

2024 Texas Chapter of the American Fisheries Society Meeting Sponsorship and Donation Request

Dear Sir or Ma'am:

It is with great enthusiasm that the Texas Chapter of the American Fisheries Society announces that it will host its annual meeting in person on February 22-24, 2024. We anticipate more than 270 attendees during this meeting at the Fredonia Hotel in Nacogdoches, Texas. The meeting website can be found here: https://units.fisheries.org/tx/tc-meetings/2024-tcafs-meeting-home-page/

The Texas Chapter of the American Fisheries Society (TCAFS) is a non-profit organization committed to the conservation, development, and wise utilization of recreational and commercial fisheries, the promotion of all branches of fisheries science and practice, and the exchange and dissemination of knowledge about fish, fisheries, and related subjects.

To facilitate these objectives, the meeting will consist of training workshops, the Chapter business meeting, technical committee meetings, and symposium and sessions consisting of an anticipated 50 scientific presentations. A highlight of the meeting is awarding academic scholarships to our future fisheries professionals. Directed donations and a fund-raising event, held during our annual meeting, to finance these scholarships. Our primary fund-raising event is the raffle and auction held during the annual meeting. Merchandise, artwork, services, vacations, and guided fishing and hunting trips donated by individuals and businesses like yours have made this event possible over the past years. The continued growth of the student awards and scholarships program is dependent upon the success of this event.

We sincerely request that you consider contributing to our fund-raising efforts. Any item or service you donate would greatly benefit our organization as we strive to improve the quality of management of our waters and biological communities. Beyond that, this is a great opportunity for you to advertise your company's name and products. Please note, your contributions are tax deductible (Employer Identification Number/EIN # 52-1069108).

There are three ways you can help. First, if you are marketing services or products that you feel may be of interest to fisheries professionals, please consider setting up an exhibition/information booth at the trade show. Second, you can elect to sponsor the meeting. These sponsorships contribute directly to various student scholarships, student travel expenses, and student housing during the conference (see more on page 3). Third, you can make a monetary or product donation to the meeting's auctions and raffle.

If interested, please fill out the attached request for exhibit space or sponsorship form. If you have any additional questions or a product to donate, please contact us. For planning purposes, we need all exhibitor booths confirmed by February 1st 2024.

Thank you for your consideration and support!

Sincerely,

Dylan Kwak Publicity and Exhibits Committee Chair Texas Parks and Wildlife 979-272-1430 Ext. 224 dylan.kwak@tpwd.texas.gov



2024 Texas Chapter of the American Fisheries Society Meeting EXHIBITOR, SPONSOR or SUPPORTING DONATION

NAME	AND/OR COMPANY:			
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PHON	E: EMAIL or WEBSITE:			
CHEC	X APPROPRIATE CATEGORIES BELOW:			
M	CATEGORY:			AMOUNT OR VALUE (\$):
	I would like to only be a sponsor of the meeting Sponsor Level:	Number of Registrations	Logo attached	
	I would like to be an Exhibitor at the meeting, (indicate if booth is included in Sponsorship or Exhibitor Only): I would like to make a product donation for the meeting auction or raffle Item Description:			
	TOTAL ENCLOSED:			
	Check if would like your donation to remain and	onymous (not recognized a	as a donor at the meeting).	

**Please include a high-resolution logo with your donation so you can appropriately be recognized for your support.

Make checks payable to: **Texas Chapter-AFS** and mail to the address below or contact us to set up a PayPal invoice to pay online. A receipt will be emailed or mailed to the address you provided at the top of the form. Thank you for your support!

Payments to:

Stephen Curtis Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept. 505 Staples Rd. Building 1 San Marcos, TX 78666 Phone: (512) 754-6844 Stephen.curtis@tpwd.texas.gov

Product Donations for Auction or Raffle:

Bring in person or coordinate with TPWD offices to bring your items

Ship items to Dylan Kwak before February 1st if no prior arrangements are made. Contact directly for the address



2024 Texas Chapter of the American Fisheries Society Meeting Sponsorship Levels

Platinum - \$3000 +

- Acknowledgement on posters at registration and at meeting room
- Acknowledgement on the meeting programs and at banquet
- > 4 complimentary registration fees
- ➤ 1 complimentary exhibit booth, if desired

Gold - \$2000-2,999

- Acknowledgement on posters at registration and at meeting room
- Acknowledgement on the meeting programs and at banquet
- ➤ 3 complimentary registration fees
- ➤ 1 complimentary exhibit booth, if desired

Silver - \$1000-1,999

- Acknowledgment on posters at registration and at meeting room
- > Acknowledgement on the meeting programs and at banquet
- ➤ 2 complimentary registration fee
- ➤ 1 complimentary exhibit booth, if desired

Bronze - \$500-\$999

- > Acknowledgement on the meeting programs and posters at registration table
- ➤ 1 complimentary exhibit booth
- ➤ 1 complimentary registration fee

Exhibitors-\$500

- ➤ Only Booth with no Sponsorship
- ➤ 1 complimentary registration fee
- ➤ 1 exhibit booth (set up 1:30 pm 5:00 pm February 21st, 8:00-5:00 pm February 22nd)
- ➤ All exhibits are in main thoroughfare hallway
- Friday and Saturday coffee breaks in hallway (3 Total)
- ➤ Vendor Spotlight Friday Night



200 North Fredonia Street Nacogdoches, TX 75961

Texas Chapter of American Fisheries 2024 Annual Meeting Accommodations

February 22-24, 2024

The Fredonia Hotel invites you to enjoy timeless luxury in historic Nacogdoches, TX. Plush, elegant and vibrant, our boutique hotel offers a unique and intimate experience that will not only enhance your stay in Nacogdoches but become the reason you want to return. Owned and operated by Nacogdoches residents, we like to think of ourselves as a "luxury meets local" experience. It's an engaging, personalized brand of service that you won't find at the usual chain hotels in East Texas! (Text from the Fredonia website)

The deadline for early registration and room reservation is **Wednesday, January 31st, 2024.** Please use the online registration form for the 2024 TCAFS meeting found here: <u>2024</u> <u>TCAFS Meeting Registration (Online)</u>

Room Reservations: Rooms for the 2024 TCAFS Annual Meeting may be reserved through The Fredonia Hotel Website using the TCAFS conference link provided here: <u>Hotel Room Reservation Link</u>

Hardcopy Registration Form: <u>2024 Meeting Registration Form</u> (pdf)



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For more information call: The Fredonia Hotel (936) 564-0231