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Association of Nature Center Administrators

XXIV SUMMIT GUIDE

September 19-23, 2018 | McAllen, TX

QUINTA MAZATLÁN WORLD BIRDING CENTER

SUMMIT SCHEDULE

Wednesday, September 19

7am - 6pm Registration Open at Quinta Mazatlan *Adobe Home: Grand Hall*

Field Trips All field trips depart from the QM Parking Lot *QM Parking Lot*

7:30am - 2pm Ethnobotany of the Rio Grande Valley

8am - 2pm Birds, Butterflies, and Botanas

8am - 4pm South Padre Island Beach Goodies Trip

7am - 2pm King Ranch

4-5pm Optional Activities at QM
 • The Big Picture: Topo Map View of the Valley! *Discovery Center: Hall*
 • History Tour of Adobe Home *Adobe Home: Historic Door*
 • Palm Frond Painting & Rep-TILE Art! *Courtyard: South Oak*

5:30 - 6:30pm Networking Social, McAllen Chamber Border Buttermilk *Adobe Home: Grand Hall*

6:30 - 7:30pm Dinner - Tropical Nights *Adobe Home: Front Lawn*

7:30pm Welcome to Summit XXIV, the Dream Big Summit! *Adobe Home: Front Lawn*

9 - 10:30pm Fireside Chat & Music *Discovery Center: Anacua Tree*

Thursday, September 20

7-8am Optional Activities at QM
 • Songbird Stroll *Adobe Home: Visitors Center*
 • Thorn Forest Trail Walk *Adobe Home: Front Lawn*
 • Yoga in the Park *Courtyard: Awning*
 • Nature Journaling *Discovery Center: Patio*

8am-6pm Registration and Sponsor Hall Open at Quinta Mazatlán *Adobe Home: Grand Hall*

WORKSHOPS: IN-THE-FIELD

8am-1pm Habitat Management & Re-Vegetation *Adobe Home: Visitors Center*

8am-2pm Eco-Tourism in RGV: Mktg. Birds & Managing Birders *Adobe Home: Art Gallery*

8am-3pm RGV Envir. Education: Crossing Barriers on the Border *Discovery Center: Hall*

WORKSHOPS: ON-SITE

9am-4:30pm Strategies for Recruiting the Board You Need & Will Need *Cottage: Business Room*

9am-Noon Grassroots to Grasstops Advocacy Campaigns *Discovery Center: Lab*

9am-Noon Generational, Cultural, & Personality Differences in Workplace *Discovery Center: Hall*

12:15-1:15pm Lunch - South Texas Wraps *Adobe Home: Front Lawn*

Thursday, September 20

AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS

1:30-4:30pm	Building Organizational Capacity	<i>Discovery Center: Hall</i>
1:30-4:30pm	Dreaming Big and Getting the Grant to Implement It	<i>Adobe Home: Art Gallery</i>
1:30-4:30pm	The Need for Nature Centers in Monarch Conservation	<i>Discovery Center: Lab</i>
4:45-5:30pm	Optional Activities at QM	
	• Prickly Pear Jelly Making	<i>Discovery Center: Lab</i>
	• Palm Frond Painting & Rep-TILE Art!	<i>Courtyard: South Oak</i>
	• Early Knowledge: Make Rope out of Yucca	<i>Discovery Center: Anacua Tree</i>
	• The Big Picture: Topo Map View of the Valley!	<i>Discovery Center: Hall</i>
	• History Tour of Adobe Home	<i>Adobe Home: Historic Door</i>
5:30-6:30pm	iZone Imaging Networking Social	<i>Adobe Home: Grand Hall</i>
6:30pm	Dinner - Mediterranean Summer Breeze	<i>Adobe Home: Front Lawn</i>
7pm	2018 ANCA Leadership Awards Ceremony	<i>Adobe Home: Front Lawn</i>

Join us as we celebrate the ANCA Leader Award recipients!

The ANCA Nature Center Leadership Award is intended to recognize outstanding professionals in the field of nature center administration. The 2018 recipient is Bo Glover, Executive Director of The Environmental Nature Center in CA. The ANCA Outstanding New Leader Award is intended to recognize outstanding new leaders in the field. Chad Truxall is the fifth recipient of this award for his work at the Marine Discovery Center in FL.

8pm	2019 Summit Host Presentation	<i>Discovery Center: North Lawn</i>
8:15pm	Keynote Speaker, Dr. Douglas Tallamy	<i>Discovery Center: North Lawn</i>

Join us for our Keynote Speaker:
**Dr. Douglas Tallamy, Award-Winning
 Author of "Bringing Nature Home"**
 presentation on the
 large outdoor LED screen.

8:15pm | Discovery Center: North Lawn



9-10:30 pm	Fireside Chat & Music	<i>Discovery Center: Anacua Tree</i>
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SUMMIT SCHEDULE

Friday, September 21

7 - 8am Optional Activities at QM
 • Songbird Stroll *Adobe Home: Visitors Center*
 • Yoga in the Park *Courtyard: Awning*
 • Gardening for Wildlife *Adobe Home: Front Lawn*
 • Nature Journaling *Discovery Center: Patio*

8am - 6pm Registration and Sponsor Hall Open at Quinta Mazatlán *Adobe Home: Grand Hall*

8:30-9am Summit Welcome *Adobe Home: Front Lawn*
Mr. Roel Rodriguez, McAllen City Manager
Carter Smith, Executive Director of Texas Parks & Wildlife Department

9:15 - 10:45am **Facilitated Discussions/Workshop Sessions I**
 • Successes and Challenges for Sustainable Development Goals for Your City *Discovery Center: Hall*
 • Keeping Our Frontline Staff on the Cutting-Edge *Discovery Center: Lab*
 • Turn Bitterness & Tension into High-fives & Laughter! *Discovery Center: Anacua Tree*
 • From Now to Wow! Improving the Nature Center Experience through Signage & Interpretive Graphics *Cottage: Business Room*
 • 10 Years at the Leopold Legacy Center *Adobe Home: Art Gallery*
 • Leadership 101: Best Practices for Achieving Impact *Adobe Home: Front Lawn*

11am - 12:30pm **Facilitated Discussions/Workshop Sessions II**
 • Using iNaturalist at Your Nature Center *Discovery Center: Hall*
 • Rentals: How to Maximize Income AND Minimize Impact *Discovery Center: Patio*
 • Stronger Together - RGV Nature Partnership Model *Discovery Center: Lab*
 • Can't See the Trees for the Forest *Discovery Center: Anacua Tree*
 • Benefits of Electronic Health Records at Camp *Cottage: Business Room*
 • Weathering Disaster Response *Adobe Home: Art Gallery*

12:30 - 1:30pm Lunch - Valley Nicoise *Adobe Home: Front Lawn*

1:30 - 3pm **Facilitated Discussions/Workshop Sessions III**
 • How Beijing Uses Parks and Traditional Chinese Culture as Comprehensive Education Resources *Adobe Home: Art Gallery*
 • Community Based Partnerships for Wildlife Conservation *Cottage: Business Room*
 • Outdoor Classrooms – Design Dialogue on Purpose, Placement, Program, and Functionality *Discovery Center: Lab*
 • Extraordinary Personnel Issues *Discovery Center: Patio*
 • Challenges and Opportunities when Diversifying Your Board or Friends Group *Discovery Center: Anacua Tree*
 • Creating Meaningful Social Media *Discovery Center: Hall*

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Friday, September 21

3 - 3:30pm	Summit Sponsor Ice Cream Social featuring Paletaria Mexican Frozen Treats	<i>Adobe Home: Grand Hall</i>
3:30 - 4:45pm	ANCA Trends Meeting - Join the ANCA Board & Staff for an update and discussion on the ANCA 2025 Strategic Plan	<i>Adobe Home: Front Lawn</i>
4:45 - 5:30pm	Optional Activities at QM <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rhythms of the Rio• Prickly Pear Jelly Making• Palm Frond Painting & Rep-tile Art• Early Knowledge: Make Rope out of Yucca• History Tour of Adobe Home	<i>Amphitheater in the Woods</i> <i>Discovery Center: Lab</i> <i>Courtyard: South Oak</i> <i>Discovery Center: Anacua Tree</i> <i>Adobe Home: Historic Door</i>
5:30-6:30pm	Networking Social	<i>Adobe Home: Grand Hall</i>
6:30pm	Dinner - South Texas BBQ Feast	<i>Adobe Home: Front Lawn</i>
7:30pm	ANCA Auction	<i>Adobe Home: Front Lawn</i>

Join us for an evening of bidding to benefit ANCA! We can't continue supporting professional development in the field without your enthusiastic hand-raising. Get the chance to contribute to ANCA and walk away with a vacation trip, professional development opportunity, gear, or unique item from our Live or Silent Auction. Silent Auction will open Thursday morning and close after the Live Auction.

9 - 10:30 pm	Fireside Chat & Music	<i>Discovery Center: Anacua Tree</i>
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Saturday, September 22

7 - 8am	Optional Activities at QM <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Songbird Stroll• Thorn Forest Trail Walk• Nature Journaling	<i>Adobe Home: Visitors Center</i> <i>Adobe Home: Front Lawn</i> <i>Discovery Center: Patio</i>
9 - 10:30am	Facilitated Discussions/Workshop Sessions IV <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1,2,3 Ecology• Budgeting 101: Making 'Cents' Out of Budgeting• Say What You Mean: A Conversation on Inclusive Language and Practices• Fee Structures: To be Free or Not Free?• Connecting Deeply with Nature Through Science• How to Ask for Major Gifts	<i>Discovery Center: Hall</i> <i>Cottage: Business Room</i> <i>Adobe Home: Art Gallery</i> <i>Discovery Center: Anacua Tree</i> <i>Discovery Center: Lab</i> <i>Discovery Center: Patio</i>

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Saturday, September 22

10:45am-12:15pm **Facilitated Discussions/Workshop Sessions V**

- Retirement 101 *Discovery Center: Lab*
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion:
Where Does Your Organization Stand? *Discovery Center: Anacua Tree*
- Building Power & Influence for Nature Center Directors *Adobe Home: Art Gallery*
- Improving the Visitor and Staff Experience:
Strategies for Evaluating and Planning Technology Solutions *Cottage: Business Room*
- Nature Preschool, Right for You? *Discovery Center: Patio*
- Social and Emotional Learning: Why Incorporating
Best Practices in Youth Engagement Matters *Discovery Center: Hall*

12:15pm - 1:15pm **Lunch - Coastal Power Bowl Salad**

Adobe Home: Front Lawn

1:15 - 5:15pm Open Space Sessions

Adobe Home: Front Lawn

5:15 - 6:30pm Welcome to relax and change at hotel before evening party

6:30 - 7:30pm Networking Social

Adobe Home: Grand Hall

7:30 - 8:30pm **Dinner - Mexican Fajita Fiesta**

Discovery Center: North Lawn

8:30 - 10:15pm Dancing and Summit Wrap-up Party
Live music by Ache de Barrio Quartet

Discovery Center: North Lawn

Sunday, September 23

Field Trips All field trips depart from the Quinta Mazatlán Parking Lot

7am - 6pm RGV Bucket List Birding

3 - 8:30pm Palms and Parrots of Brownsville

Onsite Quinta Mazatlán - Visitors Center

7 - 10:45am Fistful of Bucket List Birds

Bird-Banding at Quinta Mazatlán

Monday, September 24

Onsite Quinta Mazatlán - Visitors Center

7 - 10:45am Fistful of Bucket List Birds

Bird-Banding at Quinta Mazatlán

SATURDAY - Dancing and Summit Wrap-up Party

MEXICAN FAJITA DINNER & DANCE *Live Music by Ache de Barrio Quartet*

Come dance to RGV's premiere Latin Band that specializes in music styles in the like of Cumbia Tropical, Salsa, Merengue, Bachata, Cha Cha and Cuban Son.

Enjoy a special dance performance by the Sorellanza Ladies.

