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MASTER NATURALIST™
18th Annual Meeting
OCTOBER 20-22, 2017
OMNI CORPUS CHRISTI HOTEL

Be A Part & Be A Vendor

This year's event will mark the Texas Master Naturalist Program's 18th Annual Meeting and will be the 19th year of the program. This year's meeting will be held at the Omni Corpus Christi overlooking the western shores of the Gulf of Mexico, where the breakwaters meet the sand dunes, neotropical birds fly overhead on their migration routes and endangered sea turtles return annually to their nesting habitats. With 367 miles of coastline in Texas, Corpus Christi is situated along the southern reaches of this coastline at the mouth of the Nueces River as it flows from the hill country, through the south Texas plains and out to the Gulf.

The 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 of their Advanced Training requirements for the year within one weekend. It's also an opportunity for program participants and supporters to network, share new ideas/projects, and to learn from different chapters from 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, educational materials, and messages from partnership organizations. The vendor booths will be located throughout the main conference hallway at the Omni Corpus Christi. Vendors will receive one 6' table and two chairs. Electricity and other display needs can be discussed if needed.

Vendor set up will be on **Friday, October 20th** from 10am to 12:00 noon with take down and move out on **Sunday, October 22nd** starting at 10am. 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 to pay for scholarships for Master Naturalists from each chapter 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 29th 2017**. Space may be limited and vendors may be selected by program coordinators based on space. For more information contact Mary Pearl Meuth at mpmeuth@tamu.edu or (979) 845-7294.

Thank you for your interest in being a part of this celebration and educational event for the Texas Master Naturalist 18th Annual Meeting.

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Vendor Application



Vendor Booth Space Information:

- Set up will be on **Friday, October 20th** from 10am to 12:00 noon, with take down and move out on **Sunday, October 22nd** starting at 10am.
- Will receive one 6' table and two chairs. Additional tables may be available if needed.
- Electricity and other display items can be discussed if needed. 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 29th 2017**

Name of Company/Organization _____

Address _____

Contact Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Name of Attending Representative(s) (if applicable)

Silent Auction Item Donation _____

*For questions regarding the types of silent auction items, please contact the Auction Chairs.

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 the *Texas Master Naturalist Program*
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