



# Schedule of Events\*

9:00 am – **Festival Opens**

9:00 am – 3:00 pm – **Partners in Conservation Booths!** – Visit booths around the Visitor Center area to learn more about our state and local partners in conservation; festival grounds

9:15 -9:30 am – **Music with R.T. Hall** - join R.T. Hall for a live music performance; outdoor stage

9:30 -9:45 am – **Opening Ceremony** - welcome and opening remarks; outdoor stage

10:00 -10:30 am – **Audubon BugMobile!** - All aboard the BugMobile to learn more about our creepy-crawlie neighbors; indoor auditorium

10:40 -11:00 am – **Crane Talk with the Audubon Species Survival Center** - join staff of the Audubon Institute's Species Survival Center and learn more about the work they do with Mississippi sandhill cranes!; indoor auditorium

10:45 -11:00 am – **Crane Dance Demonstration** – View a performance of traditional Choctaw dance; outdoor stage

11:15 -12:00 pm – **Birds of Prey with the Environmental Studies Center** –view several species of raptors and learn more about how they live!; indoor auditorium

12:00 -12:30 pm –**Wildlife Rehabilitation with Wild at Heart** -Join Wild at Heart to learn more about how they rehab local wildlife and what to do if you find injured wildlife. Meet some of the animals they've rescued!; outdoor stage

12:00 -1:00 pm – **Native & Edible Plant Walk & Talk**-Join Mark LaSalle of the Pascagoula River Audubon Center on this walk through the woods, where you'll learn more about the native plants. ; Meets at the C.L. Dees Trail, walk is approx ¾ mi.

12:45 -1:15 pm – **Audubon BugMobile!** - All aboard the BugMobile to learn more about our creepy-crawlie neighbors; indoor auditorium

1:15 -1:45 pm – **Crane Dance Demonstration** – View a performance of traditional Choctaw dance; outdoor stage

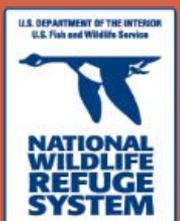
1:45 -2:30 pm – **Birds of Prey with the Environmental Studies Center** –view several species of raptors and learn more about how they live!; indoor auditorium

2:30 -2:45 pm – **Music with R.T. Hall** - join R.T. Hall for a live music performance; outdoor stage

3:00 pm – Festival Ends – see you for the 50<sup>th</sup>!

\*Please note, schedule subject to change as additional presentations added.

For more information visit:  
[www.fws.gov/refuge/mississippi\\_sandhill\\_crane](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/mississippi_sandhill_crane)





# Festival of Conservation!

Join us in celebrating 40 years of conservation by exploring our Festival of Conservation! Activity and information booths will be available for exploration from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm that will highlight the work of both the National Wildlife Refuge and our state and local partners. Protecting and preserving wildlife and habitat is a team effort!

Thank you to our participating partners:

- Wildlife Care and Rescue
- Audubon Institute's Bugmobile
- Audubon Institute's Freeport-McMorran Species Survival Center
  - Pascagoula River Audubon Center
    - Pascagoula River Tribe
      - Field and Stream
    - Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuge
  - Grand Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve
    - Crosby Arboretum
  - Mississippi Department of Marine Resources
  - U.S. Fish and Wildlife - Ecological Services
    - Environmental Studies Center
      - The Hattiesburg Zoo
    - The Institute for Marine Mammal Studies
  - Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Estuarine Education Center
    - The Nature Conservancy
    - The Walter Anderson Museum of Art
  - Friends of Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuge
    - Allen Beverages, Inc.

