



“A Call for Student Artists!”

2024 Lodi Sandhill Crane Association Student Nature Journaling Exhibition **“STUDENTS NATURE JOURNALING IN THEIR SCHOOLYARDS”**

Dear Teachers – The 26th **Lodi Sandhill Crane Festival** is planned to take place in Lodi’s Hutchin Street Square, November 2nd and 3rd, 2024. The festival is a great place for visitors to visit and learn more about the Sandhill Crane migration which happens every year in nearby delta wetlands, September through late February. November’s festival tour registration opens early in September. <https://lodisandhillcrane.org/about-the-festival/>

NEW! Student NATURE JOURNALING Art Exhibition at the Festival- To encourage students to become better nature observers, we are pleased to invite you to participate in the sixth annual Lodi Sandhill Crane Association Student Journal- Art Exhibition to be held at the Festival this year. Instead of featuring student ART, as we have done in the past, we are hoping to promote STUDENT NATURE JOURNALING work done in their schoolyards. We will feature these “One-Pager” student journal entries at the festival, November 1-3, 2024, at Hutchins Street Square.

WHAT: Students NATURE JOURNALING in their schoolyard:

Encourage your students to keep a **Nature Journal** of their schoolyard and complete a separate 11”x17” “One-Pager Nature Journal Page”, provided by the Lodi Sandhill Crane Festival. Art will be displayed, November 1-3, 2024. Students may bring their own journals to the festival and meet guest speaker, **John Muir Laws**, who will present several sessions on Nature Journaling. Learn more about John, or watch videos on how to draw and keep a Nature Journal: <https://www.wildwonder.org/teach>

LET’S GET GOING! 🤖 How to teach Nature Journaling:

- LUSD Nature Journaling Workshop for Teachers:** Join LUSD Nature Journaling workshops: Click here for --> [Link to Flyer with Live Links to Register](#)
- Or, Kickstart with Lodi Community Art Center teachers in the classroom:** Get an assist from Lodi Art Center teachers in the classroom. Limited classroom visits are available on a first-come-first- booked basis. Lodi Art Center teachers will help kickstart your Nature Journaling efforts. Email kgrant@lodi.gov for scheduling a teacher. **Lodi Art Center Teacher assist available: September 9, 16, 23, 25, 26, and 30, and throughout October.**

How to teach the Mokelumne River Watershed:

- CURRICULUM:** Teaching the Season of the Sandhill Cranes: <https://lodisandhillcrane.org/> Look for the Educator and Lesson Plans tabs, or <https://www.lodi.gov/1007/Watershed-Education-Programs-Videos>.



“Meet the Mokelumne River Watershed” video library
<https://www.lodi.gov/1007/Watershed-Education-Programs-Videos>

2. **STUDY TRIPS:** Study trips to the Isenberg Sandhill Crane Reserve- **California Department of Fish and Wildlife docent tours:** <https://wildlife.ca.gov/Regions/3/Crane-Tour> **LIMITED FUNDING FOR BUS:** Thanks to the Lodi Sandhill Crane Association, contact kgrant@lodi.gov.

Exhibition at a glance

Please review the guidelines below to ensure a smooth art submission and art return process.

1. **Special Paper Classroom Sets!! By September 17, 2024- Request special 11"x17" "One-Pager" Sandhill Crane Festival Art Sheets for Student Schoolyard Nature Journaling entry – Email kgrant@lodi.gov for paper, noting number of students participating. Each student may enter ONE Nature Journal page on official paper. The Sandhill Crane Festival Committee will select and display their choice at the Lodi Sandhill Crane Festival.**
2. **By Thursday, October 17, 2024- Finished art must be submitted in a large envelope, labeled with school, grade, teacher, to LUSD Mail Center; Attn. Lodi Sandhill Crane Festival/Shannon.**
3. **Art Displayed-** November 2-3, 2024, Lodi Sandhill Crane Festival, Hutchins Street Square, Lodi. 125 S. Hutchins St.
4. **Art will be returned to your site via LUSD Mail Center by late November.**
5. **Information included in this packet** - 2024 Guidelines; Checklist; and Inventory Sheet.

*** For more information, see <https://lodisandhillcrane.org/>, or call/text Kathy Grant- 209-327-2063, or email kgrant@lodi.gov.

2024 Guidelines

6th Annual Sandhill Crane Festival Student Art Exhibition

ELIGIBILITY

- Students ages 5-18 and grades K-12.
- Students currently enrolled in a public, private, charter, homeschool, or parochial multi-subject academic school in San Joaquin County.
- Limit of one artwork per student.
- All student work is eligible for selection by Lodi Sandhill Crane Festival Committee. Each class or school site’s work will be displayed on 4’x8’ corrugated cardboard at the Festival. All artwork must be submitted by the student’s academic classroom teacher or with the written authorization from the student's academic classroom teacher.
- Artwork must have been completed during the current school year.

INVENTORY SHEETS

- Completed inventory sheets must accompany artwork. List each student's name and grade.
- If the class includes more than one grade, separate them by grade level **on the same sheet**.
- Multi-period class teachers must submit a separate inventory list for each class period.

AWARDS

- A certificate of appreciation for each participant will accompany returned artwork.

ENTRIES

- Each student artwork must include student name, grade and school on each special "One-Pager" sheet.

LIABILITY

- While the Lodi Sandhill Crane Association (LSCA) takes reasonable care and precaution in handling the entries, it is unable and will not assume responsibility for any loss, including but not limited to theft, damage, or vandalism, etc. Further, in the event of an overwhelming number of entries, the LSCA reserves the right to reduce the number of works hung due to limited space. Every effort will be made, however, to hang all the eligible entries received. Any entry that does not comply with the above rules will not be included in the exhibition, even if delivered with other eligible entries.

2024 Checklist - Third Lodi Sandhill Crane Association Student Art Exhibition

Follow this checklist before delivering student art work; **keep it for your records.**

	Review the attached guidelines.
	Note that only 1 (one) work per student allowed, on official SCF Nature Journal paper.
	No limit to number of students per class who may submit journal page <u>on correct "One-pager" Nature Journal paper</u> for possible selection for display at festival.
	Legibly complete the attached inventory sheet for each class. Please do this before you send student work to the LUSD Mail Center.
	Art must be on special "One-Pager" Nature Journal paper available from Festival. Contact kgrant@lodi.gov by September 17, 2024 to request paper.
	Check to be sure the name of the student is clearly written on their official SCF Nature Journal entry paper.
	Student art will be returned via the LUSD Mail Center.
	Contact Kathy Grant, Lodi Sandhill Crane Association Student Art Exhibition Committee, with any questions. kgrant@lodi.gov or call/text 209-327-2063.