



PARTY FOR THE PRAIRIE!

HOSTED BY NATIVE PRAIRIES ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS

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SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2020, Native Prairies Association of Texas (NPAT) will host *Party for the Prairie!* at Safari Texas Ranch in Richmond—a fundraising luncheon to help sustain the **Lawther - Deer Park Prairie Education Program** into the future.

We want you to be a part of our team! Our efforts would go even further with YOU as a sponsor. Please consider a generous donation to this worthy cause through one of the sponsorship levels listed below.

The Lawther - Deer Park Prairie Education Program has served youth and adults in the greater Houston area for the last two years. NPAT is connecting people of all ages to our natural prairie heritage. Our education program provides valuable prairie lessons through programs at schools, field trips to Lawther – Deer Park Prairie, teacher workshops, helping build pocket prairies, and a new summer science camp for girls. See page 2 for more details.

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

\$500 BRONZE: Two luncheon tickets, acknowledgement in the program, recognition on texasprairie.org and houstonprairie.org, and a one-year family membership to NPAT.

\$1,500 SILVER: A table for 10 at the luncheon, acknowledgement in the program, recognition on texasprairie.org and houstonprairie.org, and a one year family membership to NPAT.

\$2,500 GOLD: A table for 10 at the luncheon, acknowledgement in the program, a placard at the luncheon, recognition on texasprairie.org and houstonprairie.org, and a lifetime membership to NPAT.

\$5,000 PLATINUM: A table for 10 at the luncheon, acknowledgement in the program, a placard at the luncheon, recognition on texasprairie.org and houstonprairie.org, mention in the print newsletter for a year, and at Lawther-Deer Park Prairie for a year.

\$10,000 DIAMOND: A table for 10 at the luncheon; acknowledgement in the program; special acknowledgements at the luncheon; recognition on texasprairie.org, houstonprairie.org, on social media and the print newsletter for a year. A tribute plaque will be created for our Diamond champions at Lawther-Deer Park Prairie.

OTHER LEVELS OF SUPPORT: To find out ways that you can help us continue our education programs, please contact **Della Barbato** at della_barbato@texasprairie.org.

Deadline for party sponsorships: **February 28, 2020**. For more details, contact 512-392-2288, office@texasprairie.org or go to texasprairie.org/partysponsor.

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LAWTHER-DEER PARK PRAIRIE EDUCATION PROGRAM

Educating the young ... and the not-so-young

NATIVE PRAIRIES ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS (NPAT) seeks to provide opportunities to members of communities like Deer Park and the Houston area, to appreciate native coastal prairies and wetlands. The **Lawther-Deer Park Prairie Education Program** operates in an urban setting, and teaches science and math through hands-on interactive learning. Education and awareness are key to the conservation of our Texas native prairies.

OUR EDUCATION PROGRAM has served youth and adults in the greater Houston area for the last two years with a direct reach of nearly 6,000 and a total reach of more than 20,000. This spring, we're aiming to raise funds to continue the program into the future.

STUDENT PRAIRIE PROGRAMS offer interactive classroom and on-site learning on the history of our coastal prairie, the story of Lawther-Deer Park Prairie, the ecology of prairies, their relationship to flood mitigation and water quality; and the importance of preserving our native wildlife and pollinators. TEKS-correlated lessons teach objectives such as animal adaptations, insect life cycles, the flow of energy, the prairie food web, and applications to science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). **A Prairie Art Contest** is facilitated for students in grades 6 to 12.

CREATE A POCKET PRAIRIE at your school or organization. The education program currently collaborates with schools to build pocket prairies on their campuses. Native prairies are more economical than lawns, using less fertilizer and water. Pocket prairies serve as a valuable food source for our native pollinators, especially in the urban areas. The Pocket Prairie Teachers Facebook group now has 183 members!



OUT ON THE PRAIRIE: Field Trips are offered at Lawther-Deer Park Prairie with TEKS-correlated lessons. Deer Park Prairie is listed as an **Open Outdoors for Kids** (OOK) destination site. Groups like Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and other youth service groups are encouraged to volunteer at Lawther-Deer Park Prairie and develop these service projects into learning opportunities.

GIRLS ON THE PRAIRIE: A one-week **summer camp** for girls of minority backgrounds is being created for summer 2020. Lessons will be targeted in the STEM areas.

TEACHER WORKSHOPS: Two levels of full-day Teacher Prairie Workshops, both on site and at school campuses teach TEKS-correlated lessons through hands-on experience.

HOW YOU CAN HELP: Our programs are funded through private and corporate grants and other donations. To find out more about how to support our education program, contact **Della Barbato** at della_barbato@texasprairie.org. To find out more, visit texasprairie.org.

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NPAT'S LAWThER-DEER PARK PRAIRIE

NATIVE PRAIRIES ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS (NPAT) is a nonprofit 501(c)3, membership organization and an accredited land trust. **Our mission is dedicated to the conservation, restoration, and appreciation of native prairies, savannas, and other grasslands in Texas.** NPAT was founded in 1986 by a group of Texans concerned about our disappearing prairie heritage, especially the endangered tallgrass prairies.

WE PROTECT PRAIRIES through acquisition, partnerships, and conservation easements. NPAT has conserved more than 4,400 acres of native Texas prairie, including 1,340 acres of endangered tallgrass prairie. NPAT-owned properties include Maddin Prairie Preserve near Colorado City, Lawther-Deer Park Prairie in Deer Park, the Talbot Prairies near New Boston, Reisel Prairie near Marlin, and Paul Mathews Prairie near Greenville.

WE RESTORE NATIVE PRAIRIE on our own lands, work with our landowners to restore their lands, and promote restoration on other private and public lands to benefit the native plant communities, pollinators, grassland birds and other prairie wildlife of Texas. We share informational resources and advice on restoration.

WE TEACH THE PRAIRIE and its value through our chapter efforts, workshops, presentations, field trips and many types of volunteer opportunities. The **Lawther-Deer Park Prairie Education Program** and Director Della Barbato work with Houston area students, teachers and naturalists.

This education program centers around **Lawther-Deer Park Prairie**, a 51-acre, high-quality, native prairie remnant that is an exceptional example of one of the most endangered ecosystems in North America. Less than 1% of the original 9 million acres of coastal prairie remains. Very few of these prairies can be found within an urban area.

NPAT MEMBERSHIP: has nearly 400 members who represent urban, suburban and rural areas around the state. They often belong to other conservation organizations, and many are drawn to NPAT because of the educational and outdoor opportunities that we provide. NPAT has five chapters in the Houston, Fort Worth, Dallas, and San Antonio areas.

ONLINE AUDIENCE: NPAT's website has 2,000 to 3,000 visitors a month. Our Facebook page has 4,591 followers, the Houston chapter page has 795 followers and Lawther-Deer Park Prairie has 242.

WE PARTNER WITH other conservation groups and agencies such as Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Natural Resources Conservation Service, The Nature Conservancy of Texas, Coastal Prairie Partnership, Native Plant Society of Texas, Texas Master Naturalists, Texas Land Trust Council, and Katy Prairie Conservancy. NPAT recently co-hosted the **2019 North American Prairie Conference** in Houston with some of our conservation partners.



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