



COLORADO CRANE CONSERVATION COALITION, INC.

Dedicated to the conservation and protection of Sandhill Cranes in Colorado

2025 Yampa Valley Crane Festival Poster Contest

The Colorado Crane Conservation Coalition, Inc. (CCCC) invites all youth ages 10-15 to submit a poster for our Yampa Valley Crane Festival Poster Contest. The winning poster will be displayed throughout the Yampa Valley, on the CCCC website and on social media.

Poster Contest Rules

The contest is open to all youth ages 10-15 around the world. The work must be original and accurately reflect the physical characteristics, behavior, and habitat of our Rocky Mountain Greater Sandhill Cranes. The poster must have a vertical orientation and measure 8.5 x 11 inches. Medium can be a painting, photo, digital artwork, drawing, or any other medium that can be scanned into a computer and emailed as an attachment.

Poster must contain:

- Festival name: Yampa Valley Crane Festival
- Festival dates: August 28 – 31, 2025 (August can be abbreviated as “Aug”)
- Festival location: Steamboat Springs, Hayden, and Craig, Colorado (Colorado can be abbreviated as “CO”)
- Festival website: coloradocranes.org
- Your (the artist’s) name

To get ideas, start by checking CCCC’s website for information about [Rocky Mountain Greater Sandhill Cranes](#), [Crane FAQs](#), and the [Yampa Valley Crane Festival](#).

Submission Rules and Deadline

- The deadline for submission is **Monday, July 14, 2025. No late entries will be accepted.** There is no limit to the number of entries per person.
- **Email your name, phone number, email, mailing address, age, and a digital copy of your entry** as an attachment to poster@coloradocranes.org.
- CCCC reserves the right to make minor edits to the poster to accurately reflect festival information and to add the CCCC logo. Judges for the contest will be selected by the CCCC Board of Directors.

Winner

CCCC will announce the winner on our website and Facebook page by August 1st. The winner will receive a \$100 cash prize. CCCC will honor the winner of this contest from the speaker’s podium during the Yampa Valley Crane Festival in August. The winning poster will be displayed throughout the Yampa Valley, on the CCCC website and on social media.

Poster Use and Rights

CCCC will have the right to use all submissions, with appropriate artist credit, for publicity purposes or promotional materials as part of the festival. The winning poster, with credit, may be featured in national promotion of the Yampa Valley Crane Festival. CCCC will have the option to sell digital copies of the winning poster as part of their fundraising efforts for the Yampa Valley Crane Festival.

About CCCC and Yampa Valley Crane Festival

Colorado Crane Conservation Coalition, Inc. (CCCC) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that conserves and protects the Rocky Mountain Population of Greater Sandhill Cranes and their habitat using science and education to connect people with this iconic species. CCCC seeks to raise awareness of cranes and the challenges they face today through the annual Yampa Valley Crane Festival, the Crane Nest Cam and videos, Crane Photo Contest, third grade and community crane educational presentations, the First Crane Sighting Contest, the Crane Coloring Contest and the CCCC Crane-inspired Creative Arts Scholarship Contest for high school seniors. CCCC also sponsors a habitat improvement program called Crops for Cranes where CCCC works with ranchers/farmers and environmental organizations to leave grain crops for Sandhill Cranes during the fall just prior to migration.

The Yampa Valley Crane Festival takes place over Labor Day weekend in Steamboat Springs, Hayden, and Craig, Colorado and features guided crane-viewings, bird and nature walks, expert speakers, films, family activities, and more! The festival occurs during fall “staging”, when cranes gather in large numbers in the fall to feed and gain energy for their migration south.