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TPWF and TWA Team Up on Young Professionals Partnership

Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation (TPWF) and Texas Wildlife Association (TWA) have teamed up to offer young professionals more opportunities to get involved in conservation-related events and activities. TPWF's young professionals program, Stewards of the Wild, is now offering a Friend of TWA option to all members.

The Friend of TWA option will grant Stewards members access to additional meetings, socials, events and communications related to TWA's mission to serve Texas wildlife and its habitat, while protecting property rights, hunting heritage, and the conservation efforts of those who value and steward wildlife resources.

"We're delighted with this partnership with TWA," said Kelly R. Thompson, chair of TPWF's board of trustees. "TWA has a long history of quality programs and events that Stewards of the Wild members will now have access to. It's a wonderful partnership that will benefit young professionals across Texas who have a passion for conservation."

Nurturing the next generation of conservation leaders is the goal of Stewards of the Wild. Established in Dallas in 2013, the TPWF program is now the largest of its kind in the state, with over 800 members and additional chapters in Austin, Fort Worth, Houston, Midland, Tyler and San Antonio. Membership enables interaction with Texas' great conservation heroes, like Wales

Madden of Palo Duro Canyon fame and Tio Kleberg and Dr. Fred Bryant of Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute, and excursions that showcase conservation success like desert bighorn sheep restoration in the Trans-Pecos and the acquisition of Powderhorn Ranch. Every day, Stewards of the Wild across the state are connecting with their peers and building a community based on a shared love for Texas' lands, waters and wildlife.

"Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation is a giant in conservation for our state, and their Stewards of the Wild program is a much-needed effort to engage the next generation of conservation leaders for Texas," said David Yeates, TWA Chief Executive Officer. "TWA could not be more pleased to partner with the Foundation to introduce the Stewards to our organization and how we work to make Texas a better place."

Stewards of the Wild memberships are available for young professionals 21-45 years of age. The TWA membership option is a \$35 value, priced at \$15 for Stewards members. For more information on membership levels and benefits, visit <https://www.tpwf.org/sotw/>

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Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation raises private funds to advance Texas' proud outdoor traditions and conserve our state's wildlife, habitat, recreational areas, and natural resources. Since 1991, Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation has raised more than \$170 million in private philanthropy to ensure that all Texans, today and in the future, can enjoy the wild things and wild places of Texas.

Texas Wildlife Association is a statewide membership organization that serves Texas wildlife and its habitat, while protecting property rights, hunting heritage, and the conservation efforts of those who value and steward wildlife resources. We believe we have an obligation to be responsible stewards of Texas, and we look forward to coming alongside our fellow Texans to defend and strengthen the fundamental ideals and rights that Texas was founded on.

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