



TEXAS CHAPTER

**THE
WILDLIFE
SOCIETY**

Established 1965

SPONSORSHIPS

2025 - 2026

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WHO WE ARE

VISION STATEMENT

Resilient ecosystems where wildlife and people thrive.

MISSION STATEMENT

Empower wildlife professionals to advance conservation through science, community, and professional excellence.

OBJECTIVES

Consistent with the objectives of The Society, The Chapter objectives are:

1. To promote professions related to conservation and management of wildlife resources.
2. To disseminate information to the public concerning wildlife research, management, and conservation.
3. To bring to the attention of The Society notable achievements in wildlife research, management and conservation in Texas.
4. To support wildlife management and resource conservation actions beneficial to Texas recreational, economic, and environmental interests, consistent with available resources.

2025 MEMBERSHIP



1092 Members



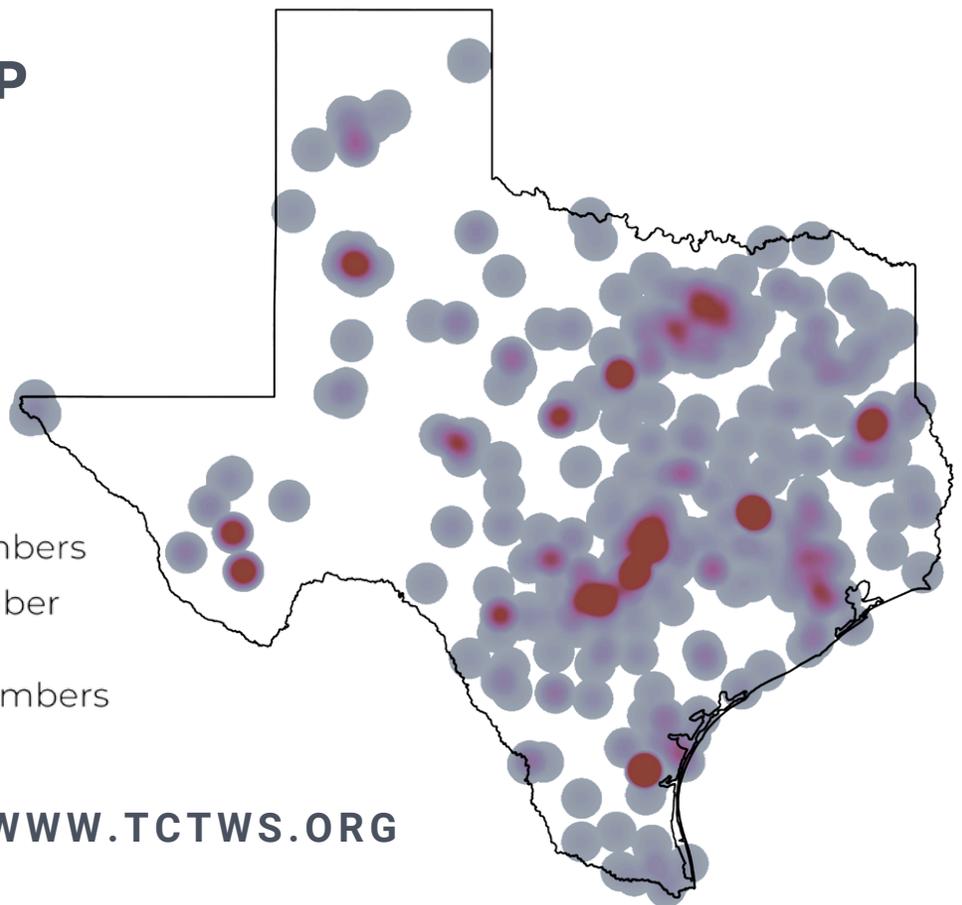
21 States

Total Members

1 member

80 members

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James G. Teer Conservation Leadership Institute

Dr. James G. Teer was a founding member of The Texas Chapter of The Wildlife Society and served as its first president in 1965. Through his academic training he learned science-based wildlife research and management techniques, but it was his real life, on the ground experiences that taught him how to solve tough conservation issues. Dr. Teer always emphasized that solutions to such issues involved not only academic skills, but also people and leadership skills.

To ensure that these skills were taught to natural resources professionals, The James G. Teer Conservation Leadership Institute (JGTCLI) was established to fill gaps in academic training by equipping professionals with the leadership and management skills needed to succeed.

Early Career Professional Development

One level of institute training was created specifically to serve professionals one to ten years out of college who are working full time in natural resources and show leadership potential. To date, 60 Fellows have graduated from the program, four of whom have gone on to serve as president of TCTWS.

The year-long program provides growth opportunities through expert-led sessions, case studies, team projects, and field experiences. Fellows also gain firsthand exposure to the role of policy in conservation through activities aligned with the Texas legislative session. Each cohort has a strategic projects that focuses on pressing conservation issues identified by the Chapter that they focus on addressing throughout their training. The following topics are a selection of key topics that institute cohorts have worked on.

- **1-d-1 Wildlife Tax Valuation**
- **Recovering Americas Wildlife Act**
- **Water Conservation Issues**
- **Endangers Species Act 50th Anniversary Symposium**



CONSERVATION CAMP

Conservation camp is another level of the The James G. Teer Conservation Leadership Institute that focuses on potential natural resource professionals still in high school. Since 1993, TCTWS's Wildlife Conservation Camp has provided a fun and unique, week-long experience teaching high school students about nature, ecology, and wildlife. This past year (July 2025), the 31st Annual Wildlife Conservation Camp was held at the Davis Mountain Preserve in Fort Davis, Texas. Topics taught at camp include, but are not limited to:

- **Wildlife I.D.**
- **Plant I.D.**
- **Kayaking**
- **Shooting Sports**
- **Archery**
- **Trapping Techniques**
- **Habitat Management**
- **Conservation Ethics**
- **Survey Methods**
- **Invertebrate sampling**

This event gives our chapter the opportunity to share our appreciation for natural resources with the next generation while helping to build important skills including leadership and public speaking. Even if they don't pursue a career in this field, we know they will leave camp understanding the importance of conservation.

For more info on camp or to apply, check out our website <https://wildlifecamp.tx.org/>



STUDENT CHAPTERS

Under our chapter's guidance, universities across the state have founded student chapters for colligate members to learn about the wildlife field outside of their school, gain new skills, volunteer and provide professional guidance and networking opportunities.

14 Universities in Texas

45% of our Annual Meeting

400 Student Memberships Annually

\$8,250 in Student Scholarships

Our annual meeting is heavily attended by students, and because we see value in their attendance, the cost of registration is discounted for them. The annual meeting allows student members to learn about current research in the field, present their own research, compete in competitions that showcase their knowledge, look for internship and employment opportunities and network with professionals from across the county. Annual meeting activities specifically for students include:

- **Student Poster Contest**
- **Student Leadership Breakfast**
- **Cottam Awards***
- **Plant ID**
- **Quiz Bowl**

**The Cottam Awards allows students to compete for cash prizes while presenting their research to a panel of judges with entire organization for the audience.*



POLICY INVOLVMENT

The Texas Chapter of the Wildlife Society is an active participant in natural resource policy and legislation throughout the state and at the national level. Representatives of the chapter advocated for science-based wildlife management and focuses on key conservation issues, including:

- **Sustainable Land Use & Habitat Conservation:** Promoting practices that balance development—including urbanization, agriculture, and energy projects—with habitat conservation to mitigate land loss and ensure long-term ecological sustainability.
- **Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD):** Encouraging proactive management and surveillance to address this critical wildlife health issue.
- **Water Resource Management:** Advocating for policies that ensure sufficient water availability for wildlife and ecosystems while meeting the needs of the citizens of Texas.
- **Endangered Species Recovery:** Supporting measures to conserve and recover at-risk species in Texas.
- **Partnerships and Collaboration:** Working with agencies, landowners, and other stakeholders to advance shared conservation goals.

These priorities guide our efforts to preserve Texas's natural heritage and ensure healthy ecosystems for generations to come.

To ensure that the chapter remains at the forefront of natural resources policy long term, we have made an effort to include our student members in policy related events. Student members are invited to accompany chapter leadership as they attend TPWD commission meetings and events at the capitol. These opportunities help promote student engagement and understanding of natural resources policy as they pursue careers in this field.



2026 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Wednesday, February 18th through
Friday, February 20th, 2026

**Moody Gardens Hotel and Convention Center,
Galveston, Texas**

Our annual meeting is held the third week in February at a selected venue. The venue changes annually to highlight the diversity of ecoregions across the state and maximize membership attendance. This year's meeting will be held in the Gulf Prairie and Marshes region at the Moody Gardens Hotel and Convention Center in Galveston, Texas in February 2026.

Meeting attendance ranges from 500 to 800 attendees and is student centric. Our annual meeting features 10-15 exhibitors, hosts ~200 oral and poster presentations across 12 bio-disciplines with the majority (~75%) of these presented by undergraduate and graduate students.

The annual meeting features a Plenary Session led by nationally acclaimed leaders, presentations of the latest technology and research, student-focused competitions including Plant ID and Quiz Bowl, multiple professional development workshops and trainings, and countless networking opportunities.

<https://tctws.org/annual-meeting-2/>



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SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

Sponsorships help us to host our annual meeting where share new research, build relationships and support members of all backgrounds and experience levels. Funding the Texas Chapter of the Wildlife Society also allows us to remain active in policy decisions that effect wildlife management at a state and national level.

	BRONZE \$1,000	SILVER \$2,500	GOLD \$5,000	PLATINUM \$10,000
FULL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION*	1	2	4	6
RECOGNITION AT BANQUETS (3)	✓	✓	✓	RESERVED TABLE
RECOGNITION IN CONFERENCE APP	✓	✓	✓	✓
AD IN QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER	-	1	2	4 NEWS LETTERS
EXHIBITOR TABLES	-	-	1	2
BAR SPONSORSHIP	-	-	-	1

*Registration includes access to full conference including dinner for each night.

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THANK YOU, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU.



Exhibitor Options

Exhibit set-up begins on Tuesday after 1:00 PM, February 17th, and take-down is Saturday morning, February 23rd. Space options are designed to allow flexibility with respect to location, electricity, and price. Discounted rates are available for Government Agencies and Non-Profit Organizations.

	PRICE	INCLUDED
STANDARD EXHIBITOR BOOTH	\$550	6' Table, 2 Chairs, 1 Registration*
NONPROFIT EXHIBITOR BOOTH	\$450	6' Table, 2 Chairs, 1 Registration*
ADDITIONAL 6' TABLE (UP TO 3)	\$100	6' Table, 2 Chairs
ADDITIONAL EXHIBITOR MEETING REGISTRATION (UP TO 2)	\$250	1 Registration*
SPONSORSHIP BOOTH	Gold or Platinum levels	For more info: Finance@tctws.org

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EXHIBITORS WILL BE RECOGNIZED ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND RECEIVE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AT THE MEETING.

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EVENT SPONSORSHIPS

If you would like to sponsor a specific event, the following options are available. Event sponsorships do not come with complementary registrations, but will be recognized at each event, in the conference app, and on social media. Event sponsorships are an excellent option if your group is unable to attend the meeting, or has registration covered through another avenue.

Student Breakfast Sponsorship

\$750



- Helps finance our student breakfast that gives students an opportunity to interact with chapter leadership
- Contribution will be recognized during the student breakfast and in conference app
- *Unlimited student breakfast sponsorships available*

Coffee Break

\$2,000



- Provides coffee and snacks to all of our members during a morning or afternoon break.
- Signs acknowledging contribution at coffee stations and in conference app
- *Only 4 coffee sponsorships available*

Art & Photo Contest

\$3,000



- Helps to fund plaques, ribbons, and prizes for contest participants
- Signs acknowledging contribution at voting and art table throughout the meeting
- Recognition during award ceremony
- *Only 1 art & photo sponsorship available*

Drink Ticket Sponsorship

\$6,000



- This sponsorship level funds one drink ticket per member that can be redeemed for beer, wine or soda at conference bars
- Each name tag distributed will have one ticket with the sponsor's name and logo
- Signs acknowledging contribution will be on display at conference bars
- *Only 2 drink ticket sponsorships available*

ADVERTIZING THROUGH RAFFLE DONATIONS

The annual meeting includes a raffle for all 800+ present members to participate in. This aspect of the meeting can raise upwards of \$20,000 through ticket sales and provides a unique advertising opportunity as donated items, products, and trips are all viewed by membership during the annual meeting.

Event sponsorships are available through [sponsor registration portal](#). To contribute to the raffle reach out to us at FINANCE@TCTWS.ORG for more information

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STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

The Texas Chapter of The Wildlife Society began providing scholarships to students in 1981. Since then, we have worked hard to increase the number of students awarded and the dollar amounts gifted each year. In 2025, the following scholarships were presented to deserving students.

- Colin Caruthers Memorial Scholarship (\$2,000)
- Charly McTee Memorial Scholarship (\$750)
- Sam Beason Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000)
- Carl D. Shoemaker Memorial Scholarship (\$1,500)
- Dan Boone Memorial Scholarship (\$500)
- National Wild Turkey Foundation Hunting Heritage Super Fund Scholarship (\$1,500)
- Conservation Equity Partners & Wildlife Systems, Inc. Scholarship (\$1,000)



At our 2025 meeting, a total of **\$8,250** was gifted to student members for educational assistance as they pursue degrees in programs that will prepare them for careers in natural resource conservation. An additional **\$1,750** was awarded to student winners of the Cottam Awards competitive research contests. Scholarships and awards through The Texas Chapter of the Wildlife Society are made possible through private donations and membership support.



With over 400 student members, there is always space to provide more support to the next generation of passionate conservationists in our field. If you're interested in donating to an existing scholarship fund, or setting up a new scholarship, please reach out to our scholarship committee at

SCHOLARSHIP@TCTWS.ORG