

86TH ANNUAL MEETING OF TEXAS SWCD DIRECTORS

We look forward to seeing you all in Round Rock at the Kalahari Resort, September 28-29th!
Please read the following thoroughly.

Here are a few things to note:

- Our tentative schedule is attached. **Please review as there have been some changes.**
- The hotel room block will open **July 1st** at 8:30 am.
 - Room rate is \$209 for single/double occupancy.
 - Please note the following: a credit card will be taken when booking the reservation and a deposit of one night's stay of \$209.
 - Cancellations made **72 hours or more** prior to check-in will incur a **\$30 processing fee.**
 - Cancellations made **less than 72 hours** before check-in will result in a charge equal to **one night's room rate.**
- Hotel Reservation Methods:
 - Call center will open at 8:30 on 7/1: 1-877-525-2427
 - Link for reservations will be active at 8:30 on 7/1: <https://book.passkey.com/e/51252798>
- Additional Hotel Information:
 - A credit card will be needed to make a reservation and a deposit in the amount of \$209 per room will be taken at that time.
 - In accordance with hotel policy, **a maximum of three rooms** may be booked per phone call or online session.
 - When making a reservation, please be sure to include the guest count for who will be staying in a room. There is a maximum of 4 wristbands for access to resort amenities for each reservation.
 - We have negotiated a reduced resort fee of \$20 per room.
 - Hotel Check-In: 4:00 pm
 - A hold for \$200 will be taken at check-in for incidentals.
 - The hotel offers free parking.
- Hotel Wait List:
 - The room block will sell out for Sunday night, however we do offer a wait list and have consistently year after year been able to move individuals off the wait list and into rooms. We are confident that we will be able to do that again this year!
 - Please go ahead and make a reservation for the nights that the hotel has available for the nights you are wanting to stay. This allows it to be a simpler process when I move you off the wait list since you will already have all of your information on file.
 - If you are **unable** to secure reservations for a certain night or any of the nights, please send an email to annualmeeting@tsswcb.texas.gov to be added to the wait list. Requests to be placed on the waitlist will only be accepted by email.
In the email, include the following information:
 - Name

- Name of SWCD
- Room Nights Needed
- Phone Number
- **Pre-Registration:**
 - Pre-Registration will open **July 1st** and will close **September 4th**.
 - Pre-registration costs for both director and guest are \$250 which includes the Monday night dinner and Tuesday awards luncheon
 - Pre-registration form is attached
 - Online
Registration: <https://apps.portal.texas.gov/feepaylite/tx/tsswcb/meeting/order/start>
 - Please note that there is a convenience fee to register online
 - Tours/Activities:
 - We will be offering a ticketed tour of the John Deere Test Facility on **Monday, September 28th**.
 - During our visit to the John Deere Research & Development Center we'll start with an overview of the purpose of this innovative location and learn more about the cutting-edge technology that teams are currently developing. In addition to gaining valuable insights, you'll have the opportunity to witness several machine demonstrations firsthand. This includes seeing the latest See & Spray and autonomy solutions in action, offering a glimpse into how these advanced technologies are shaping the future of our industry.
 - Attendees must wear close-toed shoes and long pants.
 - The tour is limited to 50 people and slots will be filled on a first come first serve basis once payment and registration have been received.
 - We will be offering a ticketed Auxiliary Activity of Bowling with breakfast (\$35) on **Tuesday, September 29th**
 - The deadline for refunds will be close of business on **September 11th**.

Keep an eye on the website as well for additional information: <https://www.tsswcb.texas.gov/annual-meeting-swcd-directors>

Please let me know if you have any questions at all, my cell is 254-228-7881. Please be sure to leave a message if I am unable to answer.

Best,

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