. Early Registration ends 2/9/15. **No Refunds.**

Paying by Mail

Please mail event registration form and payment to:
Port Aransas Chamber of Commerce
403 W. Cotter • Port Aransas, TX 78373

For more information

Call 800-45-COAST or 361-749-5919
or visit www.whoopingcranefestival.org

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Transportation not provided unless otherwise noted. *Denotes transportation provided

The Whooping Crane Festival reserves the right to cancel any event or make substitutions for any reason. For cancellations before February 9, 2015, we will notify registered participants as soon as possible, and a refund will be issued. For trip cancellations after February 9, 2015 (caused by weather or circumstances beyond our control), refunds will not be issued. Consider your registration a contribution to the conservation of Whooping Cranes.

GUEST SPEAKERS

All speaker sessions are at The University of Texas Marine Science Institute Auditorium at the end of Cotter Ave. Sessions are free to registrants or \$10 per session for non-registrants.

FRIDAY, FEB. 20

9 a.m.
Cecilia Riley, Executive Director Gulf Coast Bird Observatory
"Conservation: Because Life is Better with Birds!"

10:30 a.m.
Estuary Explorium, The University of Texas Marine Science Institute/NERP
"Birds Eye View of the Estuary Explorium!"

2 p.m.
Mark Klym, Texas Whooper Watch, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department
"Tracking Whooping Cranes Across Texas – Citizen Science Contributions to a Recovery Project"

3:30 p.m.
Sammy King, Wildlife Biologist-Whooping Cranes, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
"Revealing the Secrets of Secretive Marshbirds in Louisiana"

7:00 p.m.
George Archibald, Barry Hartup and Liz Smith, International Crane Foundation
"All You Ever Wanted to Know About Whooping Cranes"

SATURDAY, FEB. 21

9 a.m.
Wade Harrell, Whooping Crane Coordinator, Aransas National Wildlife Refuge
"Whooping Crane Conservation Moving Ahead: Challenges and Opportunities"

10:30 a.m.
Joe Duff, Co-Founder and C.E.O., Operation Migration
"Ultralight Guided Migration of the Whooping Crane"

2 p.m.
Rob Kent, Superintendent, Wood Buffalo National Park
"Refuge of the Whooping Crane"

3:30 p.m.
Iderbat Damba, Mongolian Ornithologist, Mongolian Academy of Science
"Cranes and Nomads in Mongolia: Traditional Value and Conservation Efforts for a Flagship Species in East Asia"

SPECIAL EVENTS

Optics Presentation -FREE
Bill Ellis Memorial Library, Fri., Feb. 20 and Sat., Feb. 21, 11:30 a.m. & 1 p.m.

Boat Trips to St. Jo Island
Fisherman's Wharf

Bird's Nest Trade Show - FREE
Nature-related trade show
Civic Center, Fri. & Sat. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Sun., 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Port Aransas Art Center -FREE
Port Aransas Independent School District Students' Art Show
323 N. Alister – Open Daily

Overnight Photography Excursion at La Copita Ranch w/Larry Ditto

Includes accommodations, dinner and breakfast.
Wednesday, Feb. 18, 3 p.m. - Thursday, Feb. 19, 1 p.m.

Overnight Stargazing and Bird Watching at La Copita Ranch

Includes accommodations, dinner and breakfast followed by a morning guided birding tour of the ranch.
Sunday, Feb. 22, 5 p.m. - Monday, Feb. 23, 11 a.m.

La Copita Ranch Bird Watching Tour

Monday, Feb. 23, 8 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Fennessey Ranch Birding Tours*

Enjoy a morning hayride on this 4,000-acre private ranch with wetlands, meadows, lakes, river and brush. This is a great opportunity to see a variety of birds in a natural ranch setting. Friday, Feb. 20 & Saturday, Feb. 21, 6 a.m. Meet at Civic Center.

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