



**Packet Pickup & Late Registration @ Nature Center Headquarters**

Wednesday April 29 – 2pm to 6pm

Thursday April 30 – 6:30am to 5pm

Friday May 1 - 7am to 5pm

Saturday May 2 - 7am to 3pm

- Name Tag Needed for Entrance to All Programs & Fieldtrips
- Wrist Band Needed for NQ Discounted Frio Bat Flight
- Car Pass Needed for All Fieldtrips
- Bring State Park Pass for Lost Maples or Garner Park
- Print Map & Directions to Headquarters from Website

## 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Nature Quest

### April 29,30 & May 1,2,3, 2015

#### Fieldtrip Leaders & Speakers Include

Tony Gallucci, Derek Muschalek, Bain Walker,  
Lee Haile, Ken Cave, Sage Austin,  
Kelly & Donna Bryan, Charles & Nancy Floyd,  
Barbara Baggett, Chris Paulson, LeAnn & Anthony Sharp

### Schedule/Registration Form

Nature Quest Office 830-966-2320 ~ [www.hillcountrynaturequest.com](http://www.hillcountrynaturequest.com)  
Headquarters Located at Hill Country Nature Center & Rio Frio Lodging office  
10 miles W. of Utopia & 5 miles E. of Garner State Park On FM 1050

#### Wednesday April 29 @ Nature Center Headquarters

2pm to 6pm – Participant Packet Pickup & Late Registration

(Please Circle Free if Attending)

5pm to 6pm – Join Us at ‘The Gathering’ – Appetizers, Water & Tea (BYOB)

**FREE**

Meet the Leaders, Participants, New & Old Friends!

#### Wednesday Evening Programs April 29 @ Nature Center HQ

6:15 to 7:15pm – “Preserving our Night Sky” Barbara Baggett

**FREE**

Spectacular Slides & info on how to direct our lighting downward from *Hill Country Alliance, International Dark-Sky Association & Bill Wren* (veteran astronomer with the McDonald Observatory)

\*\*After program go outside & enjoy the Stars; our ranch is rated a Bortle 3 for dark skies!

7:30 to 8:30pm – “Black Light Special” – See Insects attracted to black light! Lee Haile

**FREE**

\*Bring Flashlight with red filter, or cover lens with clear plastic wrap & use red marker

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**\*Note Field Trip Times are when to Leave & Return to Nature Center Headquarters**

## Thursday Morning Field Trips – April 30

**Birds/Butterflies/Odonata** 6:30am - 2:30pm Meet @ HQ **Derek Muschalek & Ken Cave** \$25 \_\_\_\_\_  
**Chalk Bluff on Nueces River/ Uvalde/ Cooks Slough** \*Car Pool & Caravan 1 hour drive  
 \* Easy walking \*Bring lunch/drinks & ice chest

**Bluebirds & Other Cavity Nesters** 8am-12 noon Meet @ HQ **LeAnn Sharp** \$15 \_\_\_\_\_  
**Nestbox Trail Birding Tour; Look inside Nestboxes; See nests/eggs/babies - Ranch Bird List has 124 Species**  
 \*Easy walking, bring water \*Golf Cart available for handicapped

**Hummingbird Banding** 8am to Noon @ Headquarters- **Kelly/Donna Bryan & Charles/Nancy Floyd** \$10 \_\_\_\_\_  
**See Hummers up close, watch them measure & band. Release one from your hand! (Come & Go as you like)**

**\*Note Program/Workshop Times are when they Start & End**

## Thursday Afternoon Programs @ Nature Center HQ – April 30

**Hummingbirds of Texas; Flying Jewels** 1:30pm to 2:30pm @ Nature Center HQ **Kelly Bryan** \$10 \_\_\_\_\_  
 How many species migrate thru TX, How many nest in TX, their habits, status & distribution

**Bird/Nature Travel – Mexico & Central America** 3pm-4pm @ Nature Center HQ **Barbara Baggett** \$10 \_\_\_\_\_  
Baja Sea Turtle/Kayak Adventure - Paddle through dense mangrove canals lush with wildlife - Mexico  
Los Quetzales Lodge- highest lodging facilities in Panama, lies inside primary cloud forest of Volcan Baru National Park.  
Lapa Rios- Private nature reserve, 1,000 acres of Central America's last remaining lowland tropical rainforest.  
Lodge at Pico Bonito- Located at base of largest, most impenetrable National Park in country, over 420 species of birds.

## Thursday Evening Fieldtrip Meet @ Bat Flight Gate FM 2690 – April 30

**Frio Bat Flight** **6:30pm Meet @ Bat Flight Gate FM 2690** **Bain & Kirstin Walker** \$11 \_\_\_\_\_  
**Plus Cave Swallow, Raptors & other critters; 2<sup>nd</sup> Largest Bat Population in World (12 million)**  
**Awesome Once in a Lifetime Experience!** \*Bring Camera, tripod, flashlight, bug spray.

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## Friday Morning Field Trips – May 1

**Birds & Butterflies @ Lost Maples SNA** 7am- Noon Meet @ Nature Center HQ **Derek Muschalek** \$15 \_\_\_\_\_  
**Golden-cheeked Warbler, Black-capped Vireo, Acorn Woodpecker, Buntings & Bain Walker**  
**& many more beautiful birds!** \*Car Pool & Caravan 30 min. drive \*Bring water & snack  
 \*Easy 2 Mile hike, crossing over wet stream on stepping stones \* **Please Bring State Park Pass if have one**

**Henry’s Bluff /Kincaid Indian Shelter** 7am –Noon Meet @ Nature Center HQ **Lee Haile & Ken Cave** \$15 \_\_\_\_\_  
**Birding/Native Plants/ Natural History/** \*Car Pool & Caravan 30 min. drive  
**Nesting Barn Owls @ Shelter** \*Easy Mile hike, crossing over dry rocky river bed \*Bring water & snack

**Mist Net Bird Capture & Banding** 8am to Noon @ HQ - **Kelly/Donna Bryan & Charles/Nancy Floyd** \$10 \_\_\_\_\_  
**See Buntings, Warblers, Vireos, Lesser Goldfinch & others up close!** (Come & Go as you like)

**\*Note Program & Workshop Times are when they Start & End**

## Friday Afternoon Program/Workshop @ Nature Center HQ – May 1

**Bluebirds & Other Small Cavity Nesters** 1:30pm to 2:30pm @ Nature Center HQ **LeAnn Sharp** \$10 \_\_\_\_\_  
**Program** - Wonderful Photos of nests with eggs & baby birds; learn how to install & monitor your own Nestbox

**Medicinal Plants of our River Region Program** 3pm-4pm Inside Nature Center HQ **Sage Austin** \$10 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Wilderness Medicine - Plants & Flowers that Help People! Then see what is edible/medicinal in our gardens

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## Saturday Morning Field Trips – May 2

<b>Big Springs Ranch</b>	7am-2pm	Leave from Nature Center HQ	<b>Tony Gallucci</b>	\$25	_____
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**Birding/Butterflies/Plants, Numerous Springs & Waterfalls - Strenuous Hike over streams**

\*Car Pool/Caravan \*Bring lunch/drinks in ice chest, hiking/water shoes, hat, walking stick

<b>Six Champion Big Trees</b>	7am-Noon	Leave from Nature Center HQ	<b>Lee Haile &amp; Bain Walker</b>	\$15	_____
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**Plus Native Plants & Birding** \*Easy walking \*Car Pool & Caravan

<b>Wildflower ID Workshop &amp; Field-trip</b>	8am - Noon	Nature Center HQ	<b>Sage Austin</b>	\$15	_____
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**Spring Rains brought flowers!** \*Easy Walking \*Car Pool & Caravan \* **Bring State Park Pass if have one**

<b>Hummingbird Banding</b>	8am-Noon @ Headquarters		<b>Kelly &amp; Donna Bryan/Charles &amp; Nancy Floyd</b>	\$10	_____
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**Hummers up close, Release one from your hand! (Come & Go as you like)**

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## Saturday Afternoon Programs – May 2

<b>Meet Grey Wolves – Leila &amp; Wolford</b>	1:30pm to 3pm	@ Nature Center HQ Outside	<b>Chris Paulson</b>	\$10	_____
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**Learn about Wolf Packs, their fascinating adaptations, inner communications & natural influence on our Ecosystem**

## Saturday Evening Dinner & Program – May 2

<b>Dinner &amp; Entertainment</b>	6pm to 9pm	<b>Participants &amp; Leaders Fun Time!</b>		\$25	_____
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**@ Bluebird Hill on Indian Blanket Ranch - Entrance just East of Nature Center HQ**

**Baked Chicken, Red Potatoes, Green Beans, Apple Cobbler, Tea & Water - BYOB**

**\*\*Deadline to sign up for Meals is April 24<sup>th</sup>**

<b>**After April 24<sup>th</sup>; Enjoy Entertainment @ 7pm without Meal for</b>				\$15	_____
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**\*Leader Recap of 2015 Sightings, Musings & Findings!**

**~ Remembering Past Leaders that have Passed On ~**

**& Honoring Bain Walker the Only NQ Leader For All 15 Years!!**

**Then Storytelling, Laughing & Singing with Lee Haile!**

**Sub Total Fees for May 2** \_\_\_\_\_

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## Sunday Morning Field Trip – May 3

<b>Big Springs Ranch</b>	7am-2pm	Leave from Nature Center HQ	<b>Tony Gallucci</b>	\$25	_____
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**Birding/Butterflies/Plants, Numerous Springs & Waterfalls** \*Car Pool/Caravan

\*Strenuous Hike over streams \*Bring lunch/drinks in ice chest, hiking/water shoes, hat, walking stick

**Sub Total Fees for May 3** \_\_\_\_\_

# 2015 Nature Quest Registration Form

**\*Please Use One Registration Form Per Participant\***

**NO REFUNDS - UNLESS YOUR FIELDTRIP OR PROGRAM IS CANCELLED**

Your Total Fieldtrip & Program Fees \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Nature Quest Registration Fee + \$10.00

Your Total Amount Due \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Print First & Last Name

Home & Cell Phone Numbers

\*Is Your Cell Phone AT&T or T-Mobile? Circle One - YES or NO (Only AT&T or T-Mobile Cell Service Works Here)

Home Address / City / State / Zip

Email Address - Please Print Legibly

## **Payment:**

Fieldtrips Fill Fast So it's best to **Scan & Email** OR **Fax Registration & Release Forms** to us; then we will call you to get your credit card info! \*Only VISA or Master Card Accepted\*

Nature Quest Phone 830-966-2320 *Register Late on Site - Make Check or Money Order*

Nature Quest Fax 830-966-4662 *Payable to: Hill Country Adventures*

Email Questions to [info@hillcountryadventures.com](mailto:info@hillcountryadventures.com)

## **All Participants Please Read Information For This Year:**

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**Friday May 1 - 7am to 5pm & Saturday May 2 - 7am to 3pm**

**\*All Fieldtrips & Programs Meet at HILL COUNTRY NATURE CENTER (Print Map & Directions from Website)**

**\*\*Exception - Bat Flight Tour Meets at the Frio Bat Flight Gate on FM 2690 (Print Map from website)**

- Pre-registration recommended as fieldtrips & programs fill quickly.
- Please be On Time, so others aren't waiting on you.
- Do you have a State Park Pass? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ (if not NQ will pay your entrance fee)
- **If you have one; Please Bring State Park Pass for Lost Maples State Natural Area & Garner State Park.**
- **You Must Wear Nature Quest Frio Bat Flight Bracelet to Show Guide at Cave parking lot.**
- Keep Nature Quest Car Pass on Car Dash & Wear NQ Name Tag; for Entrance to All Locations.
- All fieldtrips will be in participants own cars; Opportunities for Carpooling are Available.
- Bring Your Lunch & Drinks on Daylong Fieldtrips: No opportunity to buy lunch on these.
- Restaurants are few & far between; snacks & sack lunches recommended.
- **Grilled chicken/veggie/beef burgers & Salads available at Nature Center Headquarters @ Lunch Only.**
- Bring a change of shoes & socks or wear shoes that can get wet along Creeks & Rivers.
- It can be sunny or misty, cool or warm; come prepared for any weather.
- Bring flashlight, hat, rain/wind breaker, water, snacks, sunscreen & insect repellent for chiggers.
- Fieldtrips are Rain or Shine; unless Flooding or Dangerous.

# 2015 Nature Quest Participant Release Form

**This Form Must Accompany Your Registration Form**  
(One Form Per Participant Please)

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Male: \_\_\_\_ Female: \_\_\_\_ DOB for Under Age 21: \_\_\_\_\_

Under Age 21 Needs Attending Parents Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parents Must Accompany Children)

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name During Event: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Phone # : \_\_\_\_\_

## **Release Form: (Please Read and Sign Below)**

In consideration of the acceptance of this registration, I the undersigned assume full and complete responsibility for any injury or accident, which may occur, during my participation in the Hill Country Nature Quest Event. I hereby release and hold harmless the sponsors, promoters, property owners and all other persons and entities associated with the event from any and all injury or damage, whether it be caused by myself or by the negligence of the sponsors or promoters, property owners or entities associated with the event. I understand the risks of this event. This agreement shall not be modified orally, or in writing by an individual.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Participant (or Parent if Under 21)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**EACH PARTICIPANT MUST**  
**FILL OUT & SEND THIS RELEASE FORM WITH REGISTRATION FORM**



## **Please Sign if going on Champion Big Tree Tour!**

**& SEND THIS RELEASE FORM WITH REGISTRATION FORM**

### **Release, Limited Liability and Indemnity**

This agreement is between Carl Detering, Jr., William Childs Detering, J. Michael Boyd, Trustee, Detering Brothers Investments, The Detering Company, Detering Ranch, and Hart & Hind, their shareholders, officers, directors, employees, agents, servants, assigns, and owners (Host) and the Undersigned (Guest).

Guest agrees to indemnify and hold Host harmless from any and all injuries, loss or damage to Guest or Guest's property, all costs, attorney's fees, demands, proceedings, suits, liabilities, judgments, obligations and other responsibilities imposed or allegedly imposed by law and all causes of action, claims, judgments, lawsuits and cross or counter claims, whether based in contract or tort (including but not limited to negligence, strict liability, products liability or premises liability) or any other legal theory, for any acts or omissions by Host brought by Guest, any persons affiliated with Guest, or any third parties, arising out of or related to the performance of Host's services or in connection with any of the activities in which Guest participates on Detering Property.

The Property consists of mostly undeveloped and untamed land, including but not limited to possible brush, boulders, watersheds, flood zones, flammable material, ravines, caves, holes, rivers, poisonous animals and insects, bats, and other wild animals, all of which may be dangerous, harmful or fatal to humans and to property.

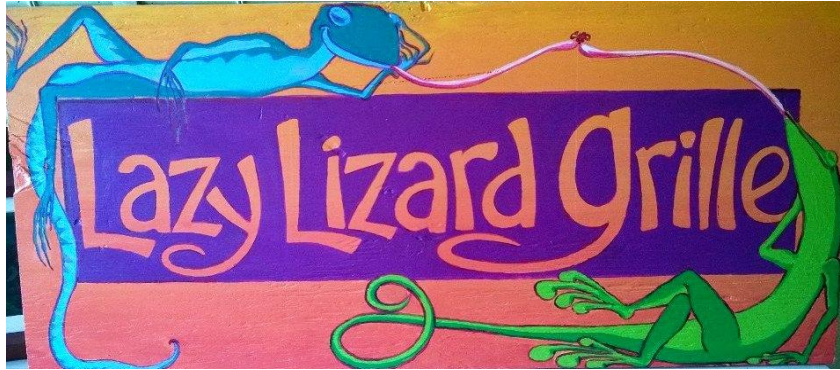
Guest acknowledges such potentially dangerous conditions, assumes all risk and liability associated with same, and agrees that Landlord will have no liability whatsoever with respect to any illness, injury, death or destruction to Guest or Guest's property.

Guest acknowledges that although Host may have a greater knowledge of the Property than Guest, that it is impracticable and impossible for Host to list and/or to physically show Guest each and every possible hazard on the Property which is unknown to Guest, and Guest enters onto the Property despite same and at Guest's own risk and without liability to Host.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



**~ Open for Lunch Only ~**  
(Located at Nature Quest Headquarters)

### Menu

**Grilled Hamburger - \$5.99**

**Grilled Chicken or Veggie Burger - \$5.00**

With Choice of Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Red Onions, Mustard, Mayo, Ketchup

**Salad with Chicken – \$5.00 or without \$4.50**

**Extras – Small bag Chips .75 - Slice of Cheese .50**

**Double Beef \$2.50 - Double Chicken \$1.25**

**Chicken Sausage Wrap - \$2.50**

**Corn Tortilla with condiments**



**Drinks** (Located in Cooler on back porch @ Nature Center)

**Sobe Vitamin Lifewater** (sweetened with Stevia) - **\$1.99**

**100% Fruit Juices** (apple, grape, orange) - **\$1.25**

**Bottle Water - \$1.00**

**Snacks for Field-trips**

**Packets of Mixed Nuts & Oat Bars available in Nature Center!**