

The 7th Annual

South Dakota
Birding Festival
at Fort Randall

May 5, 6 & 7, 2017

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, May 5

Rainbow Room, 310 White Swan Dr, Pickstown (<http://www.pickstown-sd.net>)

- 5:30 – 6:30 P.M. Registration & Social Hour (*w/light supper*)
- 6:30 – 7:00 P.M. Welcome/Overview of Weekend/Door Prize Drawings
- 7:00 – 8:00 P.M. *What is eBird and why should I use it?* – Roger Dietrich (Nature photographer & eBirder)
- 8:00 – 9:00 P.M. *From Banding to Geolocators: What tracking birds can tell us about their lives* – Dr. Dave Swanson (Dept of Biology, U of South Dakota) (<http://www.usd.edu/mri>)
- 9:15 P.M. Whip-poor-will Walk

Saturday, May 6

Lake Andes National Wildlife Refuge (http://www.fws.gov/refuge/lake_andes/)

- 6:50 A.M. Meet at Refuge Headquarters
- 7:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M. Birding Field Trips – Bird Banding Workshop – Birding for Beginner's
- 9:30 A.M. FREE Junior Birder Program (ages up to 14) covers bird anatomy, biology, habitat, use of binoculars, a short walk to find birds and free "Junior Birder" patches and books – Dan Peterson, (NPS), (<http://www.nps.gov/mnrr/index.htm>)
- 12:00-1:00 P.M. **LUNCH** – Box lunch at the Refuge (*optional*)
- 1:00 – 4:00 P.M. Birding Field Trip

Rainbow Room, 310 White Swan Dr, Pickstown

- 6:00 P.M. Banquet
- 7:00 – 7:30 P.M. Announcements/Door Prize Drawings
- 7:30 P.M. *America's Greatest Migration: the Flight of the Sandhill Crane* – Keynote Address – Bill Taddicken (Director, Rowe Sanctuary) (rowesanctuary@audubon.org)

Sunday, May 7

Karl Mundt National Wildlife Refuge (http://www.fws.gov/refuge/karl_e_mundt/)

- 6:50 A.M. Meet at the Fort Randall Chapel
- 7:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M. Birding Field Trips to North & South Units (switch at 9:30) – led by USF&WS personnel
- 12:00 P.M. Species Check-off – Fort Randall Chapel