2026

CALLING ALL STUDENT ARTISTS!

Lodi Sandhill Crane Festival

November 6–8, 2026

Hutchins Street Square • Lodi, California

STUDENT ART EXHIBITION

2026 THEME

"Mokelumne & Cosumnes River Wetlands: Helping Migrating Birds"

Let your creativity take flight!

All Lodi students are invited to create artwork celebrating our local rivers, wetlands, and the amazing birds that depend on them.

We provide the 11x17" paper! Just email kgrant@lodi.gov

Every fall, Sandhill Cranes and many other migratory birds travel along the Pacific Flyway. Our local rivers and wetlands provide important habitat and water for these incredible travelers.

What inspires you?

Your artwork might show:

- **Sandhill Cranes & migrating birds**
- **Wetlands and wildlife**
- **The Mokelumne & Cosumnes Rivers**
- **Clean water and healthy habitats**
- **Local plants, animals, and nature**
- **Ways we can protect our rivers and wetlands**

There are no limits to your imagination!

TEACH • EXPLORE • CREATE

Teachers can find helpful classroom resources to introduce students to Sandhill Cranes, wetlands, and the Mokelumne River watershed.

Learn about the Festival & Sandhill Cranes:

lodisandhillcrane.org

Teacher Lesson Plans:

Teaching the Season of the Sandhill Cranes

Mokelumne River Watershed Videos:

City of Lodi Watershed Education Programs

CREATE • CELEBRATE • CONSERVE

Help us celebrate the birds, rivers, and wetlands that make our region special!
Your art can help others see why these places are worth protecting.

LET YOUR ART TAKE FLIGHT!

Presented by the Lodi Sandhill Crane Association
with support from the City of Lodi and community partners

Exhibition at a glance

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

1. **We provide the paper! Request a classroom set of Festival 11"x17" "One-Pager" Sandhill Crane Festival Art Sheets-** Email kgrant@lodi.gov .
2. **Student art should reflect "Mokelumne & Cosumnes River Wetlands: Helping Migrating Birds"**
3. **Teachers choose five completed student works, submitted to LUSD mailroom by Oct 26, 2026. LUSD Mail Center; Attn. Lodi Sandhill Crane Festival/Shannon.**
4. **Art Displayed- Lodi Sandhill Crane Festival**, November 7-8, 2026, Hutchins Street Square, Lodi.
5. **Art will be returned to your site via LUSD Mail Center by early December.**
6. ***Information included in this packet*** - 2026 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.

2026 Guidelines

8th 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.
- Student work must focus on the **"Mokelumne & Cosumnes River Wetlands: Helping Migrating Birds"** theme, on 11x17" Festival provided paper.
- Limit of five students' work per class created on Festival provided 11x17" paper.
- Chosen submitted 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.

CERTIFICATES

- 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.

2026 Checklist – 8th 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 11x17" paper.
	Five students per class will be chosen by teacher created on correct 11x17 "One-pager" Festival paper 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" paper from Festival. Contact kgrant@lodi.gov to request paper.
	Check to be sure the name of the student is clearly written on their official SCF paper.
	Student art will be returned via the LUSD Mail Center, ATTN. Shannon/Sandhill Crane Festival-KGrant.
	Contact Kathy Grant, Lodi Sandhill Crane Association Student Art Exhibition Committee, with any questions. kgrant@lodi.gov or call/text 209-327-2063.