

Everything You Need to Know About This Year's Summit Before You Arrive

Dear TCiNN Summit Attendees,

I can't believe we are only a few days away from the Summit! Before the Summit, here is what you need to know:

Conference Location

- Waco Convention Center - [100 Washington Ave, Waco, TX 76701](#)

Conference Schedule

- We only offer the schedule via our Summit app. You should have received an invite to [Sched](#), if you have not received an invite please reach out to us. If you prefer a paper copy you can [download](#) one and bring it with you – we will not have printed copies on site. Please note the Sched app will always have the most up-to-date information.
- Please note all concurrent sessions are on a first-come first-served basis. Signing up on Sched does not guarantee your ability to attend the session if the session room is full.

Weather

- Weather during the Summit in Waco is predicted to be Partly Cloudy, with the possibility of rain, and highs in the lower 50s, and lows in the 30s. All outdoor sessions are rain or shine, please be sure to dress for the weather.

Dress

- Attire for the Summit is “Nature Business Casual”

Parking

- Parking at the Convention Center is Free
- Parking information for the Wednesday workshops is included in your Wednesday Workshop information email that you will receive
- Parking at the Cameron Park Zoo for our Thursday evening event is limited, we encourage you to carpool if possible.

Registration and Information Table - 2nd Floor of the Convention Center (Upper Lobby)

- Wednesday, Dec 11: Opens at 8:30 AM - you will need to pick up your name badge here prior to your first session
- Thursday, Dec 12: Opens at 7:30 AM
- Friday, Dec 8: Opens at 7:30 AM

Wednesday Workshops

- Please note - these are the workshops you signed up when you registered
- You will see the workshop you selected on your Sched Profile schedule
- You will receive an email with specific instructions regarding your Wednesday workshops by Monday. Please keep an eye out for those. If you have any questions please contact me or Alice (ajansen@texaschildreninnature.org).
- Lunch is included with this workshop. Please pick up your boxed lunch starting at 11:30 AM outside the Convention Center at the Freedom Fountain which is in the area between the Convention Center and the Hilton Hotel.

Vendor Area - 2nd Floor of the Convention Center (Upper Lobby)

- We are excited to host several vendor booths at this year's summit - be sure to visit our wonderful vendors
- The vendor area will be open during the following times
 - Wednesday: 11-5
 - Thursday: 8-6
 - Friday (Optional): 8-11

CPE Certificates

- If you need a certificate for your participation in the Summit you can pick them up from the registration desk after the close of the Summit on Friday

Wednesday Evening

- Join us at [Brotherwell Brewing](#) for a Happy Hour
- Dinner on your own

Thursday Evening

- Join us at [Cameron Park Zoo](#) for a fun night out and enjoy the Zoo Lights, dinner and Participate in our [Silent Auction](#) and Raffle
- The evening event will start at 6:00 and is a come-and-go event. Dinner will be served starting at 6:00.
- Check-in and dinner for this event at the Zoo Education Center - separate entrance in the parking lot



Meals

- During the Summit the following meals are included with registration - for any full day you are registered all meals that day will be included
 - Lunch Wednesday
 - Coffee and Pastries Thursday Morning
 - Lunch Thursday
 - Dinner Thursday
 - Coffee and Pastries Friday

Mother's Room

- Mother's room available in the Convention Center front office in the lower lobby. Please go to the front office in the lower lobby and a staff person will be there to assist you.

Silent Auction and Auction

- Our 2024 Online Silent Auction is currently open - place your bids now through December 13th. <https://paybee.io/@tcinn@12>
- Raffle Tickets will be available to purchase via PayBee once the Summit begins. Tickets can also be purchased in person via PayBee at the Zoo Night Out event. For ALL raffle items this year you must be present to win. Raffle ticket sales will end at 8:00 on Thursday. The drawing for our Raffle winners is on Thursday at the Zoo at 8:15.

Donate to Support Texas Children in Nature Network

- Your support through donations allows us to continue to do the great work of TCiNN - please consider a donation through our online portal:
<https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E352117&id=1>

Summit Attendee Directory

- You can access the Summit attendee directory here:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1pOUbX60mEGojmQJiFMsszPvQM4ltWTySBm4z6XrWtbw/edit?usp=sharing>

Miscellaneous

- This is a bring-your-own-tote bag conference – so don't forget to bring a bag with you.
- Be sure to bring a reusable water bottle and coffee cup with you (we will have coffee service during the Summit and there are water bottle filling stations on site).
- All up-to-date information about the Summit can be found on the Sched app:
<https://tcinnsummit2024.sched.com/>

If you registered multiple people, please be sure to forward this email along.

Please let me know if you have any questions as you are preparing to join us for the Summit. We are excited to see all of you!

Thanks,
Sarah and Alice