



## **“Conserving Our Rural Heritage”**

### **Friday**

**12:00 Noon**

Meet in Uvalde to caravan and/or carpool to Harris Ranch  
*additional instructions to follow*

**12:30**

Field trip at Harris Ranch followed by dinner and campfire  
*begins promptly at 12:30*

### **Saturday**

**7:30am – 9:00am**

Breakfast at Southwest Junior College

**8:00am – 9:00am**

Optional CEU session: Pesticide Laws and Regulations

**9:00am – 5:00pm**

2011 Farm & Range Forum



### **The Farm & Range Forum provides an ongoing dialog between rural landowners and urban conservationists.**

In Texas, with 90+ percent of land in private ownership, conserving habitat for wildlife depends upon landowners who provide good stewardship, and so do clean water and pure air. In rapidly urbanizing Texas, city dwellers should understand the issues of rural landowners and the importance of open space and healthy farm and ranchlands so they will provide necessary political support. The Farm Bill, conservation programs, research funding, and tax-valuation incentives, for example, need the support of urban voters who ultimately benefit.

This year's forum theme is **“Conserving our Rural Heritage.”** Throughout the decade, the underlying message of the forums has been **“Managing to Make a Living”** — acknowledging that landowners must be able to earn reasonable support from the land to sustain ownership, which is in the best interests of us all.

The first South Texas Farm & Range Forum was held in 2000. It continued annually until 2006, resuming in 2010. The first Forum focused on the threatened state of quail. The 2010 forum, in Fredericksburg, examined **“Preserving the Hill Country**





**Friday Field Trip:** This year's program features a half-day visit to the Harris Ranch, a large working ranch outside Uvalde, to examine rangeland management, riparian values and protection, income diversification, healthy plant diversity, and management challenges. Dinner at the ranch will be followed by a campfire and conversation.

**Saturday's Program** is jam-packed with informative panels on diverse topics: land fragmentation, nature tourism, ways to maximize conservation values of rural lands, western river issues, and estate planning. We'll learn about the "Barn Again" program of the National Trust for Historic Preservation and a tax-credit program for barn restoration. We'll discuss ways landowners can get help through management programs and conservation easements. Our luncheon keynote speaker, Con Mims, General Manager of the Nueces River Authority, will also participate in the afternoon panel on "Water in the West," including new developments in groundwater science and management, regional water issues, rainfall enhancement, and a look at the Edwards Aquifer Authority after 15 years of operations.

**The Planning Committee:** The 2011 Farm & Range Forum is presented by Bexar Audubon Society, Edwards Region GLCI, Green Spaces Alliance of South Texas, Hill Country Alliance, Nueces River Authority, San Antonio Conservation Society, Texas Agricultural Land Trust, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Texas Department of Agriculture, Texas Wildlife Association, and USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.

**Sponsors and exhibitors,** as well as those requesting further information, may contact Courtney Brittain at (800) TEX-WILD, or [cbrittain@texas-wildlife.org](mailto:cbrittain@texas-wildlife.org).

**Hotel:** A block of rooms is being held for a limited time at the Holiday Inn Express in Uvalde at \$89.95 per night. Call (830)278-7300 and reference the "Farm & Range Forum."

**CEUs** will be available for Certified Professional in Rangeland Management and for Certified Private Applicator.

**For more registration and sponsorship information contact Courtney Brittain at (210) 826-2904, (800) TEX-WILD, or (800) 839-9453.**

Photographers: Jason Penney, Joe Pratt Jr. and Robert Anchutz

**REGISTRATION FORM**  
**2011 Farm & Range Forum • Uvalde, Texas • April 1-2**

Please Print — NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

Organization/Ranch Affiliation (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS (Street/City/State/ZIP): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

AREA CODE/PHONE(S): \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL (all future communication will be by e-mail): \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Only: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$40 per person (field trip, steak dinner at the ranch, campfire)

Saturday Only: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$65 per person (breakfast, breaks, and lunch)

Both Days: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$85 per person

Student Registration: \_\_\_\_\_ 1/2 price

Total Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Form of Payment: \_\_\_\_\_ Check \_\_\_\_\_ VISA \_\_\_\_\_ MasterCard \_\_\_\_\_ American Express

Name on Credit Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Exp Date: \_\_\_\_\_/20\_\_\_\_\_ Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: "Texas Wildlife Association"

Mail form and payment to: Texas Wildlife Association, Attn: F&R Forum,  
2800 NE Loop 410, Ste 105, San Antonio TX 78218

Fax with credit card info to: (210) 826-4933 Or telephone: (800) 839-9453

Do you require vegetarian meals? \_\_\_\_\_

How did you learn about this year's Farm & Range Forum? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you want CEUs for Certified Professional in Rangeland Management? \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

Will you attend the optional Saturday morning session on Pesticide Laws and Regulations to receive CEUs for Certified Private Applicator? \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

A block of rooms is being held for a limited time at the Holiday Inn Express in Uvalde at \$89.95 per night.  
Call (830)278-7300 and reference the "Farm & Range Forum."