



T E X A S
MASTER NATURALIST™
18th Annual Meeting
OCTOBER 20-22, 2017
OMNI CORPUS CHRISTI HOTEL

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. This year's meeting will also include day trips and training workshops to many local, state and even national wildlife refuges/parks, many of which will focus on the diversity of our Texas coastline and its importance for all things upstream.

Friday October 20th, 2017

Lunch on your own prior to arrival (Lunch not provided on Friday)

- 12:00 - 1:00 **Arrival and Conference Registration**
 Third Floor of Omni Corpus Christi
- 1:00 - 5:00 **Friday Afternoon Field Sessions (4 hrs AT possible)**
- 1:00 - 5:30 **Friday Afternoon Advanced Training Sessions (4 AT hrs possible)**
- 3:00 - 3:30 **Hotel Room Check-in Begins**
- 5:30 - 6:00 **Shuttle Buses Leaving for Texas State Aquarium**
- 6:00 - 10:00 **Dinner and TMN Family Reunion**
 Texas State Aquarium Gulf of Mexico Exhibit
- 10:00 **Final bus departs Texas State Aquarium**
 Return to Omni Corpus Christi



Saturday October 21st, 2017

- 7:00 - 8:00 Conference Breakfast
- 7:00 - 8:00 Registration Open
- 8:00 - 12:00 Saturday Morning Field Sessions (4 hrs AT Possible)
- 8:00 - 12:00 Saturday Morning Advanced Training Sessions (4 hrs AT possible)
- 12:00 - 1:00 Conference Lunch
- 1:00 - 5:00 Saturday Afternoon Field Sessions (4 hrs AT possible)
- 1:00 - 5:00 Saturday Afternoon Advanced Training Sessions (4 hrs AT possible)
- 5:00 - 6:00 TMN Social, Year in Review, and Project Fair Display Judging
- 6:00 - 7:00 Dinner and Keynote Presentation
»Larry McKinney, Executive Director, Harte Research Institute for Gulf of Mexico Studies
- 7:00 - 8:30 TMN Awards Ceremony
- 8:30 - 10:00 Black Light Station for Flying Invertebrates



Sunday October 22nd, 2017

- 6:30 - 8:00 Chapter President's and Chapter Advisors Breakfast
- 7:00 - 8:00 Conference Breakfast and Chapter Directors/Chairs Roundtables
- 8:00 - 8:45 Annual Meeting Contest Awards & Special Presentations
»Mike Tewes, Department of Animal, Rangeland, and Wildlife Sciences, Texas A&M University-Kingsville
- 9:00 - 12:00 Sunday Morning Advanced Training Sessions (3 AT hrs possible)
- 12:00 - 1:00 Conference Closes (Lunch on your own)

Registration Costs

\$475 Registration Single

This registration fee includes all conference fees for ONE person for the full three days of advanced training, a hotel room for two nights, all hotel amenities as listed below, and all meals included on the agenda for the three days.

\$350 Registration Double

This registration fee includes all conference fees for ONE person for the full three days of advanced training in a shared hotel room with ONE other registrant at this same registration rate with 2 Double Beds for two nights, all hotel amenities as listed, and all meals included on the agenda for three days.

\$325 Registration Triple

This registration fee includes all conference fees for ONE person for the full three days of advanced training in a shared hotel room with TWO other registrants at this same registration rate with 2 Double Beds and a pull-out couch for two nights, all hotel amenities as listed, and all meals included on the agenda for the three days.

\$300 Registration Quad

This registration fee includes all conference fees for ONE person for the full three days of advanced training in a shared hotel room with THREE other registrants at this same registration rate with 2 Double Beds and a pull out couch for two nights, all hotel amenities as listed, and all meals included on the agenda for three days.

\$230 Three Day Commuter Registration

This registration fee includes all conference fees for ONE person for the attendance of ALL THREE days of the Annual Meeting, including the meals being offered that day on the agenda. This option does NOT include any lodging or any hotel amenities as listed.

\$200 Two Day Commuter Registration

The registration fee includes all conference fees for ONE person for the attendance of TWO days of the Annual Meeting of their choice (Friday/Saturday OR Saturday/Sunday), including the meals being offered that day on the agenda (Friday Dinner, Saturday Breakfast and Saturday Lunch OR Saturday Lunch, Saturday Dinner, and Sunday Breakfast). This option does NOT include any lodging or any hotel amenities as listed.

\$150 Single Day Commuter Registration

This registration fee includes all conference fees for ONE person for the attendance of ONE day of the Annual Meeting of their choice (Friday, Saturday or Sunday), including the meals being offered that day on the agenda. This option does NOT include any lodging or any hotel amenities as listed.

Simple, pure elegance radiates from each of the 475 luxurious guest room and suite accommodations at Omni Corpus Christi Hotel. Every guest room features cherry wood furniture, plush chairs and ornate artwork. Open your window to a calm breeze or survey the bay from your private balcony. Or relax and admire the views of the sparkling Corpus Christi Bay from your guest room.



All hotel room reservations will be made through the TMN Annual Meeting Registration Page. Please **DO NOT call the Omni Corpus Christi to book a room.**

ON SITE AMENITIES

- > Free unlimited Wi-Fi Internet Access in Hotel Guest Rooms
- > In room coffee and tea
- > Available self-parking in attached garage discounted for \$5.00 per vehicle per day
- > Valet parking (\$22 per night including unlimited access)
- > Access to hotel pool with towel services

Additional information can be found here: <https://www.omnihotels.com/hotels/corpus-christi/accommodations>