



Call to Student Artists

Whooping Crane Art Show and Contest
for all Students in East Baton Rouge Parish

In honor of the Louisiana Whooping Crane Reintroduction Project

Presented by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Foundation

The last wild Louisiana Whooping crane died in 1950, and we have had no cranes on our Louisiana landscape for over 60 years. But in 2011, the first cohort of Whooping Cranes were released into southwest Louisiana. Now, as these cranes have reproduced and new cranes have continued to be released into the wild, there are about 80 wild cranes. Please help us celebrate the reintroduction project by creating beautiful art.

Information and resources about cranes: <https://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/subhome/whooping-crane>

Educational Video about the project: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J8mm_m5leDE&list=PLYu5YykXX0ppg9mwWE7Lj7uz88QeMaxq8&index=10

LOCATION: Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, 2000 Quail Dr, Baton Rouge

PUBLIC EXHIBIT DATES:

- SUNDAYS: February 18 & 25, 2024 (1 pm – 6 pm) (CLOSED TO PUBLIC on Saturday, February 24, 2024)
- MONDAY-FRIDAY: February 19-23, 2024 (8 am – 7 pm)
- MONDAY & TUESDAY: February 26-27, 2024 (8 am – 7 pm)

RECEPTION FOR STUDENTS: Saturday, February 24, 2024 (2 pm – 6 pm) *(All parents and grandparents welcomed)*

JUDGING & PRIZES:

This is a juried exhibit; grade levels will be considered when judging. Works that are accepted into the exhibit will be judged by three judges: a local professional artist, a wildlife biologist, and a local news anchor. They will judge 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in each of K-5, 6-8 grade, and 9-12 grades. **Winners will be announced at the student reception on Saturday, Feb. 24, 2024, around 3 p.m.**

1st prize: \$100 + Crane release experience at White Lake Wetlands Conservation Area in Spring 2024

2nd prize: \$75 + Crane release experience at White Lake Wetlands Conservation Area in Spring 2024

3rd prize: \$50 + Crane release experience at White Lake Wetlands Conservation Area in Spring 2024

MEDIA: Any 2-dimensional art inspired by the Louisiana Whooping Crane Reintroduction Project, including drawings, paintings, photographs, or wall hangings. All media accepted. Maximum size for wall art: 3ft x 4ft. For textile art, like quilts, the size may be larger, but please supply your own display rack. All other artworks must be equipped to hang on a wall.

ELIGIBILITY: Must be a student in K-12 and a resident of East Baton Rouge Parish.

STUDENTS: Student participation in this contest is free of charge.

- All students will indicate interest to their teacher by November 13, 2023.
- All students will submit their entry form and artwork to their art teacher before December 1, 2023.

TEACHERS:

- Please indicate # of students interested no later than Friday, November 17, 2023, by emailing artshow@lawff.org.
- The top three schools with the most student participation will receive a visit from Louisiana "Gator Man Gabe."
- Submit Student Entry Forms and Artwork no later than December 6, 2023, at www.lawff.org/whoopingcraneshow, click on "TEACHERS" and follow instructions.
- Deliver your students' artwork to the LA Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries, Attn: Melissa Fox (2000 Quail Dr, Baton Rouge) February 5-9, 2024, between 8 am – 4 pm. Please ensure that the artwork arrives well-wrapped to avoid damage, and attach the entry form with the artwork.

For more information, please visit www.lawff.org/whoopingcraneshow or email LAWFF at artshow@lawff.org.

STUDENT ENTRY FORM
For the Whooping Crane Student Art Show and Contest
(All Students K-12 in East Baton Rouge Parish)

Student Artist's Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Grade: _____

School: _____

Teacher's name: _____

Teacher's email: _____

School's Address: _____

School or Teacher's Telephone: _____

Title of work: _____

Medium: _____

Dimensions: _____

Wording for display (optional): _____

TEACHERS: Upload a high-resolution photo of student work here or attach it with paperwork.

Please name the file in this format: (Grade_Student's Last Name_Teacher's Name)

Parents and grandparents will have an opportunity to order and purchase their child's artwork on different merchandise at the February 24, 2024, reception for students.

If you have questions, please email LAWFF at artshow@lawff.org and/or Susan Arnold at susankarnold1@gmail.com.