

Welcome to the NANPA Texas Hill Country Regional Event!

I want to welcome you to the Texas Regional Event. Spring has come to Central Texas and we've had rain. The trees are leafing out, the grass is turning green, and the flowers are beginning to bloom. I wanted to remind you of some things.

Texas weather is unpredictable. We may have warm or hot weather on our weekend or we can have cool weather such that you would need a jacket or warm sweater. Layers are always a great idea. While there will be water available at the ranches, you will need to bring a water bottle to carry around with you. Sunscreen, hats, and insect repellants are also good ideas as we have ticks and mosquitoes. We will be photographing in areas that can have snakes, so long pants and closed toe shoes are recommended. Some of the field trips (Enchanted Rock & Pedernales Falls) will have hiking photography opportunities, so bring good, comfortable walking shoes and your camera backpacks to carry your gear.

Each of our locations will have unique opportunities for your photography. There will be some special lens equipment for you to try out on some of the field trips, so don't feel you need to purchase new equipment. But bring the lenses that you have that are suitable for landscape photography, wildlife photography, and macro photography. You will need a tripod. Other recommended equipment - extension tubes, close-up filters, reflectors, flash. You can download a copy of Photomatix software before the event to practice photographing and merging images for high dynamic range images.

For the Image Critique Sessions, you can either bring a CD or Thumb Drive with 2 or 3 images sized to 1024 pixels on the long side at 72 dpi. These can be turned in to us when you register and will be returned to you.

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