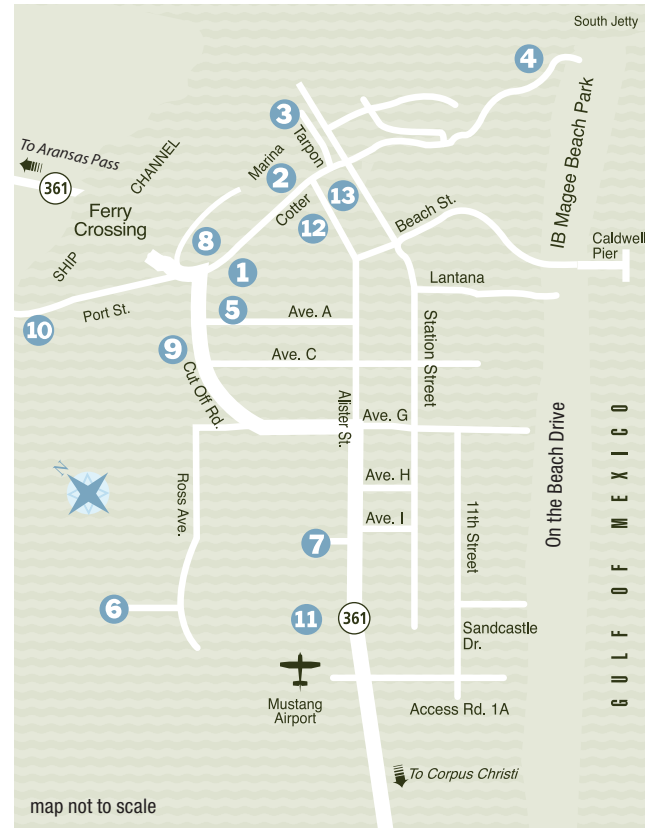


Bird's Nest Trade Show Vendors

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- Art by Sue Bonnar
- Creations by M
- Dale Wilkins Fine Art
- Eagle Optics
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- Friends of Aransas & Matagorda Island NWR
- Friends of the Animal Rehabilitation Keep
- International Crane Foundation
- Invasive Species – Texas A&M Forest Service
- Keep Port Aransas Beautiful
- King Ranch
- Little House on the Island
- Magnets Really Work
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- Ocean's Gifts
- Opticron
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- Texas & Southwest Outdoor Photography
- Texas by Design
- Texas Ornithological Society
- Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
- The Pink Armadillo
- The University of Texas Marine Science Institute (UTMSI)
- Ubalm Skin Cream
- Wild Opal



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An annual island festival to celebrate the endangered Whooping Cranes that winter on the Texas Gulf Coast.

February 25-28, 2016

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- Guided birding & nature boat and van tours
- Renowned speakers
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- Optics presentations by sponsors Eagle Optics and Swarovski Optik

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- Luncheon Presentation
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Thursday, February 25

10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Field Trip: Whooping Crane Boat Tour
Fisherman's Wharf

1:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Registration
Civic Center

2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Field Trip: Birding / Nature Boat Tour
Woody's Sports Center

4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Field Trip: Dolphin Watching
Boat Tour
Deep Sea Headquarters

5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Special Event: Wine, Whine &
Design Whoopers
Community Center

Ongoing Festival Activities

Bird's Nest Trade Show:

Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Sunday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Civic Center

Siberian Cranes in Asia, Photography Exhibit

Thursday-Saturday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Port Aransas Art Center

Boat Trips to St. Jo Island

Departs hourly from Fisherman's Wharf
7 a.m. through 12 p.m. and 2 p.m., 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.
Book directly with Fisherman's Wharf

Friday, February 26

6 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Field Trip: Fennessey Ranch
Birding Field Trip
Civic Center
Transportation provided

7 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Field Trip: Beginner / Intermediate
Birding Field Trip with Gene Blacklock
Leonabelle Turnbull Birding Center

7 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Field Trip: Whooping Crane Boat Tour
with Dr. George Archibald
Fisherman's Wharf

8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Field Trip: Island Birding Van Tour
Civic Center

8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Registration
Civic Center

9 a.m. Guest Speaker

Carter Smith
Texas Parks & Wildlife Department
*"The Call of the Wild:
Is Anyone Listening?"*
UTMSI

9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Workshop: Photography Workshop
with Kathy Adams Clark
City Council Chambers (Civic Center)

10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Field Trip: Birding / Nature Boat Tour
Woody's Sports Center

10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Field Trip: Island Birding Van Tour
Civic Center

10:30 a.m. Guest Speaker

Tony Amos
The University of Texas
Marine Science Institute
*"Compulsive Bird Watching:
Thirty-Eight Years of Observation
on Texas Gulf Beaches"*
UTMSI

11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Workshop: Optics Presentation
City Council Chambers (Civic Center)

12 p.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Field Trip: Guided Wetlands
Education Center Tour
UTMSI

12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Field Trip: Dolphin Watching Boat Tour
Deep Sea Headquarters

12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Field Trip: Whooping Crane Boat Tour
Fisherman's Wharf

1 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Workshop: Optics Presentation
City Council Chambers (Civic Center)

1 p.m. to 1:50 p.m.

Field Trip: Guided Animal
Rehabilitation Keep Tour
UTMSI

1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Field Trip: Island Birding Van Tour
Civic Center

2 p.m. Guest Speaker

Dr. George Archibald
International Crane Foundation
*"Siberian Cranes-Critically Endangered
Cousins of the Whooping Cranes"*
UTMSI

2 p.m. to 2:50 p.m.

Field Trip: Guided Animal
Rehabilitation Keep Tour
UTMSI

2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Field Trip: Birding / Nature Boat Tour
Woody's Sports Center

2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Workshop: Shorebird Identification
Workshop with Gene Blacklock
City Council Chambers (Civic Center)

2:30 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.

Field Trip: Guided Wetlands
Education Center Tour
UTMSI

2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Field Trip: Dolphin Watching Boat Tour
Deep Sea Headquarters

3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Field Trip: Island Birding Van Tour
Civic Center

3:30 p.m. Guest Speaker

Zhongjie Zheng
City Channel Jiangxi Television-China
"Siberian Cranes and Their Asian Homes"
UTMSI

4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Field Trip: Photography Field Trip
with Kathy Adams Clark (Boat Excursion)
Woody's Sports Center

4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Field Trip: Dolphin Watching Boat Tour
Deep Sea Headquarters

6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Special Event: Photography Art Reception
Siberian Cranes in Asia
Port Aransas Art Center

Saturday, February 27

6 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Field Trip: Fennessey Ranch
Birding Field Trip
Civic Center
Transportation provided

7 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Field Trip: Advanced
Birding Field Trip with Gene Blacklock
Leonabelle Turnbull Birding Center

7 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Field Trip: Whooping Crane Boat Tour
with Dr. George Archibald
Fisherman's Wharf

8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Field Trip: Island Birding Van Tour
Civic Center

8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Registration
Civic Center

9 a.m. Guest Speaker

Dr. Barbara Dorf
Big Tree Butterflies
"Monarchs, Milkweed and Migration"
UTMSI

9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Workshop: Digital Photography
Software Workshop
with Kathy Adams Clark
City Council Chambers (Civic Center)

10 a.m. to 10:50 a.m.

Field Trip: Guided Animal
Rehabilitation Keep Tour
UTMSI

10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Field Trip: Island Birding Van Tour
Civic Center

10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Field Trip: Birding / Nature Boat Tour
Woody's Sports Center

10:30 a.m. Guest Speaker

Joe Duff
Operation Migration
"Bird's Eye View"
UTMSI

11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Workshop: Optics Presentation
City Council Chambers (Civic Center)

12 p.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Field Trip: Guided Wetlands
Education Center Tour
UTMSI

12 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Special Event: Luncheon with Tom Stehn
Community Center

12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Field Trip: Dolphin Watching Boat Tour
Deep Sea Headquarters

12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Field Trip: Whooping Crane Boat Tour
Fisherman's Wharf

1 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Workshop: Optics Presentation
City Council Chambers (Civic Center)

1 p.m. to 1:50 p.m.

Field Trip: Guided Animal
Rehabilitation Keep Tour
UTMSI

1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Field Trip: Island Birding Van Tour
Civic Center

2 p.m. to 2:50 p.m.

Field Trip: Guided Animal Rehabilitation Tour
UTMSI

2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Field Trip: Birding / Nature Boat Tour
Woody's Sports Center

2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Guest Speakers:
Whooping Crane Experts Round Table
UTMSI

2:30 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.

Field Trip: Guided Wetlands
Education Center Tour
UTMSI

2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Special Event: Family Birding Field Trip
Leonabelle Turnbull Birding Center

2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Field Trip: Dolphin Watching Boat Tour
Deep Sea Headquarters

3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Field Trip: Island Birding Van Tour
Civic Center

4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Field Trip: Birding / Nature Boat Tour
Woody's Sports Center

4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Field Trip: Dolphin Watching Boat Tour
Deep Sea Headquarters

Sunday, February 28

7 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Field Trip: Photography Field Trip
with Kathy Adams Clark (Land Excursion)
Leonabelle Turnbull Birding Center

7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Field Trip: Birding Field Trip
with Joan and Scott Holt
Port Aransas Nature Preserve
Port St. entrance

8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Field Trip: Island Birding Van Tour
Civic Center

8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Field Trip: Whooping Crane Boat Tour
Fisherman's Wharf

10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Field Trip: Birding / Nature Boat Tour
Woody's Sports Center

10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Field Trip: Island Birding Van Tour
Civic Center

10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Workshop: Bird Identification Workshop
with Gary Clark
City Council Chambers (Civic Center)

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Registration
Civic Center

12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Field Trip: Dolphin Watching Boat Tour
Deep Sea Headquarters

1 p.m. to 1:50 p.m.

Field Trip: Guided Animal
Rehabilitation Keep Tour
UTMSI

1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Field Trip: Island Birding Van Tour
Civic Center

2 p.m. to 2:50 p.m.

Field Trip: Guided Animal
Rehabilitation Keep Tour
UTMSI

2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Field Trip: Birding / Nature Boat Tour
Woody's Sports Center

2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Special Event: Family Birding Field Trip
Leonabelle Turnbull Birding Center

2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Field Trip: Dolphin Watching Boat Tour
Deep Sea Headquarters

3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Field Trip: Island Birding Van Tour
Civic Center