



2018 Student Photo Contest

Sponsored by Davis County Commissioners' Cup Golf Tournament Grant

Featured Festival Bird: Sandhill Crane

Who: All Utah students in grades Pre-K-12 are invited to participate

What: An 8x10 photo of an adult **Sandhill Crane**

When: May 4, 2018 (submissions must be postmarked by this date)

Where: Please mail or deliver entries to:
Great Salt Lake Bird Festival
Attn: Student Photo Contest
P.O. Box 618
61 South Main St., Room 304
Farmington, UT 84025



Rules and Guidelines

Utah students in grades Pre-K-12 are invited to take a picture of an adult **Sandhill Crane** in breeding plumage. Students may demonstrate the use of photographic techniques by using various lenses, filters and light sources. Entries with added graphics over the image, including lettering, are not accepted. The photograph should be submitted as an **8x10 photograph** permanently and securely mounted on **FOAM BOARD**. Framed photos are not accepted. **Important:** To properly hang submissions for viewing at the festival, we need all artwork to meet these sizing requirements.

Favorite Utah viewing locations include Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge, Antelope Island State Park, Farmington Bay Waterfowl Management area, Gillmor Sanctuary, and Cache Valley. The photograph must be the student's original creation and should not be copied from any published source. Only one entry per student is allowed.

Photography will be judged in five grade categories: Pre-school, K-3, 4-6, 7-9 and 10-12. First, second, and third place awards will be given in each grade category. A Best of Show image will also be chosen by the judges. The prize for first place entries is \$50.00; second place is \$25.00; and third place is \$15.00.

Winning photographs from any category may be featured on the **2019** Great Salt Lake Bird Festival's promotional documents, news releases, and clothing. The students' names will be included with the art. The students will retain all rights to the photograph but gives permission to the Great Salt Lake Bird Festival for use of the image for promotional and contest purposes. Selections and decisions by the judges are final. Any entries with unsuitable content will not be considered.

All entries must be accompanied by a completed entry form. All submissions must be received or postmarked by May 7, 2018. Submissions will be returned if a return address is provided on the entry form.

Questions? Contact Neka Roundy 801-451-3286 neka@daviscountyutah.gov

Learn more about the Sandhill Crane here: https://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Sandhill_Crane/id



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Teaching Guide: Sandhill Crane

Photos Courtesy of Scott Baxter Info: https://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Sandhill_Crane/id

Identification

Sandhill Cranes are tall, slender birds, which are slate gray and often have a rusty wash on the upper body. Adults have a pale cheek and red skin on their crown. Their legs are black. Juveniles are gray and rusty brown, but they don't have pale cheeks or a red crown.

Their large body tapers into a slender neck; the short tail is covered by drooping feathers that form a "bustle". The head is small and the bill is straight and longer than the head.

Habitat

Sandhill Cranes breed and forage in open prairies, grasslands, and wetlands. Outside of the breeding season, they often roost in deeper water ponds or lakes, where they are safe from predators. Northern Utah is at the lower end of their breeding range. They arrive in Utah beginning in March and stay for the summer breeding season.

Favorite Utah viewing locations include Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge, Antelope Island State Park, Farmington Bay Waterfowl Management area, Gillmor Sanctuary, and Cache Valley. The Swaner Preserve and EcoCenter in Park City has a live webcam (and archived footage) of a nesting pair:

<http://www.swanerecocenter.org/preserve-webcam>



Food

Sandhill Cranes forage for grains and invertebrates in prairies, grasslands, and marshes. They do not hunt in open water or hunch their necks the way herons do.

Interesting Facts

Sandhill Cranes form extremely large flocks – into the tens of thousands – on their wintering grounds and during migration. They often migrate very high in the sky. Mates exuberantly and gracefully dance in display to each other.



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Photography Contest Entry Form

Completed form must be submitted with each entry!

Photograph will not be returned without a completed, legible form.

Name of artist: _____

Teacher (if applicable): _____

School (if applicable): _____

Address*: _____

City: _____ State: Utah ZIP _____

Phone: _____ **EMAIL** _____

Grade category (circle one): Pre-school K-3 4-6 7-9 10-12

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