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SANDHILL CRANES MIGRATION VIEWING & PHOTOGRAPHY

Every March/April, more than 500,000 Sandhill Cranes – more than 80 percent of the world’s population – converge on the Platte River Valley to fuel-up before continuing north to their nesting grounds. National Geographic named this annual migration as one of North America’s two greatest natural wildlife phenomena, drawing people from across the U.S. and internationally.

Members and friends of the Nebraska Press Association will view Sandhill Cranes from three separate viewing blinds on land owned by the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program (PRRIP). The PRRIP is a collaborative program that addresses the needs of four threatened and endangered species using the Platte River Basin.

Thursday, April 4 | Kearney, NE

— Only 30 spots available —

\$40/per person (10 people p/blind, pre-registered)

Yes! I want to attend the 2019 NPA Foundation Fundraiser!

Name(s): _____

Amount enclosed: _____

Cost: \$40/per person. Checks payable to NPA Foundation.

Contributions are tax-deductible. Please return registration form and payment to:
Nebraska Press Association, 845 S Street, Lincoln, NE 68508.

More Info

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5:15 – 5:45 pm: Those who have pre-registered/pre-paid for the event will meet at the Holiday Inn Convention Center (110 2nd Ave, Kearney, NE) to load carpool vehicles for the drive to crane viewing blinds near Gibbon and Alda. There are three separate blinds (maximum 10 people per blind). Those going to the Alda blind will leave at 5:15pm.

6:00 pm: Arrive at the blinds.

6:15 – 8:00 pm: Crane viewing.

8:45 pm: Return to hotel; leave for Ice Cream Social at Cash-wa Distributing in Kearney (attendance optional).

GETTING TO THE CRANE VIEWING BLINDS

Three Headwaters Corp staff members will meet attendees at the hotel and lead carpool vehicles to the blinds. A few people can ride with Headwaters staff, but attendees must make carpool arrangements to the blinds. Trucks or vans are recommended for carpool vehicles, versus smaller cars.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

Weather in Central Nebraska in April is unpredictable, and it could be very chilly. The group will be standing in unheated blinds, so dressing in layers is recommended, so you can remove layers if it is too warm. It's better to wear too much than not enough.

WHAT TO WEAR

- Warmest coat/clothing you have, including long underwear.
- Warmest boots you have, along with wool/synthetic socks (avoid cotton).
- Very warm mittens or gloves.
- Stocking cap or insulated hat.
- Please wear dark clothing to help blend with surroundings when walking to/from the blinds.

WHAT TO BRING

- Binoculars.
- Camera and/or video camera. Absolutely NO flash photography is allowed during viewing. Monopods are recommended; tripods are DISCOURAGED.
- NO flashlights are allowed.

