

great salt lake bird festival



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Great Salt Lake Bird Festival May 14-18, 2015 Farmington, Utah

The 2015 Great Salt Lake Bird Festival promises another fantastic program of field trips, workshops, and family events. And the icing on the cake for our 17th annual Festival is Keynote Speaker David Allen Sibley.

Festival attendees have several incredible opportunities to interact with Sibley, America's most gifted contemporary painter of birds, and the author and illustrator of *The Sibley Guide to Birds* (2nd edition released in 2014). Sibley will offer a workshop at 3 p.m. on Friday, May 15, followed by a book signing. He will also co-lead two field trips on Saturday, May 16, and conclude the day as the keynote speaker at the Festival's Dutch Oven Dinner.

Dinner tickets to hear David Allen Sibley are on sale now at www.GreatSaltBirdFest.com; just click the "Register Now" button. Be sure to check back again starting at 9 a.m. MST on March 2 for all field trip registration. Many trips fill up fast—so log in early to get your preferred spots.

As always, the Festival offers a full slate of family activities on Friday evening and all day on Saturday. The "Birding Is for Families" theme is carried out in the first workshop on Saturday morning, offered by author and birder Bill Fenimore. Saturday workshops are free and feature many live birds.

Another great feature of the Festival is the annual Student Art Contest. The contest is open to Utah students in pre-school through 12th grade. In recent years, the festival has received several hundred exceptional entries from students all over the state. All student art is on exhibit at the Festival from 12–7 p.m. on Friday, May 15, and from 10 a.m. –6 p.m. on Saturday, May 16. Art Contest information and entry form is on the web site. Entries are due May 4, 2015.

The Festival hosts a vendor fair on Friday afternoon and all day Saturday. Interested vendors—both businesses and non-profit organizations—should fill out the vendor application found online at www.GreatSaltBirdFest.com.

Registration for field trips for the 2015 Festival begins on-line March 2, 2015. Vendor applications accepted through April 30, 2015. Program listing is on-line and program booklets can be picked up at the Davis County Administration Building Room 304, 61 S. Main Farmington, Wild About Birds Nature Center/Layton, or Feed the Birds/Bountiful.

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