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Crane Coloring Contest

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The Greater Sandhill Crane is the only species of crane found in Northwest Colorado. The large birds, 4-5 ft tall, with grey feathers and a bright red skin patch on their forehead, return in the spring from wintering grounds in New Mexico and Arizona, to nest and raise their young in wetland areas throughout the Yampa Valley. During migration, in both the spring and fall, Sandhill Cranes gather together in large flocks in long-established sites called "staging areas." Three main staging areas in Colorado are found along the Yampa River near Craig, Hayden, and the Elk River west of Steamboat Springs. The Yampa Valley Crane Festival celebrates the presence of these birds in Northwest Colorado.

Join us this year by participating in the annual Crane Coloring Contest. Learn more about the cranes by visiting our website: coloradocranes.org

2026 Crane Coloring Contest Rules:

1. Decorate the crane coloring contest picture using crayons, paint, markers, glitter, stickers, etc. Be creative and have fun with your page!
2. Write your name and age in the lower right-hand corner on the front of the drawing.
3. Clearly write your **Name, Age, School**, and an **Email address** where we can contact you on the back of the drawing.
Incomplete entries will not be eligible for judging. One entry per person is allowed.
4. Submit your entry into drop-off boxes at Bud Werner Children's Library, Hayden Public Library, Moffat County Public Library, or Oak Creek Public Library before **August 7, 2026**.
You may also mail your entry to:
Colorado Crane Conservation Coalition
P.O. Box 1224
Hayden, CO 81639
5. Winners will be notified by late August by email. Prizes will be awarded at Bud Werner Memorial Library in Steamboat Springs on a special children's night on **Tuesday, September 1, 2026**, prior to the Yampa Valley Crane Festival on Sept. 3-6, 2026 - join us for additional family-friendly events!
6. All artwork submitted will be displayed throughout the festival. Winners will also receive recognition on Colorado Crane Conservation Coalition's social media and website: ColoradoCranes.org.
7. By submitting your entry, you give permission to Colorado Crane Conservation Coalition to use your artwork for publicity purposes.

Name: (first & last) _____ Age: _____

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