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, sandhills gather together in large flocks in long-established sites called "staging areas". Two main staging areas in Colorado are found along the Yampa River near Hayden and the Elk River west of Steamboat Springs. The Yampa Valley Crane Festival in September of each year 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 attending the festival Aug. 30– Sept. 2, 2018 and by visiting our website: coloradocranes.net

Coloring Contest Rules:

1. Decorate the crane coloring contest picture using crayons, paint, markers, glitter, stickers, etc. Be creative.
2. Write your **Name and Age** in the lower right hand corner on the *front* of drawing.
3. On the back of the drawing include your **Name, Age, Address and Phone Number**. *Incomplete entries will not be eligible for judging*. One entry per person allowed.
4. Submit your entry at Ciao Gelato, Bud Werner Children's Library, or Yampatika on or before **August 15, 2018.** You may also mail in your entry to:

   Colorado Crane Conservation Coalition
   40625 County Road 69A
   Hayden, CO 81639
5. Winners will be notified late August. Prizes will be awarded at Bud Werner Memorial Library in Steamboat Springs on Aug. 31, 2018.
6. All artwork submitted will be displayed throughout the festival. Winners will also receive recognition on the Yampa Valley Crane Festival's Facebook page and the Colorado Cranes website: *coloradocranes.net*

Name (first & last)_____**Age**____

Address_____**Phone**_____

Name: _____
Grade: ____