



“Conserving Our Rural Heritage”

Friday

12:00 Noon

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

12:30pm

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

Saturday

7:30am – 9:00am

Breakfast at Southwest Texas 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 “Sustaining the Hill Country — Now and for Future Generations.”



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 are welcomed. For further information, contact Courtney Brittain at (800) TEX-WILD or 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, Master Naturalist, and Certified Private Applicator.

For more details and registration 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 · October 14-15

Please Print — Name(s): _____

Name(s) to Appear on Badge(s) (if Different): _____

Organization/Ranch Affiliation (if applicable): _____

Address (Street/City/State/ZIP): _____

Area Code/Phone(s): _____ Mobile: _____ 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

CEUs for Master Naturalist? _____ YES _____ NO

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