



TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST
2022 ANNUAL MEETING
HOUSTON, TX
OCTOBER 20-23

Be a Part, Be a Vendor!

This year's event will mark the **Texas Master Naturalist Program's 23rd Annual Meeting**. Our gathering will be hosted in the heart of one of the most ecologically diverse urban centers in the nation. Houston is nestled in the Gulf Coast Prairies and Marshes ecoregion of Texas, inviting a wide variety of wildlife and vegetation. With a temperate climate and abundant rainfall, more well-known species include the Houston toad and the whooping crane. The conference, held at the Omni Houston, sits on the shores of Buffalo Bayou, 160 acres of greenspace in the heart of downtown Houston. The Bayou re-introduces the natural world to those who call the city their home.

The Annual Meeting provides an opportunity for the Texas Master Naturalist volunteers from around the state to gather, participate in hands-on educational seminars, and receive all their Advanced Training requirements for the year in one weekend. It's also an opportunity for program participants and supporters to network, share new ideas, and to learn from chapters in different regions of the state.

We are once again hosting our event with the opportunity to invite a few key vendors and exhibitors with naturalist related goods, artwork, projects, plants, educational materials, and outreach from partnership organizations. The vendor booths will be located in the main conference reception area at the Omni Houston. Vendors will receive one 6' table and two chairs. Electricity and other display needs may have additional costs and can be discussed if needed.

Vendor set up will be on **Thursday October 20th from 2pm-6pm** with take down and move out by **10am Sunday, October 23rd**. Vendors will be responsible for their own move in, set up, take down and move out. There will be ample time throughout the conference for attendees to browse the vendor areas, with breaks and socials scheduled to be held in the vendor space. We kindly ask that all vendors donate an item for the Silent Auction. The money raised from the silent auction will be used towards scholarship funds for Master Naturalists expressing a need to be able to attend our conference the following year.

The mission of the Texas Master Naturalist program is to *develop a corps of well-informed volunteers to provide education, outreach, and service dedicated to the beneficial*

management of natural resources and natural areas within their communities for the State of Texas.

Vendors will also receive special recognition through the conference programs at time of press. Please have all vendor applications submitted by **September 30th, 2022**. Space is limited, and vendors may be selected by program coordinators based on space. For more information contact Mary Pearl Meuth, at mpmeuth@tamu.edu

Thank you for your interest in being a part of this celebration and educational event for the Texas Master Naturalist 23rd Annual Meeting.

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Vendor Application

Vendor Booth Space Information:

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- Vendors will receive one 6' table and two chairs. Additional tables may be available if needed, potentially at an additional cost.
- Electricity and other display items can be discussed if needed (potentially at an additional cost). Wi-Fi will be available in the conference space for all attendees, hardline and electric cord charges may be extra.
- We kindly ask that all vendors donate an item for the Silent Auction if possible
- Please have all vendor applications emailed to Mary Pearl by **5pm September 30th, 2022**

Please email the following information to Mary Pearl Meuth, mpmeuth@tamu.edu

Name of Company/Organization _____

Contact Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Silent Auction Item Donation: _____

Vendor Fees: The vendor fee is a nominal fee but does **not** include lodging or meals. Lodging and meals will be available through our registration system once posted in August. Registration is needed to attend sessions as well.

Vendor Booth: \$200

Please make all checks out to:
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