



**Texas Aquatic Plant Management Society  
Annual Conference  
September 8-10, 2008  
The Mayan Dude Ranch, Bandera, Texas**



Enjoy a genuine Texas dude ranch experience in the town where it all began, located in the heart of the Texas Hill Country. Experience the “Horsepitality” of the Mayan Ranch, complete with daily trail rides, tubing on the Medina River, Texas-sized pool, and renowned, hearty cuisine. Escape from civilization a little while enjoying comfortable accommodations and good times, all while you learn the latest information on aquatic weed management in Texas.

**All TAPMS members** and others who are interested in aquatic plant management, biology or ecology, or who are involved in the protection, management and restoration of water and wetland resources, are invited to attend the 2008 TAPMS Annual Conference. Whether you work in the public or private sector, as an aquatic weed management professional, water resource manager, researcher, or regulatory official, the 2008 Annual Conference will satisfy your need for up-to-date information on aquatic weed management tools and techniques, recent technological advances, research results that are relevant to your work, laws and regulations, public outreach initiatives, and TAPMS business. Gather with old friends and make new ones in the relaxing setting of the Texas Hill Country.



**The 2008 TAPMS Annual Conference will be held Monday, September 8 to Wednesday, September 10**

at the Mayan Dude Ranch, located a few miles west of Bandera. The Mayan Ranch covers 348 acres of prime Texas Hill Country terrain, from river lowlands to scenic hills, and has produced seven world-champion rodeo cowboys. The lodging rate includes access to all activities, including two daily trail rides on walking horses, hayrides, tubing on the Medina River, the pool and sports facilities, and entertainment provided by a cowboy band and lariat experts. Golfing and other outdoor opportunities are available nearby in Bandera. The Conference schedule will include a dinner and social on Monday evening, a full day of presentations on Tuesday, and a half-day on Wednesday, ending with the Annual Business Meeting. For more information on the Mayan Dude Ranch, visit their website, <http://www.mayanranch.com>



**Call for Presentations:** You are invited to give a presentation at the 2008 TAPMS Annual Conference. Twenty-minute presentations covering all aspects of the management, biology, and ecology of aquatic plants and management and restoration of aquatic and wetland ecosystems are welcome. Presentations should aim to provide practical information gained from research or case studies. Presentations should not advertise a specific product brand or service. Oral presentations are preferred, but poster presentations are also acceptable. Please see the **Call for Papers Form on Page 6 of this Newsletter** for more information. **The deadline for submission of this form and the required Abstract is August 1, 2008.** For more information about the Conference Program, contact the **2008 Program Chair, Michael Masser, (979) 845-7370, [m-masser@tamu.edu](mailto:m-masser@tamu.edu).**



***Student Paper Competition:*** TAPMS invites advanced undergraduate and graduate students doing research on aquatic weed and wetland ecosystem biology, ecology, and management to develop their professional skills by participating in the Student Competition. Students may compete in the oral or poster competition categories. **The Conference registration fee and double-occupancy housing for two nights at the Mayan Ranch will be covered by TAPMS for all competing students.** All participants will receive a copy of *Aquatic and Wetland Plants of the Western Gulf*, by E. Stutzenbaker. Cash prizes will be awarded for the first (\$150) and second (\$50) place presentations in the oral and poster categories. **Interested students must submit the Call for Presentations Form and required abstract by August 1, 2008, and must contact the Local Arrangements Chair, Mary Gilroy (512) 974-2717, [mary.gilroy@ci.austin.tx.us](mailto:mary.gilroy@ci.austin.tx.us) by August 1, 2008 to arrange housing.**

***TAPMS Conference Exhibition:*** TAPMS invites our Corporate Sponsors, Newsletter advertisers and any other interested businesses to present an exhibit at the 2008 TAPMS Annual Conference. Exhibits will be on display throughout the Conference, and exhibitors will have an opportunity to present their products and services in brief talks. Forms and information on rates and specifications will be available by the end of May 2008 on the TAPMS website (<http://www.tapms.org>). Exhibitors and other companies have the opportunity to sponsor breaks and meals during the 2008 TAPMS Conference. See the online exhibitor packet for more information.

***Meeting Registration Information:*** All who plan to attend the 2008 TAPMS Conference, whether presenting or not, must register. **The deadline for registration (\$110) is August 1, 2008. Please see the Registration Form on Page 7.** Because of the policies of the Mayan Ranch, it is extra-important to register by the deadline this year. Higher fees will apply to registrations sent after August 1st. **PLEASE NOTE! Registration and accommodations (see below) are linked this year-if you pay the full (two night), one-night or student registration fee, or attend for free as a competing student, you must stay at the Mayan Ranch. Day-only registration will not be offered this year.** The full registration fee includes dinner on Monday, all meals on Tuesday, and breakfast and lunch on Wednesday. The Mayan Ranch is well-known for its cuisine, including coffee and juice served to your room at no extra cost each morning; a hayride to a “Cowboy Breakfast” prepared over coals; snacks, baked goods and bottomless coffee all day; and barbecue, steaks, and even Continental dishes and salads for the ‘city slickers’, for lunch and dinner. **The registration fee includes 2009 TAPMS dues (\$25).**

***Accommodations Information:*** The Mayan Ranch has a Lodge adjacent to the Conference Center, which has 14 rooms with one king bed and 16 rooms with two double beds. There are also four rock cabins with two double beds each, and 28 single or double rooms located in other cabins. Bathrooms may be shared between bedrooms in some cases-inquire when you reserve. The rooms feature rustic but comfortable furniture and TVs (no phone; most cell phones work). **The special Conference lodging rate is \$85 per night** (tax-exempt rate-will be applied to all reservations, no tax-exempt form needed). **PLEASE NOTE!** The maximum housing capacity of the Mayan Ranch is 82 people. To help ensure that there is enough room for everyone, please consider doubling-up in a room with two beds. When making your reservation, specify the name and arrival date of your roommate. If you double up, the housing rate is still \$85 per night, per person, since the lodging rate includes access to all ranch activities and an open bar from 11 AM. To make a reservation, contact the Mayan Ranch at 830-796-3312 or 830-460-3036.



***Travel Information:*** The Mayan Ranch is located 47 miles northwest of San Antonio. Take the 410 Loop, FM 1604 or Texas Highway 46 around San Antonio to TX Highway 16. Heading north on Highway 16, turn left at the Pecan St. stoplight in Bandera. Turn right at 6th St (Mayan Ranch sign at the corner). For a map, visit <http://www.mayanranch.com>.



## First Call for Presentations Form

### 2008 TAPMS Conference, September 8-10, 2008, the Mayan Dude Ranch

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**Oral Presenters:** An LCD projector and computer will be provided for Powerpoint presentations, which is the required presentation format. Presenters should submit their presentation file on a clearly-labeled CD or USB storage device when they check in at the TAPMS registration desk at the meeting. A laser pointer will be provided.

**Poster Presenters:** Posters should be designed to fit within a 4 ft x 4 ft space. Presenters must provide Velcro tabs or push-pins for mounting. Posters may be put up beginning at 5 PM on Monday, September 17, and must be removed by noon on Wednesday, September 19.

**The submission deadline for titles and abstracts is August 1, 2008. An abstract (250 words maximum) is required for all presentations.** On this form, please provide the paper title, authors' names and affiliations exactly as you want them to appear in the program. Please submit this form with your abstract by mail, FAX or email to the 2008 Program Chair, Dr. Michael Masser, at the address below. **Email submissions are preferred.**

**Presentation Format:** Oral Presentation \_\_\_\_\_ Poster Presentation \_\_\_\_\_ (please check one)

**Student Paper Competition:** Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ (please check one)

**Title of Paper:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

1st Author: Name \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

2nd Author: Name \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

3rd Author: Name \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

(If needed, list additional authors and affiliations on your abstract sheet.)

**Submit completed form and abstract to:**

**Dr. Michael Masser**  
Texas Agrilife Extension Service  
Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences  
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2258 TAMUS  
College Station, TX 77843-2258  
Email: m-masser@tamu.edu  
Phone: (979) 845-7473 FAX: (979) 845-7103

**Presenter Contact Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_



**Registration Form**

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Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Categories (please check all that apply):**

\_\_\_\_\_ **TAPMS Member Registration** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Early Full Registration (**\$110, must be received by August 1, 2008**)

\_\_\_ Regular/On-Site Full Registration (**\$135**, after August 1, 2008)

\_\_\_ One-Night Registration (\$75 before August 1, \$110 after August 1)

(Circle Night of Stay: Monday Tuesday)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Non-TAPMS Member Registration** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Early Full Registration (**\$135, must be received by August 1, 2008**)

\_\_\_ Regular/On-Site Full Registration (**\$160**, after August 1, 2008)

\_\_\_ One-Night Registration (\$100 before August 1, \$125 after August 1)

(Circle Night of Stay: Monday Tuesday)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Student Competition Registration (\$0.00)** \$ **No Charge**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Non-Competing Student Registration (\$65.00)** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Includes meals for both days. Attach proof of student status.)

**Contribution to TAPMS Scholastic Endowment** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Payments accepted by check (payable to Texas Aquatic Plant Management Society) or credit card.

**(For on-site registration, payment will be accepted by check ONLY.)**

Name on Credit Card: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Type \_\_\_\_\_ (MC, Visa, Discover only)

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment of all fees must accompany this form. Please mail or FAX to  
David Sauer, GCWA, 3630 Hwy 1765, Texas City, TX 77591  
Phone: (409)-935-2438 ext. 12 FAX: (409) 935-4156**