

SOIL SURVEY AND LAND RESOURCE WORKSHOP - TEXAS
RUDDER CONFERENCE CENTER
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS
FEBRUARY 7 & 8, 2008

The Soil Survey and Land Resource Workshop will be held at the Rudder Conference Center on the Texas A&M University campus. You are invited to attend and participate in the discussions of this informal interactive conference. We are encouraging presentations and posters about on-going soil survey and land resource activities. This includes new initiatives, plans, educational/informational efforts, research findings, consultancies, new methods or materials, and other topics that serve to further the development, use, and understanding of soil surveys and closely related information. Emphasis will be given to invited or volunteer presentations, and the number of agency reports will be restricted. **Please complete the enclosed Speaker/Poster form and return it to us before November 16, 2007. We will develop the program shortly after this date.**

The Soil Survey and Land Resource Workshop is also hosting an oral presentation contest for students. This contest was implemented to encourage student participation in the workshop. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd ranked presentations will receive a cash award of \$500, \$400, and \$300, respectively. Graduate and undergraduate students are invited to participate. Students and advisors, please review the ranking guidelines to ensure an exceptional oral presentation. **An abstract is required for students participating.**

Registration will be in the **second floor lobby** of Rudder Tower. Your registration fee will cover conference rooms, breaks, and the Thursday evening catered meal. The fee will be charged to **all participants** including speakers and campus personnel. Undergraduate and graduate students will be asked to pay only for the meal function. Please complete the enclosed Registration Form by January 4, 2008. **If you register before January 4, 2008, the fee is \$45.00. Thereafter, the fee will be \$50.00. Please make checks payable to: Soil Survey and Land Resource Workshop.**

Parking in the University Center Parking Garage across from Rudder Conference Center is \$15.00 per day. **Trucks with mounted probes cannot park in the parking garage due to height restrictions.** Your registration payment does not include parking, but will include directions and a map. For your convenience, this will be mailed to you before the conference.

Enclosed please find a listing of hotels and motels in the Bryan/College Station area for your convenience in making arrangements. When making your hotel/motel reservations, inquire as to whether or not the hotel provides a complimentary shuttle or van to the conference.

Participants can view the draft program for the 2008 Soil Survey and Land Resource Workshop at <http://soilcrop.tamu.edu/research/pedology/sslrw2008.htm> about December 17, 2007 or pick up a final copy of the program prior to the meeting.

Thank you for your continued interest and support of the Texas Soil Survey program, a State/Federal partnership of the National Cooperative Soil Survey Program.

REGISTRATION FORM

Soil Survey and Land Resource Workshop
February 7 & 8, 2008

Registrations received by January 4, 2008 will be \$45.00. Those received after that date will be \$50.00. You may purchase student and companion catered meal tickets at \$5.00 each. Please see the enclosed listings for hotel arrangements. You may register online at: www.peopleware.net/1542b or you may forward your registration forms to:

Soil Survey and Land Resource Workshop
c/o Kay Sanders
P.O. Drawer H-1
College Station, Texas 77844

Phone: (979) 845-7694

Fax: (979) 845-2519

E-mail: k-sanders@tamu.edu

Checks should be made payable to: **Soil Survey and Land Resource Workshop.**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Registration Fees:

_____ Registration received by January 4, 2008 \$45.00 each* \$ _____

_____ Registration received after January 4, 2008 \$50.00 each* \$ _____

_____ Student and companion catered meal ticket \$5.00 each* \$ _____

TOTAL: \$ _____

** Each person paying the registration fee will receive one Thursday evening meal ticket.*

SPEAKER/POSTER FORM
Soil Survey and Land Resource Workshop
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Return this form as soon as possible, but **no later than November 16, 2007**.

Please return to:

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2474 TAMU
College Station, TX 77843-2474
Phone: (979) 845-0884
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** Please fax or e-mail if at all possible.*

Program Topics:

Proposed topic to be presented at the Soil Survey and Land Resource Workshop, February 7-8, 2008. You are encouraged to volunteer to present or suggest others to address topics of interest.

Presenter: _____

Title: _____

Comments: (People for discussion, self, other, etc.; also - panel discussion suggestions)

Type of Presentation: Oral _____ [Desired Time (min.) 15 mins _____ 20 mins _____]
Poster _____

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Please forward all PowerPoint presentations via e-mail to Mark Atwell at HAtwell@ag.tamu.edu no later than January 18, 2008. Abstracts are only required for Student Contestants. PowerPoint is required for all electronic presentations.

*If you know of individuals who should also receive this announcement and have not, please send us their names and addresses or notify them of the announcement of this workshop on the web at <http://soilcrop.tamu.edu/research/pedology/sslrw2008.htm>

Student Oral Presentation Evaluation Form

Soil Survey and Land Resource Workshop - 2008

Speakers Name: _____

Score: _____

Category	Criterion	Possible Points	Evaluation
<u>Delivery</u> <i>30 points</i>	Appearance & proper posture	5	
	Maintains good eye contact	10	
	Uses clear voice & easily heard	10	
	Shows enthusiasm	5	
<u>Content</u> <i>65 points</i>	Introduction is attention-getting & establishes credibility	5	
	Organized & properly sequenced	10	
	Length of presentation is within allotted time	5	
	Obvious conclusion summarizing the presentation	10	
	Abstract	25	
	Overall impression	10	
Visual Aids <i>30 points</i>	Relevant	10	
	Seen easily	10	
	Simple & clear	10	
Score	Total Points	125	

Abstracts are **REQUIRED** for all student participants.

Hotel Information Bryan/College Station

Hotel	Address	Phone
Aggieland Knights Inn	104 Texas Ave S, College Station, TX 77840	979.691.6300
Ameri Suites Hotel	1100 University Dr E, College Station, TX 77840	979.846.9800
Best Western Inn at Chimney Hill	901 University Dr E, College Station, TX 77840-2118	979.260.9150
Clarion Hotel College Station	1503 Texas Avenue South, College Station, TX 77840	979.693.1736
College Station Super 8	301 Texas Ave S, College Station, TX 77840	979.846.8800
Comfort Suites	907 University Dr E, College Station, TX 77840	979.268.5500
Comfort Suites Aggieland	2313 Texas Ave S, College Station, TX 77840	979.680.9000
Courtyard by Marriott	3939 State Highway 6 S, College Station, TX 77845	979.695.8111
Days Inn	2514 Texas Ave S, College Station, TX 77840	979.696.6988
E-Z Travel Motor Inn	2007 Texas Ave S, College Station, TX 77840	979.693.5822
Hampton Inn	320 Texas Ave S, College Station, TX 77840	979.846.0184
Hampton Inn & Suites	925 Earl Rudder Fwy S, College Station, TX 77845	979.694.2100
Hawthorn Suites	1010 University Dr E, College Station, TX 77840	979.695.9500
Hilton	801 University Dr E, College Station, TX 77840	979.693.7500
Holiday Inn & Suites	2500 Earl Rudder Frwy S, College Station, TX 77840	979.485.8300
Holiday Inn Express & Suites	1203 University Dr. East, College Station, TX 77840	979.846.8700
Holiday Inn of College Station	1503 Texas Ave S, College Station, TX 77840	979.693.1736
Homewood Suites	950 University Dr E, College Station, TX 77840	979.846.0400
Howard Johnson Express	3702 State Hwy. 6 South, College Station, TX 77845	979.693.6810
La Quinta: College Station	607 Texas Ave S, College Station, TX 77840	979.696.7777
LaSalle Hotel	120 South Main, Bryan, TX 77803	979.822.2000
Manor House Inn-College Station	2504 Texas Ave S, College Station, TX 77840	979.764.9540
Motel 6	2327 Texas Ave S, College Station, TX 77840	979.696.3379
Quality Suites Hotel	3610 State Highway 6 S, College Station, TX 77845	979.695.9400
Ramada of College Station	1502 Texas Ave S, College Station, TX 77840	979.693.9891
TownePlace Suites by Marriott	1300 University Dr E, College Station, TX 77840	979.260.8500
University Tower	410 Texas Ave S, College Station, TX 77840	979.846.4242
Vineyard Court Executive Suites	1500 George Bush Dr E, College Station, TX 77840	979.693.1200