

# Registration Form

Annual Meeting

Texas Section – Society for Range Management

October 7-9, 2009

Holiday Inn Plaza Hotel

3950 I-10 South & Walden Road

Beaumont, TX 77705

**Registration Fee Includes: Mixer/Social, Awards Luncheon and Banquet**

**\*\*\*\*\*PLEASE MARK ALL MEALS YOU PLAN TO ATTEND\*\*\*\*\***

Registration Fees	Cost/Person		Number	Total
	Pre	Late		
Guest (Exhibitor or Non-Member Speakers only)	N/C	N/C	_____	_____
Member/Non-Member	\$135	\$155	_____	_____
Spouse	\$60	\$65	_____	_____
Student	\$75	\$75	_____	_____
Day Registration (No meals included; Thursday or Friday only)	\$30	\$30	_____	_____

**Pre Convention Tours/events (Pre-Registration Only)**

Guided fishing trip ( <b>Limited to first 21</b> )				
* Price for 2 list names of fishing buddies	\$225 each		_____	_____
* Price for 3 list names of fishing buddies	\$175 each		_____	_____
Shangri la ( <b>Limited to first 30</b> )	\$21		_____	_____
Big thicket	\$13		_____	_____
SpindletopGladys City Boomtown Museum	\$16		_____	_____

**Thursday Tours**

(Mark which tour(s) you will attend)

Best of Beaumont- Spouses Tour ( <b>Limited to 30</b> )	\$25.00		_____	_____
McFaddin National Wildlife Refuge ( <b>Limited to the first 220 who register for the tour</b> )	N/C		_____	_____

**Mixer/Social ~ Wednesday Night**

Spouse	w/reg.		_____	_____
Extra Mixer/Social Ticket	w/reg. \$20		_____	_____

**Awards Luncheon ~ Thursday Noon**

Spouse	w/reg.		_____	_____
Extra Awards Luncheon Ticket	w/reg. \$25		_____	_____

**Awards Banquet ~ Thursday Evening**

Spouse	w/reg.		_____	_____
Extra Awards Banquet Ticket	w/reg. \$45		_____	_____

**TS-SRM Past President's Breakfast**

(Past Presidents and Charter Members)	N/C		_____	_____
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PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:  
**Texas Section SRM**

**Total Amount**  
**Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Conference is limited to 500 people. First 250 to register receive special bags and clip boards

Holiday Inn Beaumont Plaza Reservations Call Direct: (409) 842-7808 M-F 8:00 AM-5:00 PM  
Room Rates: \$85.00 Standard or King single/double:  
\$95.00 Corporate Suite; \$105.00 Executive Suite  
Student rates: up to 4 college students can share a room at no additional charge

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

OCCUPATION/JOB TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMPLOYER: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Fishing buddies \_\_\_\_\_

**ROOM BLOCK ENDS ON SEPTEMBER 17, 2009**

**REGISTRATIONS POSTMARKED AFTER  
SEPTEMBER 17, 2009 MUST PAY LATE  
REGISTRATION PRICE**

**Refund Requests must be received by September 17, 2009.**

**No refunds will be made after this date.**

**For more information about the Beaumont area visit**

[The Beaumont Convention and Visitors Bureau](#)

[www.beaumontcvb.com](http://www.beaumontcvb.com)

**Return Registration Form and Checks made payable to Texas Section SRM to:**

**Reggie Quiett  
2818 Center Dr.  
Vernon, Texas 76384**

For further information, email: [rquiett.@cebridge.net](mailto:rquiett@cebridge.net) or [rsiebman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rsiebman@sbcglobal.net)

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## **Guided Fishing Trip on Sabine Lake - Pre convention event**

Wednesday October 7th

1. We will need to be LEAVING the parking lot of the Holiday Inn by 5:30 AM. This puts us on the water at 6:15 AM.
2. We will be back by 12:30 PM.
3. They will clean and package our fish and will freeze it for you if you wish and you can pick them up when you leave.
4. They furnish all equipment (Shimano Reels).
5. They furnish drinking water.
6. You bring your own food and drinks.
7. Some boats have port-a-potties with a privacy curtain that raises up for those who are bashful.
8. The cost per boat is \$450 for two people and \$50 for one additional person. **Maximum of three persons per boat.** The cost will be \$225 each for 2 to a boat and \$175 each for 3 to a boat.
9. We will fish the Louisiana side. The majority of the lake is in Louisiana.
10. You will need a Louisiana fishing permit that costs \$8.95. You can get it over the phone. They take a credit card and they will give you a number that can be verified by a game warden. You won't have a paper license.
11. To avoid any problems, we should all get the fishing license the day before.
12. The captain is working with me to find a restaurant that will cook our catch for us. I would like to be able to have a private room. If cooking our catch doesn't work out I will find a good place where we can gather up and celebrate.

Steve Hartmann

## Pre-Convention Tours

### **Shangri La Botanical Gardens & Nature Center**

Nestled within 252 acres in the heart of Orange, Texas is Shangri La Botanical Gardens and Nature Center. The Botanical Gardens feature more than 300 species of plants in nine formal gardens. The Nature Center includes a hands-on exhibit called the Nature Discovery Center, a laboratory, and three outdoor classrooms located deep in the cypress/tupelo swamp.

Shangri La Botanical Gardens and Nature Center is the 1<sup>st</sup> project in Texas and the 50<sup>th</sup> project in the world to earn the U.S. Green Building Council's platinum certification for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design for New Construction. As one of the most earth-friendly projects in the world, Shangri La offers a glimpse of how people can live in harmony with nature.

Group tours of 20 people or more will be available. The group tour will consist of the Botanical Garden Tour and the Outpost Tour. The Botanical Garden is a walking tour of the formal Botanical Gardens lead by a knowledgeable guide to provide information and interpretation. The walk is little over a mile and takes approximately two hours. All paths are wheelchair accessible. The Outpost Tour is a short walk to our Nature Discovery Center where you board a pontoon boat and take a short ride on Adams Bayou to one of our Outposts in the Cypress/Tupelo Swamp. A knowledgeable guide will be on board to provide information and interpretation. The tour takes approximately an hour and a half.

The group tour is scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. The cost of this pre-convention group tour is \$18/person. A boxed lunch will be provided. **Pre-registration is required.** You will car pool from the hotel to Shangri La in your personal vehicles. It is a short drive. It will be coordinated as a group tour. For more information about Shangri La visit [www.shangrilagardens.org](http://www.shangrilagardens.org).

### **Spindletop Gladys City Boomtown Museum – A Registered National Historic Landmark**

Gladys City became a famous oil boomtown overnight when the Lucas Gusher blew in on Spindletop Hill on January 10, 1901. It was the greatest oil well ever seen. By 1902, 285 active wells were operating on Spindletop Hill. Over 600 oil companies had been chartered. Although most vanished overnight, some such as the Texas Company (Texaco), J.M. Guffey Petroleum Company (Gulf), Magnolia Petroleum Company (Mobil) and Sun Oil Company went on to become giants of the industry. The boom at Spindletop was short lived. Overproduction depleted the oil and ruined many wells. By 1903, the field had begun to decline and within ten years Spindletop Hill was virtually a ghost town. The reconstruction of Gladys City was a bicentennial project of the Lucas Gusher Monument Association and the City of Beaumont Bicentennial Commission. The buildings in Gladys City are all patterned after buildings that were at Spindletop in the early 1900s oil boom. Many of the artifacts used to furnish the exhibits are from the time of the boom.

The group tour will begin at 10:00 a.m.. A boxed lunch will be provided. **Pre-registration is required.** The cost of this group tour is \$16/person. You will car pool in your personal vehicles to the Spindletop Gladys City Boomtown Museum. It is a short drive. For more information about Spindletop Gladys City Boomtown, visit [www.spindletop.org](http://www.spindletop.org)

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**Big Thicket National Preserve**

Explore the Big Thicket. The Big Thicket reveals a staggering biological display of diversity. Plants and animals found from all over North America can be spotted living in the Big Thicket. Cactus and yucca plants grow near swamps and cypress trees. Four of the five insect eating, or carnivorous, plants of North America can be found here. In 1981, the United Nations recognized the unique nature of this combination of plants and animals by designating the Big Thicket an International Biosphere Reserve. Nearly 100,000 acres of diverse land and over 100 miles of waterways have been preserved inside the Big Thicket National Preserve for your exploration, education and enjoyment.

The Visitor Center is open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. It is located on US Highway 69 between Beaumont and Woodville, Texas, about 8 miles north of the City of Kountze. Resource education programs are available with reservations. The group tour will begin at 10:00 a.m. A boxed lunch will be provided. The cost of this pre-convention tour will be \$13.00/person. You will car pool in your personal vehicles from the Hotel to the Big Thicket National Preserve. For more information about the Big Thicket, visit [www.nps.gov/bith](http://www.nps.gov/bith).

**Best of Beaumont Spouses Tour-Thursday**  
**Limited to the first 30 who register for the tour**

The Best of Beaumont Tour provides an opportunity to see both one of the last great examples of Beau Arts Colonial Revival homes in America open to the public and one of only 12 Basilicas located in the United States.

The McFaddin-Ward House was built in 1905-1906 and is one of the few house museums in which the furnishings are intact and original to the house. The building and its furnishings reflect the lifestyle of the prominent family, which lived in the house for seventy-five years. Guy Richard Wilson/University of Virginia featured the house on the cover of his coffee-table book as the definitive example of Colonial Revival. The house was also presented in A&E's America's Castles and in a PBS program. Visitors to the house receive guided tours. Trained guides combine family anecdotes and local history with information about the house and its furnishings to tell the story of this family and its era.

In addition to the main house, visitors can also tour the McFaddin-Ward Carriage House. It provides a behind-the-scenes look at the operations of the McFaddin home during the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Built in 1907, it originally housed a stable, hayloft, garage, gymnasium, and servants' quarters. Visitors can tour these areas and view exhibits on servant life, transportation, sports and recreation, and the McFaddins' farm and ranches.

After touring the main house, carriage-house and strolling through the beautiful gardens, visitors will enjoy a catered lunch at the McFaddin visitor center. A historical presentation on the *Roles of Women in the 1860's* will be presented by Johanna Pate during the luncheon.

Best of Beaumont Tour: The tour will begin at the visitor center. The only public bathrooms are at the visitor center. A ten minute orientation film will precede the tour. Guests are required to leave purses, cameras, backpacks, and bags in the self-lock lockers. Photos outside the house are encouraged. No professional or for-profit photos are permitted. Guests should wear low, broad-heeled shoes when touring to protect the museum's floors and carpets, and for your comfort. No spiked heels may be worn inside the house.

The second stop will be at Saint Anthony Cathedral Basilica, God's Gem in Beaumont. Situated in a peaceful setting in historic downtown Beaumont, Saint Anthony Cathedral Basilica offers people of all faiths a breathtaking encounter that stirs and soothes souls through exquisite expressions of Early Renaissance art and prayerful liturgical celebrations. Through the years, The Vatican, The State of Texas, and City of Beaumont have recognized the religious, historic and artistic significance of this splendid sacred site. In 2006 Pope Benedict XVI elevated this historic house of prayer to the rare and honored title of "*Cathedral Basilica.*"

2, 15 passenger vans will be used to transport the tour guests.

The cost of the Best of Beaumont tour is \$25/person.

**CEU's Available for SRM Certified Professional Rangeland Managers**

Wednesday - 2 CEU's possible (if participants choose Big Thicket or Shangri La) [0 CEU's on Wed. for any others]

Thursday - 6 CEU's

Friday - 3 CEU's

Total possible CEU's = 11

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