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Crane Trust Nature & Visitor Center Seeks
Volunteers for 2013 Crane Season / Training Feb 16 & Feb 27

Wood River, Neb-The Crane Trust Nature & Visitor Center is seeking volunteers to help during the 2013 crane season, as thousands of visitors arrive from around the world to experience Nebraska's Great Sandhill Crane Migration in March.

"This season we'll have as many as 20,000 visitors stop by to experience what National Geographic has called one of North America's greatest wildlife phenomena," says Jeff Oates, Crane Trust Director of Marketing and Development. "The fact is, this level of access and sharing wouldn't be possible without the incredible support we get from our community volunteers, many of whom have been helping for years."

Most urgently, the nature and visitor center is recruiting additional volunteers for both inside and outside assistance, including help in the gift shop and snack bar, greeting visitors, and providing basic directions. Tour guides are also needed for leading visitors on viewing blind and footbridge tours.

Any one interested in volunteering or learning more about how they can get involved should contact Karen Krull Robart at 308-382-1820, kkrullrobart@cranetrust.org. Two special training sessions for volunteers are scheduled for February 16 and 27 at the Crane Trust Nature & Visitor Center, 9325 South Alda Road, I-80 Exit 305.

The Crane Trust and its nature and visitor center (and the spring migration of sandhill cranes) were voted among Nebraska's top 10 outdoor tourist destinations this past year. Established in 1978, the Crane Trust is a non-profit organization dedicated to the protection and maintenance of critical habitat for cranes and other migratory birds along the Platte River through science, habitat management, community outreach and education.

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