



RENDEZVOUS 2022
Friday, April 1, 2022 – Sunday, April 3, 2022
Conserving Louisiana's Natural Heritage

The Louisiana Master Naturalist Association (LMNA) is pleased to announce the 6th Annual *Rendezvous*, a statewide meeting of the seven master naturalist chapters in Louisiana, including Acadiana (Lafayette), Greater Baton Rouge, Northeast Louisiana (Monroe), Northwest Louisiana (Shreveport/Bossier), Greater New Orleans, and Southwest Louisiana (Lake Charles) and Central Louisiana (Alexandria). More information about LMNA and our chapters can be found at our website: www.louisianamasternaturalist.org.

WHAT: *Rendezvous 2022* will include talks on a variety of natural history subjects, guided naturalist hikes, photography contest, a silent auction, book sales, and time to befriend other master naturalists.

WHEN: *Rendezvous 2022* will take place from Friday, April 1, 2022 through Sunday, April 3, 2022. Speakers and field trips will be scheduled from late Friday afternoon through Sunday morning. Program details will be released as they are finalized.

WHO: The event is open to Louisiana Master Naturalists and their spouses/partners. Chapter members that are enrolled in classes to earn certification are also included. **Due to current pandemic conditions, all attendees of 2022 Rendezvous will require proof of Covid vaccinations.**

WHERE: Pineville Conference Center is adjacent to Country Inn and Suites, north of Alexandria. Excursions will be made to Camp Hardtner and Kisatchie National Forest (drive your own vehicle, each approximately 20 minutes away)

ACCOMMODATIONS: [The Country Inn and Suites](http://www.countryinn.com) have reserved a block of rooms for LMNA. Rate is \$89 - \$99 for a double room or a suite. Hotel reservations are made on your own – separate from your conference registration. (Call 318-641-8332)

REGISTRATION COST: \$100 per person includes lunch and dinner on Saturday. Optional add-on dinner Friday night (5:30 – 6:30 PM) at the Conference Center for \$25. (Hotel provides breakfast for hotel-registered guests)

HOW TO REGISTER: Registration forms are available for online registration or mail-in registration from our website's [Rendezvous 2022 page](https://www.louisianamasternaturalist.org/rendezvous-2022.html) <https://www.louisianamasternaturalist.org/rendezvous-2022.html>.

Payments for *Rendezvous 2022* can be made via PayPal (found online at LMNA website) or via check or money order. Please note that PayPal add their own small additional user fee.

Members who paid for the postponed Rendezvous 2020 may use that credit for payment of Rendezvous 2022. Those individuals will receive their credit balance via email with instructions. Questions – contact Treasurer, Janie Braud (mjsbraud@gmail.com)

Check/Money Order

Checks/money orders should be made payable to LMNA and mailed to: Janie Braud, 1717 Longview Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70806.

NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST: The contest is online with multiple categories and amateur and professional groups to encourage many entries for all to enjoy, following last year's format. Entries must be submitted by March 6th. Online voting takes place from March 6th – March 20th. Full information found on the LMNA website with a link to the facebook page for Rendezvous 2022.

COVID VACCINATIONS: Your proof of vaccination will be required at Rendezvous Registration Check in, or to expedite this “unpleasant” part of our healthy conference registration, you may send a digital image of your vaccination card via email to Janie Braud (mjsbraud@gmail.com)

CANCELLATION POLICY: Please keep in mind that we reserve meeting rooms, plan menus with the caterer, and schedule workshops and field trips based on the number of attendees. We hope that you will not need to cancel your Rendezvous plans. We can only refund cancellations to the extent that these do not cost LMNA.

Up to March 1st - full refund minus a \$5.00 processing cost.

March 2 - March 18 - 50% refund

March 19 and after - no refunds, unless LMNA Board approves exceptions

If you should become ill or experience an emergency extenuating circumstance, please notify your LMNA Treasurer and Rendezvous Registration Chair, Janie Braud (mjsbraud@gmail.com)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Volunteers are needed for additional tasks – please watch for additional information to sign-up.

WHAT YOU SHOULD BRING:

- Your Master Naturalist name badge if you have one
- Covid vaccination card (if not provided earlier) and facemasks
- Reusable water bottle/coffee mug, etc.
- Cash or checks for book sales and silent auction
- Journal, binoculars or camera, field guides, insect repellent, sunscreen
- Iced tea or lemonade will be available with meals. You may bring your own additional beverages. Note that all Country Inn rooms have a small refrigerator and microwave.

WANT MORE INFO? As program/schedule details are finalized, these will be posted on the LMNA website and Facebook page “Rendezvous 2022”, so please check these sites periodically. Additional questions - Conference Chair: Bette Kauffman (bjkauffman@gmail.com) Treasurer/Conference Registration Chair: Janie Braud (mjsbraud@gmail.com)