

2009 RIVERS AND WILDLIFE CELEBRATION

Concurrent Sessions Schedule

Saturday, March 21

8:00-9:30 a.m. **Welcome to the 39th annual Rivers and Wildlife Celebration!**
Ballroom I **Breakfast** (served 8:00-9:30)

9:00-10:00 a.m. **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**
Rooms D, E, F

“Migration Patterns of Louisiana Wintering Sandhill Cranes”
Dr. Sammy King, Louisiana Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit, LSU

“Update on Platte River Recovery Effort”
Jerry Kenny, Platte River Recovery Implementation Program

“Boy Scouts of America: A National Resource”
Ray Boice, Longs Peak BSA, Nebraska

10:00-10:10 a.m. **Break**

10:10-11:10 a.m. **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

“A 30-year History of Whooping Crane Family, Offspring, and Behavior”
Karine Gil-Weir, Platte River Whooping Crane Maintenance Trust

“Climate Change: Fact or Fiction”
Ken Dewey, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

“Bringing Nature to Town”
Justin Evertson, Nebraska Statewide Arboretum; Ray Boice

11:10-11:20 a.m. **Break**

11:20 a.m.-12:20 p.m. **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

“Nocturnal Behavior of Sandhill Cranes”
Dave Brandt, Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center, North Dakota

“Looking for the Overlap: Balancing Multiple Priorities of Platte River Management”
John Heaston, The Nature Conservancy, Nebraska

“The Amphibians and Reptiles of Nebraska”
Dan Fogel, Southeast Community College, Nebraska

12:30-2:00 p.m.
Ballroom I

Lunch (served 12:30-1:30)
“Current Status and Concerns of Wild Whooping Crane Flock” (1:00-2:00)
Felipe Chavez-Ramirez, Platte River Whooping Crane Maintenance Trust

2:15-3:15 p.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

“Winter Distribution, Food Resources, and Stress Conditions of Sandhill Cranes in Northern Mexico”

Ingrid Barcelo and Edgar Lopez, University of Nebraska and Centro de Investigaciones Biologicas del Noroeste

“Sandhill Crane Nesting Habitat Research and Management in Interior Alaska”

Melissa Sikas, Friends of Creamer’s Field, Alaska

“Raptors of Nebraska”

Betsy Finch, Raptor Recovery Nebraska

3:15

Break

3:30-4:30 p.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

“Western Flyway Sandhill Cranes”

Gary Ivey, International Crane Foundation, Wisconsin

“Central Platte Restoration Projects”

Bill Taddicken, Rowe Sanctuary; Kirk Schroeder, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

“Birding 101”

Kent Skaggs, Rowe Sanctuary; Kevin Poague, Spring Creek Prairie Audubon Center

7:00-9:00 p.m.
Ballroom I

Banquet

“Twenty-Five Things That Changed Birding” (8:00-9:00)

Pete Dunne, Cape May Bird Observatory, New Jersey

