

62nd Annual Texas Chapter of The Wildlife Society Meeting



“Margins Matter: Wildlife on the Edge in a Changing Texas”

*Galveston, TX
February 18-20, 2026*

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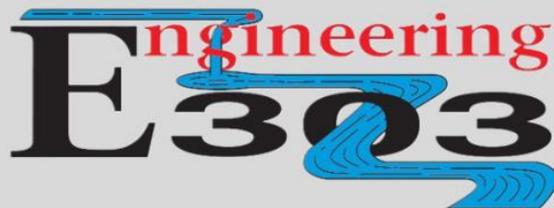
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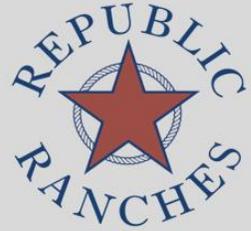
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Wednesday, February 18, 2026

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Exhibits Hall	Moody Ballroom
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Raffle, Photo & Art, Naturalist Contest	Moody I & Moody II
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Registration	Registration
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Turning Sound Into Discovery	Salon A
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Fundamentals of Wildlife Photography & Outdoor Storytelling	Salon B
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Introduction to Occupancy Models for Wildlife Research in R	Salon C
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Data Management in R for Beginners	Salon F & G
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Your First Step in Wildlife Careers: Applications, Expectations, and Education	Salon H
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Certification through The Wildlife Society	Vine 1 & 2
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Building Strong Roots: Engaging Landowners and Navigating 1-d-1 Open Space Valuation in Texas	Ivy 1 & 2
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Newly Available Decision Support Tools for Grassland Bird Conservation	Floral Hall A1
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	An Introduction to Beta Diversity for Beginners	Daffodil
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Sometimes in Fire You Get The Test Before The Lesson	Wisteria
8:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Restoring the Edge: Wetland and Black Rail Conservation at Chocolate Bay	Offsite
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Nursing/Pumping Room	Office 2
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	James G. Teer Leadership Institute Training	Floral Hall A2
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Practice Room & Quiet Area	Iris & Tulip
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	Executive Board Meeting	Salon H
2:30 PM - 4:00 PM	Student Plant ID Competition	Exhibit Hall A4
4:00 PM - 5:15 PM	Student Poster Competition	Exhibit Hall A1 & A2
5:00 PM - 7:30 PM	Welcome Dinner & Plenary Session	Exhibit Hall B
7:30 PM - 10:00 PM	Welcome Social	Aquarium Pyramid

Thursday, February 19, 2026

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Exhibits Hall	Moody Ballroom
8:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Membership Meeting	Salon H
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Registration	Registration
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Raffle, Photo & Art, Naturalist Contest	Moody I & II
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Coffee Break – Sponsored by Compass Environmental Solutions	Moody Ballroom
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Practice Room & Quiet Area	Iris & Tulip
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Nursing/Pumping Room	Office 2
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	James G. Teer Leadership Institute Training	Floral Hall A2
9:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Cottam Award Presentations	Exhibit Hall B
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	Past Presidents Lunch	Viewfinder
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	Conservation & Ecology – Mammals I	Salon F & G
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	Conservation & Ecology – Birds I	Vine 1 & 2
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	New Technology & Applications	Salon B
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	Wildlife Disease & Toxicology I	Ivy 1 & 2
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM	Coffee Break	Moody Ballroom
3:15 PM - 4:30 PM	Conservation & Ecology – Mammals II	Salon F & G
3:15 PM - 4:30 PM	Conservation & Ecology – Birds II	Pioneer II
3:15 PM - 4:30 PM	Conservation & Ecology of Reptiles & Amphibians	Salon B
3:15 PM - 4:30 PM	Wildlife Disease & Toxicology II	Ivy 1 & 2
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Quiz Bowl	Exhibit Hall B
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Student Awards & Dinner	Exhibit Hall B
8:00 PM - 10:00 PM	After Awards Reception	Exhibit Hall B

Friday, February 20, 2026

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	Student Breakfast – Sponsored by Compass Environmental Solutions, LLC, Devils River Conservancy, Habitat Select Nursery, Rayonier, and Texas Brigades.	Exhibit Hall B
8:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Conservation Affairs	Salon H
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Raffle, Photo & Art (Voting ends at 1pm)	Moody I & II
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	James G. Teer Leadership Institute Training	Floral Hall A2
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Practice Room and Quiet Area	Iris & Tulip
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Nursing/Pumping Room	Office 2
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Conservation & Ecology – Mammals III	Salon F & G
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Conservation & Ecology – Birds III	Vine 1 & 2
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Urban Wildlife	Ivy 1 & 2
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Natural Resource Management I	Salon B
10:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Coffee Break	Moody Ballroom
10:15 AM - 12:00 PM	Conservation & Ecology – Mammals IV	Salon F & G
10:15 AM - 12:00 PM	Conservation & Ecology – Birds IV	Vine 1 & 2
10:15 AM - 12:00 PM	Natural Resource Management II	Salon B
10:15 AM – 12:00 PM	Human Dimensions and Conservation Policy	Ivy 1 & 2
1:00 PM - 3:15 PM	Conservation & Ecology – Mammals V	Salon F & G
1:00 PM – 3:15 PM	Conservation & Ecology – Birds V	Vine 1 & 2
1:00 PM – 3:15 PM	Conservation & Ecology of Wildlife Communities	Ivy 1 & 2
2:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Coffee Break	Moody Ballroom
2:30 PM - 4:00 PM	Executive Board Meeting	Salon H
3:00 PM - 5:30 PM	TAMU Reception	Garden Terrace
4:00 PM - 5:30 PM	Noncompetitive/Professional Poster Session	Exhibit Hall A2
4:30 PM – 6:00 PM	BRI Reception	Salon A
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Professional Awards Presentation & Dinner	Exhibit Hall B
8:00 PM - 10:00 PM	After Awards Reception	Exhibit Hall B

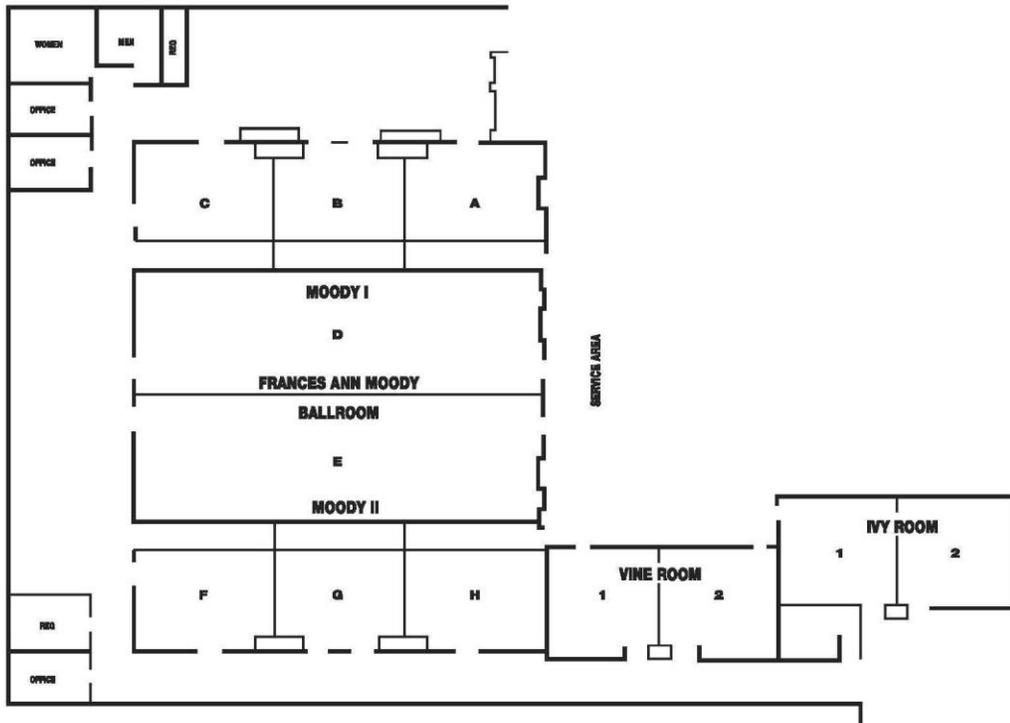
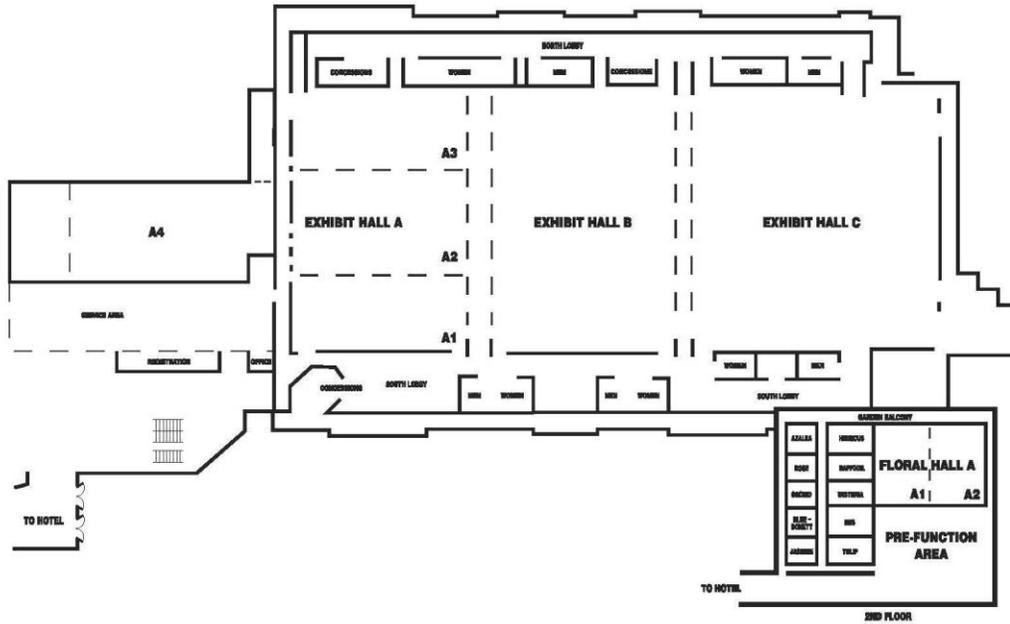
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6:00 AM - 11:00 AM

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