# ANNUAL MEETING Sponsors & Vendors

The **Texas Master Naturalist Annual Meeting** provides an opportunity for 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 learn from chapters in different regions of the state.

# **2023 ANNUAL MEETING** October 12-15 McAllen, Texas

# MISSION

The Texas Master Naturalist Program is sponsored statewide by the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department and the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. The program's mission 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.



The program currently supports 16,000+ volunteers in 48 local chapters across the state. TMN volunteers provide over 470,000 hours of service annually. Many communities and organizations rely on these volunteers for implementing youth education programs; for operating parks, nature centers, and natural areas; and for providing leadership in local natural resource conservation efforts.





# TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST PROGRAM SKELETON AGENDA

Thursday 10/12	Pre-Event Field Sessions
	Chapter Leadership Luncheon
	Afternoon Concurrent Advanced Training Sessions
	Welcome Dinner
Friday <b>10/13</b>	Field Sessions
	Concurrent Advanced Training Sessions
	Keynote Address
Saturday 10/14	Annular Solar Eclipse
	All Day Off-Site Conference Location
	Annual Awards Reception & Dinner
Sunday <b>10/15</b>	Post-Event Field Sessions
	Contest Awards
	Morning Concurrent Advanced Training Sessions
	Conference Wrap up by Noon!

# TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST PROGRAM BE A SPONSOR

All sponsorships will receive special recognition through conference communication, flyers, announcements, and programs as follows:

# Friend - \$150

• Posted on Annual Meeting website

# Ecologist - \$300

- All Friend level recognition, plus:
- Posted on conference hallway signs

# Steward - \$500

- All Ecologist level recognition, plus:
- Posted on Annual Meeting app
- Recognition given during awards ceremony

# **Conservationist - \$1,000**

- All Steward level recognition, plus:
- Complimentary Vendor Booth (optional)

# Guardian - \$3,000

- All Conservationist level recognition, plus:
- Reserved table at Annual Meeting awards dinner
- Inclusion of collateral materials in attendee registration bags

# Naturalist - \$5,000+

- All Conservationist level recognition as given above, plus:
- Organization highlight page on website

# TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST PROGRAM BE A SPONSOR

To be a sponsor, please send the following information to the Texas Master Naturalist state office, either with the form below or via a separate email, Mary Pearl Meuth (<u>mpmeuth@tamu.edu</u>):

Name of Company/Organization	
Address	
Contact Name	
Phone	
Email	
Sponsor Level	

Please make check payable to "Texas Master Naturalist Program" and mail to:

Texas Master Naturalist Program

c/o Mary Pearl Meuth

495 Horticulture Drive, 2138 TAMU

College Station, TX 77843

### Thank you for supporting the Texas Master Naturalist Program and our 23rd Annual Meeting!

# TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST PROGRAM BE A VENDOR

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 McAllen Convention Center.

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.

### Vendor Booth Space Information:

- Vendor setup will be on Thursday, October 12th from 8:00am 12:00pm, with take down and move out by 1:00pm on Sunday, October 15th. Vendors will be responsible for their own move in, set up, take down, and move out.
- 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.
- Please have all vendor applications emailed to Mary Pearl Meuth by 5pm on September 15th, 2023.

# **Vendor Fee**

**Commercial Vendors - \$300** 

Non-Profit Vendors - \$150

- Includes all coffee and break service.
- Registration required to attend technical sessions.
- Exhibitor space will be open to the public on **Saturday October 14th**

# Name of Company/Organization Items or Services Being Sold Contact Name Phone Email Silent Auction Donation Item

Please make all checks out to: Texas Master Naturalist Program 495 Horticulture Drive 2138 TAMU, College Station, TX 77843

Contact our Texas Master Naturalist State Office for more information about our Annual Meeting or our Program:



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