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Join us for the 29th annual HummerBird Celebration in the coastal Texas towns of Rockport and Fulton. This Event celebrates the spectacular fall Migration of Ruby-throated Hummingbirds, the stars of the show. Other probable sightings are Rufous, Black-chinned, and Buff-bellied Hummingbirds. The Celebration offers something for everyone, from backyard birders to more experienced birders who can expand their knowledge of birds. Topics and activities are available to meet every interest: birds, hummingbirds, butterflies, and habitat development in your own backyard.

COME EARLY! - Visit select Hummer Homes starting on Saturday, Sept. 9. Get list of selected homes at the Rockport-Fulton Chamber Visitor Center upon arrival. **The 2017 T-SHIRT ARTIST** is Sue Bonnar who will autograph T-shirts at the Chamber booth during the weekend.

THURSDAY EVENTS:
SELF-GUIDED HUMMER HOME Booklets are available at the Chamber of Commerce. Homes are open dawn to dusk Thursday through Sunday.
2-HOUR BOAT BIRDING TRIPS with Captain Tommy Moore on "The Skimmer" departs from Fulton Harbor.
BAY EDUCATION CENTER- Free Located at Rockport Harbor near beach entrance. 11 am - Birds and Habitat in the Texas Coastal Bend - discusses bird species from tiny hummingbirds to Whooping Cranes. 2 pm - Science on a Sphere - a unique display system that projects satellite images onto globe.

SPEAKER PROGRAM - SALTWATER PAVILION
 3:40 pm "Lasagna Gardening for Birds" Speaker: Glenn Olsen.
WELCOME RECEPTION at the Saltwater Pavilion on the North end of the Beach - 5 pm - 5:45 pm - FREE
KEYNOTE PRESENTATION & DINNER at the Saltwater Pavilion on the North end of the Beach - 6 pm - 8 pm - "Behind the Scenes with Hummingbirds" By Ann Prum, Cone Flower Studios, a PBS Documentary Film. Dinner includes Texas BBQ, Smoked Chicken and all the trimmings plus cobbler.

FRIDAY EVENTS:
BUS BIRDING TRIP to Fennessey Ranch led by expert birding guides. Enjoy a hayride trip on a ranch managed for wildlife including portions of the Mission River and a lake. Bus departs 6:00 am from Bus Stop between Hummer Malls, will return by for lunch.

2-HOUR BOAT BIRDING TRIPS with Captain Tommy Moore on "The Skimmer" departs from Fulton Harbor.

HUMMER HOME BUS TRIPS - Visit 3 homes guided by experienced birders, and see exclusive hummingbird banding by Master Bander Sumita Prasad.

SPEAKER PROGRAMS 10:20am - 6pm in Auditorium & Middle School Band Hall. 5pm Keynote is Sky King Falconry with "Raptors Revealed" in the Auditorium.

BIRD PHOTOGRAPHY CLASSES
 Aquarium Education Center at Rockport Harbor. Join expert wildlife photographers Stephen Fisher and Bruce Sherman.

SELF-GUIDED HUMMER HOMES- List available in program brochure at event. See also hummingbird banding by Master Bander Sue Heath. See hummers up close and personal!

OUTDOOR EXHIBITS all day along the walk between the Malls. Golf cart transportation provided free of charge!

HUMMER MALLS & FOOD BOOTHS
 9am-5pm in High School & Middle School Cafeterias. Shop for bird & nature related products.

SATURDAY EVENTS:

BUS BIRDING TRIP to Hazel Bazemore Park, led by expert birding guides. Bird the varied habitat bordering the Nueces River where the famous Hawk Watch is held. Departs 6:30 am from Bus Stop between Hummer Malls, and will return before lunch

HUMMER BREAKFAST AT THE HISTORY CENTER 8 am to 10 am.
 Join us for the popular Hummer Breakfast at the History Center for Aransas County. Breakfast, catered by Dough-Liciously Bakery & Bistro, features herbs and edible flowers harvested from the extensive herb garden on the History Center grounds. Admire the beauty, stamina and spirit of the hummingbird while enjoying a gourmet breakfast in ode to the very nectar and system that supports this one-of-a-kind creature. Come & go style. Limited to 80 persons.

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SUNDAY EVENTS:
BOAT BIRDING 4-HOUR BRUNCH-ON-THE-BAY TRIP with Captain Tommy Moore on "The Skimmer" offers extensive bay birding. The boat offers inside and outside exposures on two decks, and restrooms.

BIRD GOOSE ISLAND WITH THE EXPERT
 Take a birding tour of Goose Island State Park to look for the local residents of the Coastal Bend, led by Ben Horstmann. As an added bonus, hear as a presentation a birder's tour of the State Parks of South Texas with an avid birder who knows them all. See details on chart.

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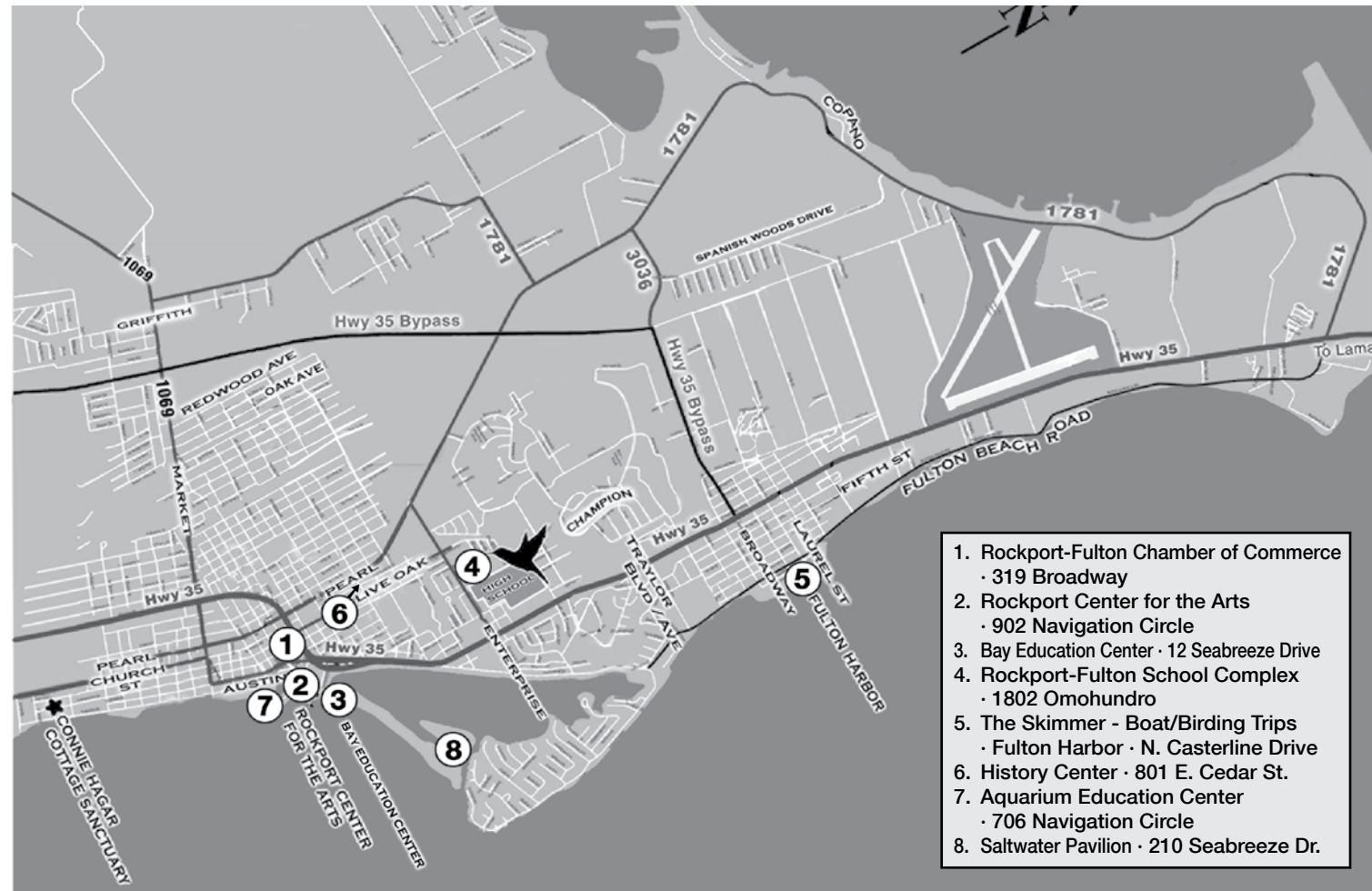
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SUNDAY SPEAKER PROGRAMS
 10:20-11:40am in Middle School Band Hall.

OUTDOOR EXHIBITS all day along the walk between the Malls. Golf cart transportation provided free of charge!

HUMMER MALLS & FOOD BOOTHS
 10am-3pm in High School & Middle School Cafeterias. Shop for bird & nature related products.

BIRDS IN ART EXHIBITION Varied, mesmerizing perspectives and artistic insights into avian life are featured. Rockport Center for the Arts located at Rockport Harbor starting Sunday, Sept. 17. Free admission. www.rockportartcenter.com



SPEAKERS:

| | 10:20 AM | 11:40 AM | 1:00 PM | 2:20 PM | 3:40 PM | 5:00 PM | 6:00 PM |
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| THURSDAY Saltwater Pavilion @ Rockport Beach | Katie Swanson Invasive Species in the Coastal Bend: How the Mission-Aransas Reserve is Battling Back | Ann Prum Behind the Scenes with Hummingbirds | Liz Smith The Quality of Cranes: Facts, Folklore and Fanciful Tales | Kevin McGowan Raptor Identification Workshop | Glenn Olsen Lasagna Gardening for Birds | KEYNOTE : Sky Kings Raptors | KEYNOTE: Ann Prum Behind the Scenes with Hummingbirds |
| FRIDAY Auditorium | Owen Fitzsimmons Texas Connection: Coastal Bird Research and Conservation | Sid Rucker Living Loving and Laughing with Hummingbirds | Bill Lindemann Hummingbird Courtship: Flash! Zoom! Done! | Glenn Olsen Lasagna Gardening for Birds | Juan Bahamon America's Hummingbird Hotspots - A Photographic Journey | Raptors Revealed See Birds in Flight Indoors | Saltwater Pavilion |
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| SATURDAY Middle School | Brent Ortego The Hummingbirds of Texas | Greg Lasley Birds of the Big Bend | | Hawk Talk | | | |
| SUNDAY Middle School | | | | | | | |

OTHER EVENTS:

| | REGISTRATION & TICKET PICK UP | OUTDOOR EXHIBITS | BAY EDUCATION CENTER PROGRAMS | WELCOME OPENING RECEPTION | HUMMER MALLS | FOODWAYS: Culinary Traditions of Aransas County | Where is it? |
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| Thursday | Auditorium Box Office 1 pm to 7 pm | Between HS Commons and MS Cafeteria 9 am to 6 pm | 121 Seabreeze Drive 11 am, 2 pm | THURSDAY Saltwater Pavilion @ Rockport Beach 5 to 5:45 pm | HS Commons and MS Cafeteria 9 am to 5 pm | History Center - 801 E Cedar St 10 am to 4 pm | Thursday |
| Friday | 7am to 7 pm | 9 am to 6 pm | | | | Breakfast 8 am to 10 am Exhibit 10 am to 4 pm | Friday |
| Saturday | 7am to 7 pm | 9 am to 6 pm | | | | | Saturday |
| Sunday | | 10 am to 3 pm | | | 10 am to 3 pm | | Sunday |
| Thursday | Map provided at Box Office Dawn to dusk | HUMMER HOME BUS TRIPS Bus Stop | HUMMINGBIRD BANDING Master Bander Sue Heath Selected Hummer Home | BOAT BIRDING TRIPS Fulton Harbor | HALF-DAY BUS BIRDING TRIPS Bus Stop | BIRD PHOTOGRAPHY CLASSES Aquarium Education Center - 706 Navigation Circle, Rockport Harbor | Thursday |
| Friday | Dawn to dusk | 7:15 & 9:30am, 2:45 & 5:00pm | 7:30 to 11: am, 2:30 to 5 pm | 3:00 pm, 6:00 pm | 6 am to Fennessey Ranch | 1 pm, 2:20 pm | Friday |
| Saturday | Dawn to dusk | 7:15 & 9:30am, 2:45 & 5:00pm | 7:30 to 11: am, 2:30 to 5 pm | 9 am, 3pm, 6 pm | 6:30 am to Hazel Bazemore | 1 pm, 2:20 pm | Saturday |
| Sunday | Dawn to dusk | 9:30 AM | 8 to 11 am | Brunch 9 am | | | Sunday |

ONLINE REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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Advance online registration is recommended, but not required. It will guarantee a date and time for bus and boat tours, and field trips. Special arrangements can be made for those who don't have online capabilities by calling the Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce prior to Sept. 1. Special groups of 10 or more are also encouraged to email tourism@1rockport.org. For lodging and dining information, visit the Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center at 319 Broadway, Rockport, TX 78382 www.rockport-fulton.org or call 361-729-6445 .

Register early for your choices. All trips and tours have limited availability.

| Item | Description | Times | Price Per Person |
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| All Speaker Program Pass Pavilion, Middle School & Auditorium | Includes <u>all</u> 1 hour lectures (Individual programs are \$5 in advance and at the door) Children 12 & under with an adult attend free | Please arrive 10-15 minutes early on bus and boat trips to allow for orderly boarding. | Speaker pass includes all speaker programs during event at Middle School & Auditorium \$45 All Pass \$5 Per Lecture |
| Welcome Opening Reception | Wine & Cheese Meet & Greet for all attendees. Saltwater Pavilion at Rockport Beach, 210 Seabreeze Drive. Pass through beach entrance booth at no charge and proceed to North end. Reception outdoors, upstairs. | Thursday 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. | Free |
| KEYNOTE PRESENTATION & DINNER at the Saltwater Pavilion – 6 pm - 8 pm – Special Presentation: “Behind the Scenes with Hummingbirds” By Ann Prum, Cone Flower Studios, a PBS Documentary. | Join wildlife filmmaker Ann Prum as she takes us behind the scenes on the filming of her most recent documentary Super Hummingbirds, which premiered on PBS/Nature this past year. Texas BBQ Dinner with Beef Brisket, Smoked Chicken, and all the trimmings plus cobbler. | Thursday 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. | \$35 |
| Hummer Breakfast at the History Center Limited to 80 persons Seating outdoors under Live Oak Trees | Located at 801 E. Cedar at the History Center for Aransas County. Gourmet meal includes: Cinn O’Mine Cinnamon Loaf Slice w/ Cinnamon Compound Butter. Lemon Balm & Honey Whipped Cream atop Fresh Herb Strawberries. Accompanied by Kielbasa Chive & Thyme Sausage Rounds, Scrambled Eggs, “You’re Hovering” HummerBird Coffee & Orange Juice with Mint Springs. | Saturday 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Come & Go is appropriate. Coastal casual dress. Exhibit: “Foodways: Culinary Traditions of Aransas County” | \$25 |
| Hummer Home Bus Trips | Guided by experienced birders, visit three homes and see exclusive hummingbird banding demonstration by Master Bander Sue Heath. | Departs Bus Stop promptly Friday & Saturday 7:15 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 2:45 p.m., & 5 p.m. Sunday 9:30 a.m. | \$15 |
| Boat Birding Trips | Two Hour Boat trips depart from Fulton Harbor on “The Skimmer” Sunday Brunch On The Bay Trip departs from Fulton Harbor on “The Skimmer” - 4 hour tour includes boxed brunch. | Thursday 3 p.m., 6 p.m. Friday & Saturday 9 a.m., 3 p.m. & 6 p.m. Sunday Brunch 9 a.m. | \$45 \$70 |
| Fennessey Ranch Birding Field Trip | See birds & wildlife on hayride tour of private ranch accompanied by expert birders. Features habitat for a variety of birds. | Friday—Departs Bus Stop promptly at 6 a.m. (1/2 day) | \$45 |
| Hazel Bazemore Park Birding Field Trip | Birding along the Nueces River at the site of the famous Hawk Watch. Includes a stop at Indian Point Pier. | Saturday 6:30 am (1/2 day) | \$45 |
| Bird Goose Island with THE Expert | Enter Goose Island State Park Entrance Gate. Begin “Birds of Texas” program in historical pavilion built in the 1930s by the CCC then onto birding walk led by expert birder Ben Horstmann, Regional Interpretive Specialist for South Texas State Parks. | Sunday 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. | \$25 |
| Photography Class— “Birds of Texas” | Bruce Sherman Wildlife Photographer | Friday 1 pm Saturday 1 pm | \$15 \$15 |
| Photography Class— From Good to Better | Stephen Fisher Wildlife Photographer - “Want to take your photography to the next level? This is the class for you!” | Friday 2:20 pm Saturday 2:20 pm | \$15 \$15 |