CraneFest Policies

- CraneFest is for all ages. Free programming onsite during the festival is specifically developed to engage children of a variety of ages in conservation, birds, and the environment.

- Dogs are permitted on the Festival site. Pets must be on a short (4-6’) leash at all times. The owners are responsible for the good behavior of their dogs.

- All persons attending CraneFest do so at their own risk. No liability is assumed by the owners, managers, promoters, sponsors or others associated with this event. CraneFest/Michigan Audubon is/are not responsible for theft, loss or damage of personal property or personal injury.

- All items are subject to availability and prices can change without notice.

- Upon entering the venue, you accept that photographs and/or video footage may be used as promotional material used by CraneFest.

- No refunds will be given for any temporary evacuations or cancellation due to inclement weather for vendors and attendees of the Festival.

- No refunds, no exchanges -- no exceptions.

Not Permitted on Grounds:
- Illegal substances
- Weapons or fireworks
- Alcohol of any kind
- Bicycles/scooters/go-karts/ATVs
- Drones. Michigan Audubon has a no-drone policy and this applies to our sanctuaries as well as events. The use of drones at CraneFest is strictly prohibited.

Safety and Emergency Information

- Festival security and First Aid is located at the Michigan Audubon Information Booth. Please go to the nearest Michigan Audubon staff member or Festival volunteer if you have any security concerns.

- For medical emergencies, call 911 or contact the nearest Festival staff member.
Report lost children immediately to the nearest public safety official or Festival staff member. Lost children will be brought to the festival information booth so that our staff may assist authorities in locating their parents.

Lost and found items should be turned into the Information Booth. Michigan Audubon will retain all lost and found items until the end of the Festival.

Inclement Weather Policy

- CraneFest will remain open during posted hours unless Festival organizers/grounds owners (The Kiwanis Club of Battle Creek) determine inclement weather would place Festival participants in harm’s way.

- For the purpose of this policy, inclement weather may include heavy rain for long periods of time, strong winds, hail, or if conditions have made the grounds unsafe for participants or visitors at the Festival. Organizers may also declare the Festival closed in the event of National Weather Service severe weather warnings. Vendor and participant fees (booth space, parking, etc.) are non-refundable.

- If the Festival is declared closed, vendor vehicles will only be permitted into the Park to facilitate evacuation once guests have been evacuated and the grounds have been cleared for vehicle traffic.

- Vendors and presenters are discouraged from dismantling their booths except in the case of severe weather. Unless conditions on the grounds are declared unsafe for visitors, the Festival will reopen once the severe weather passes.

- If vendors choose to dismantle their booths during inclement weather, but the Festival has not been ordered closed by organizers, they will not be permitted to bring vehicles onto the Festival grounds until the Festival is closed, to ensure the safety of pedestrians and visitors.

- If you have any questions regarding the Inclement Weather Policy, please call 517.580.7364, visit the Michigan Audubon Information Booth at the Festival, visit cranefest.org, or connect to our Facebook page (facebook.com/michiganaudubon) for live festival updates.