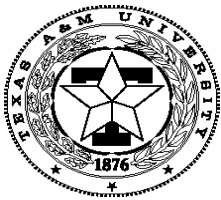


Sources of Assistance for Tourism in Texas 2007 Update



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Introduction

The objective of this report is to provide sources of assistance for those involved in developing tourism in Texas. *Sources of Assistance for Tourism in Texas 2007* identifies key players of the tourism system and the product and services they offer, as well as sources of information, statistics, and funding.

The publication is divided into seven sections that identify state organizations and regulatory agencies, regional and national tourism organizations; recreation, leisure, youth and sports organizations; trade and professional organization as well as sources for statistics and information needs. Each source provides background information on the organization, resources available to users, contact information, and additional information on membership requirements.

It is the aim of this publication to be as comprehensive as possible; however, it is not an all-inclusive report of all organizations available. The fact that an agency/organization is listed in this report does not imply in any way that it is superior over other ones. Similarly, the absence of an organization from the listing should not connote inferiority. *Sources of Assistance for Tourism in Texas 2007* is an on-going project that will be updated on a regular basis. Suggested additions or modifications are encouraged and welcome.

This report should be considered as a starting point so users can continue seeking additional resources relevant to their needs. For further information please contact us.

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I. State Agencies

General Land Office- Coastal Issues

www.glo.state.tx.us

The General Land Office's core mission is the management of state lands and mineral-right properties.

Resources

- Coastal funding sources
- Coastal impact assistance program
- Coastal management programs
- Adopt-a-Beach Program
- Publications, reports, maps and data

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Funding available
"On The Coast" Newsletter

Keep Texas Beautiful

<http://www.ktb.org/>

The mission of Keep Texas beautiful is to educate and engage Texans to take responsibility for improving their community environment.

Resources

- Clean up programs
- Education programs
- Awards (Governor's Community Achievement Awards, Keep Texas Beautiful Awards)

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"Grassroots" Newsletter

Office of the Governor, Economic Development and Tourism Division

<http://www.traveltex.com/>

The Office of the Governor, Economic Development and Tourism is responsible for promoting Texas as a premier travel destination.

Resources

- National and international advertising (through national cable, internet, radio, print ads, trade publications, and cooperative advertising programs)
- Public relations (with the travel industry and travel media)
- Travel research (domestic and international travel behavior and trends, statistics, tourism indicators, etc)

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Texas Agricultural Extension Service (TAES)

Community Development Program

<http://texasextension.tamu.edu>

Extension Service offers practical, how-to education based on university research.

Resources

- Education and training
- Data maps and publications
- Nature Tourism Program
- Texas Center for Rural Entrepreneurship
- Community Leadership Program
- Community development links

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Department of Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences

<http://www.rptsextension.com/>

The purpose of the Extension unit of the department is to provide Texas citizens with information necessary to improve the quality of their decisions in the areas of parks, recreation and tourism.

Resources

- Nature tourism center
- Texas Event Leadership Program
- The Texas Hospitality Program
- Urban parks and recreation resource management
- Publications and handbooks

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The Texas Commission on the Arts (TCA) is the state agency charged with the development of a receptive climate for the arts in Texas. It serves constituents in each of the six artistic disciplines (visual arts, theatre, dance, music, media and literature) as well as local arts agencies. For more than 30 years, the Texas Commission on the Arts has accomplished its mission by providing grants, information, and technical assistance to artists, arts organizations, and the general public.

Resources

- TCA grants program
- Texas music project grants
- Event calendar
- Artist roaster

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Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs

<http://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/index.htm>

The mission of the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs is to help Texans achieve an improved quality of life through the development of better communities.

Resources

- Low interest mortgage financing
- Emergency food or shelter
- Rental subsidy
- Energy assistance
- Weatherization
- Economic development and the provision of basic public infrastructure for small rural communities.
- Titling, licensing, inspection, enforcement, and customer service in connection with manufactured housing.

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Texas Department of Transportation

Travel Division

<http://www.dot.state.tx.us/travel/>

The mission of the Texas Department of Transportation is to make travel in Texas safe and enjoyable.

Resources

- Information (road conditions, weather, toll roads, airports, motor carriers)
- Travel guides
- Bus-Rail routes
- Calendar of events
- Travel information services

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Texas Forest Service

<http://texasforests.tamu.edu/default.asp>

The mission of the Texas Forest Service is to provide statewide leadership to assure the state's trees, forests and related natural resources are protected and sustained for the benefit of all.

Resources

- Conservation education
- Forest management
- Law enforcement
- Urban forestry (Awards)
- Fire protection
- Incident management team
- Sustainable forestry programs

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Texas Historical Commission

<http://www.thc.state.tx.us/>

The Texas Historical Commission (THC) is the state agency for historic preservation. THC staff consults with citizens and organizations to preserve Texas' architectural, archeological and cultural landmarks.

Resources

- Archeological Division: Identifies, protects and preserves Texas' irreplaceable archeological heritage
- The Certified Local Government (CLG) Program: local, state and federal government partnership for historic preservation. It is designed to help cities and counties develop high standards of preservation to protect a wide range of important historic properties
- Texas Historical Commission's (THC) cemetery program
- Workshops
- Community assistance
- Preservation consultants
- Grants and economic incentives
- Scholarships

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Texas Music Office

<http://www.governor.state.tx.us/divisions/music>

The Texas Music Office is a state-funded business promotion and information clearinghouse for the state's growing music industry. Its mission is to promote the development of the music industry in the state by informing members of that industry and the public about the resources available in the state for music production.

Resources

- Texas law and music
 - Talent roster
 - Internships
 - US and international music contacts
- Business roster
Publications
Event calendar

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Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

General

<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/>

The mission of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is to manage and conserve the natural and cultural resources of Texas and to provide hunting, fishing and outdoor recreation opportunities for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations.

Resources

- Information (Regulations)
- Publications
- Training (outdoor skills training, conservation and instructor training)
- Recreation and wildlife grants
- Calendar of events
- Internships and volunteer opportunities

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Additional Information

Funding and grants available
Publications

Inland Fisheries Division

<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/>

The Inland Fisheries Division is responsible for managing the state's diverse freshwater fisheries resources. The goal of this management is to provide the best possible angling while protecting and enhancing freshwater aquatic resources.

Resources

- Information (aquatic species, commercial fishing, conservation)
- Fishing permits
- Fisheries Management
- Fishing workshops and events

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Boating Division

<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/>

Resources

- Boating Information (Boat ownership, responsible boating, boating sites)
- Boater education
- Boating laws

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State Parks Division

<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/>

The State Parks Division is responsible for protecting, interpreting and managing cultural and natural resources of statewide significance and providing outdoor recreation opportunities and opportunities to learn about Texas history and natural science.

Resources

- Information (parks and destinations, off-highway vehicle program)
- Concession opportunities
- Volunteer opportunities

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Wildlife Division

<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/>

The Wildlife Division's mission is to manage and conserve the natural and cultural resources of Texas and to provide hunting, fishing, and outdoor recreation opportunities for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations.

Resources

- Information (seasons and bag limits, migratory bird hunting reports, public hunting, endangered species, diseases, nature tourism)
- Hunter education
- Licenses and permits
- Awards (Texas Big Game Award)
- Wildlife rehabilitation
- Texas nature trackers program
- Game management
- Research funds

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Land and Water Division

<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/>

Resources

- Land division information (habitats, private lands, wetlands, aquatic species, conservation, habitats, recreation)
- Wildlife Management Areas (WMA)
- Maps and GIS
- Technical guidance
- Landowner Incentive Program
- Awards: Lone Star Land Steward Award Program

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Business Division

<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/>

Resources

- Bids and vendor opportunities
- Licenses
- Landowner and community programs
- Park concessions

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Texas Workforce Commission

<http://www.twc.state.tx.us/>

The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) is the state government agency charged with overseeing and providing workforce development services to employers and job seekers of Texas.

Resources

- For employers (recruiting, retention, training and retraining, and outplacement services as well as information on labor law and labor market statistics)/
- For job seekers (career development information, job search resources, training programs, and, as appropriate, unemployment benefits)/
- For researcher and Policy Makers.

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Texas Yes!

www.texasyes.org

Texas Yes! is a new initiative from the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) designed to promote the growth and prosperity of every rural Texas town, city and county.

Resources

- Marketing and promotion benefits
- Funding reimbursement programs (The Hometown STARS matching fund, The Bootstrap Bucks Program, Hardworking Rural Community Award Program)
- Workshops (Bootstrap Marketing Workshop)
- Beautification guidelines
- Online event calendar

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Membership Organization

"Infoletter"

II. State Licensing and Regulatory Agencies

These agencies are in charge of issuing permits or licenses and develop and regulate standards for the operation of a particular activity or area of jurisdiction.

Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission

<http://www.tabc.state.tx.us/>

The TABC "shall inspect, supervise and regulate every phase of the business of manufacturing, importing, exporting, transporting, storing, selling, advertising, labeling and distributing alcoholic beverages, and the possession of alcoholic beverages for the purpose of sale or otherwise."

Resources

- Enforcement (Inspections, investigations, hotline)
 - Marketing practices (Label Approval)
 - Seller training
 - Legal information
 - Grants and funding
- Licensing
Compliance
Educational programs
Public information

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Newsletter: "TABC Today"

Texas Board of Professional Land Surveying

<http://www.txls.state.tx.us/sect00/homepage.html>

The mission of the Texas Board of Professional Land Surveying is to protect the residents of Texas by regulating, licensing and renewing the licenses of only competent surveyors, surveyors able to provide accurate surveys which will result in the orderly use of our physical environment.

Resources

- Study guides
 - Board information
 - Rosters
- Law and legal principles
License renewals

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Texas Commission on Fire Protection

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The mission of the Texas Commission on Fire Protection is to help protect the lives and property of the citizens of Texas by developing and enforcing professional standards for the fire service.

Resources

- Fire protection resource Library (training manuals, fire codes, and information on fire service management)
- Fire Department Emergency Program
- Fire service standards and certification

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Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts

www.window.state.tx.us

Resources

- Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) Program
- Taxes information and services
- State Tax Automated Research System
- Electronic reporting
- Local Government Assistance (LGA) Program
- Publications and periodicals

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Texas Department of Agriculture

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The mission of the Texas Department of Agriculture is to make Texas the nation's leader in agriculture, while promoting excellence in children's nutrition, rural economic development and providing efficient and extraordinary service.

Resources

- Marketing and promotion (GO TEXAN Marketing Program, State Fair, Texas Wine, Texas Yes!)
- Regulatory programs
- Rural economic development program
- Funding and grants (Downtown Revitalization, Main Street Improvements, Infrastructure Development, Main Street Improvements, Real Estate Development, Texas Capital Fund, Enology & Viticulture Grant, others)
- Online forms, laws and regulations

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Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation

<http://www.license.state.tx.us/>

The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation is the state's umbrella occupational regulatory agency, responsible for the regulation of 22 occupations and industries.

Resources

- License information and online services for
 - **Business and occupations:** barbering, combative sports, cosmetologists, for-profit legal services, loss damage waivers, personnel employment services, service contract providers, staff leasing services, talent agencies, temporary common worker providers, vehicle protection product warrantors
 - **Professionals:** auctioneers, licensed court interpreters, property tax consultants
 - **Building and Mechanical:** Air conditioning and refrigeration, architectural barriers, boiler safety, electricians, elevator and escalator safety, industrialized housing and buildings)
 - **Natural Resources:** Water well drillers and pump installers, weather modification

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Texas Department of State Health Services

General Sanitation Division

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/region2-3/Programs/GenSan.shtm>

The General Sanitation Division's objective is to provide service to the public by coordinated surveillance, consultation, and enforcement to maintain and improve environmental health in schools, child care facilities, youth camps, migrant labor housing facilities, public swimming pools, and public lodging facilities.

Resources

- Licensing and inspection of youth camps
- Sanitation and safety inspections of day care centers, swimming pools, motels, and hotels
- Vector (flies, mosquitoes, rodent, etc.) control assistance
- Field sanitation inspections in agricultural settings.

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Texas Department of Transportation

Design Division

<http://www.dot.state.tx.us/services/design/default.htm>

The Design Division guides the development of construction projects, from preliminary engineering to the completion of plans, specifications and estimates for construction bidding. The division also manages federal funds and letting schedules, as well as oversees professional services contracts.

Resources

- Engineering, surveying and architectural services contracts
- Local government project procedures (Master Advance Funding Agreement)
- CAD standard drawings (Roadway standards)
- Community enrichment (Statewide Transportation Enhancement Program, Landscape Cost Sharing Program)
- Other resources (Specifications, manuals, estimator data, software, publications)

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Right of Way Division

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Motor Carrier Division

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Resources

- Motor carrier registration
- Roadway information
- Consumer protection
- Commercial driver licenses
- Oversize-overweight permits
- Searchable databases
- Vehicle storage facilities
- Publications and maps

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Travel Division

<http://www.dot.state.tx.us/travel/>

Resources

- Information: road conditions, rest areas, maps, information centers, airports, bus and rail routes
- Tourism Services: magazines, events calendar, travel and accommodation guides, public campgrounds
- Tourism industry resources: literature, events, travel publications

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Texas Real Estate Commission

<http://www.trec.state.tx.us/>

The mission of the Texas Real Estate Commission is to assist and protect consumers of real estate services, thereby fostering economic growth in Texas. Through its programs of education, licensing and industry regulation, the Commission ensures the availability of capable and honest real estate service providers.

Resources

- Forms, laws and contracts
 - Licenses
 - Inspector information
- News and public data
Education and examination
Complaints and consumer Information

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"TRECAdvisor" Newsletter

Texas State Board of Professional Engineers

<http://www.tbpe.state.tx.us/>

The mission of the Texas Board of Professional Engineers is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the people in Texas by ensuring that the practice of engineering in the state is carried out only by those persons who are proven to be qualified and by regulating the practice of Professional Engineering in Texas.

Resources

- Licensing
- Engineers and firms rosters
- Exams and EITs
- Enforcement (complaints and disciplinary actions)
- News and publications
- Continuing education programs

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Additional Information

"Engineering Express"

III. Travel and Tourism Organizations

a. Regional Tourism Organizations

Alpine Chamber of Commerce

http://www.alpinetexas.com/chamber_main.html

Resources

- Marketing promotion and alliances (business listing on the Alpine website, chamber website and directories, general and systematic promotion of Alpine and Big Bend area business)
- Distribution of brochures and business cards to visitors and residents,
- Business referrals
- Seminars and meetings
- Tourism and economic development workshops
- Organization and support of non-profits in Alpine
- Access to membership database listing and the library of economic and tourism related publications.

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Membership Organization

Central Texas Bluebonnet Travel Council

<http://www.texasbluebonnets.org>

The CTBTC was formed in 1992 by a group of representatives in the tourism industry who wanted to better promote the small cities in the central Texas region. The goal is to allow smaller cities the opportunity to combine efforts for a greater impact.

Resources

- Brochures
- Group tour guide
- Travel shows at a reduced rate
- Educational workshops and networking opportunities
- Exposure in all 13 Texas Travel Information Centers

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Additional Information

Membership Organization
Central Texas Bluebonnet Travel Guide

Dallas-Ft Worth Area Tourism Council

<http://www.visitdallas-fortworth.com>

The Dallas/Fort Worth Area Tourism Council (D/FWATC) was formed in 1978 to be a comprehensive force within the tourism industry to jointly market the entire area as a single-destination

Resources

- Regional sales & marketing programs (Listing in the Dallas/Fort Worth area official visitors guide, website exposure, public relation opportunities, networking opportunities)
- Community awareness programs
- Programs to address hospitality industry issues affecting the Dallas/Fort Worth area
- Educational programs of value to members of the area tourism industry
- Scholarships

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Membership organization
"The Exchange" Newsletter

East Texas Tourism Association

<http://www.etta.com/>

Founded in 1963, East Texas Tourism Association is a private enterprise program, built around cooperative efforts of more than 100 cities and 200 suppliers.

Resources

- Networking Opportunities
- Marketing Opportunities (Website exposure, East Texas Vacation Guide, official maps, sports and vacation shows, brochures and postcards distribution)
- Tourist hotline
- Tourist education
- Annual conference, district meetings, seminars and workshops
- Local community assistance

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Membership organization
"Going Places" Newsletter

Lake Texoma Association

<http://www.laketexomaonline.com/home.asp>

Not just an organization of businesses and business people, LTA is made up of all sorts of concerned individuals who want to keep Lake Texoma the superb recreational and business area it is today.

Resources

- LTA attends boat, recreation and sport shows across a three-state region to publicize Lake Texoma and entice tourists to visit
- Responds to thousands of requests for information from tourists, businesses and government
- Works hand-in-hand with local chambers of commerce to promote cities and towns throughout the entire Texoma region
- Produces an annual lake guide with a circulation of more than 100,000 copies
- Promotes tourist destinations in the region in cooperation with other travel groups, chambers of commerce, cities and associations/
- Assists in informing the public about the importance of tourism to our local and state economy.

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Membership Organization

Lower Colorado River Authority – Tourism

<http://www.lcra.org/community/tourism.html>

LCRA encourages regional cooperation in promoting local tourism assets. By merging the resources of several small communities, a region can become a large enough attraction to attract visitors who stay longer and spend more money.

Resources

- Community tourism assessments
- Tradeshows
- Tourism Readiness and Improvement Program (TRIP)
- Media leads and e-alerts
- Presentations
- General Tourism Assistance

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Additional Information

Membership Organization

North East Texas Tourism Council

<http://www.texaslakecountry.com/about.php>

The mission of the North East Texas Tourism Council is to promote a 30 county area of Northeast Texas through a cooperative promotional effort of chambers of commerce, convention and visitors bureaus, hotels, bed and breakfasts, restaurants and others in the tourism industry. Through this effort, members network ideas, pool resources and cross sell communities within the region.

Resources

- Promotion of tourism through cooperative programs (Annual regional guide, selected travel shows)
- Discounted advertising programs
- Program Speakers
- Regional Visitor Maps
- Regional festival, attractions, and accommodations guide
- Networking opportunities
- Internet website with contact information, promotional information, events listing and free links to member's site—www.nettc.net

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Membership Organization
NETTC Regional Festival and Visitors Guide

Red River Valley Tourism Association

<http://www.redrivervalley.info/home.html>

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San Antonio Area Tourism Council

<http://www.sanantoniotourism.com/>

The Tourism Council is a private sector organization comprised of hotels, attractions, museums, car rental agencies, airlines, restaurants, transportation companies, tour operators, meeting planners, vendors and suppliers to the industry and other enterprises that rely on tourists directly or indirectly for all or part of their business.

The mission of the tourism council is to promote and support the development of the visitor industry while preserving and enhancing the special character of the city and surrounding area.

Resources

- Research reports
- Marketing Opportunities: Brochures, mailing lists, website list
- Workshops and meetings

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Additional Information

Membership Organization
"News Update" Newsletter

The Texas Coastal Bend Regional Tourism Council

www.txcoastalbend.org

Resources

- Calendar of events
- Tour route
- Advertising opportunities (Website, Visitor Information Guide)

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Additional Information

Membership Organization

Texas Midwest Community Network

<http://www.texasmidwest.org/>

Texas Midwest Community Network is a regional organization focused on economic development, tourism development, regional awareness and promotion, education and political awareness.

Resources

- Legislative activities
- Conferences
- Seminars and workshops

Marketing alliances
Networking
Visitor information

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Membership Organization
"The Update" Newsletter

Texas Travel Industry Association (TTIA)

<http://www.ttia.org/>

The Texas Travel Industry Association is a nonprofit organization made up of businesses, organizations, associations and individuals dedicated to developing Texas tourism to its fullest potential. TTIA's purpose is to help ensure the most effective tourism program possible, by complementing and maximizing the results of promotional efforts of private businesses, city and regional organizations and the State of Texas.

Resources

- Marketing Opportunities (Texas Travel Fair for Travel Counselors, "See Texas First" Newspaper Insert, Texas Brochure File Folder)
- Education, information and networking (Tourism Unity Diner, Texas Travel Summit, public affairs, internship and scholarship programs)
- Publications and other resources (Texas Explorer newsletter, Directory of Grant Writers and Guide to Grant Writing, Marketing Starter Kit, online services)
- Job board

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Membership Organization

b. Regional Convention and Visitors Bureaus

Convention and visitor bureaus are not-for-profit organizations charged with representing a specific destination and helping the long-term development of communities through a travel and tourism strategy. Convention and visitor bureaus are usually membership organizations bringing together businesses that rely on tourism and meetings for revenue. For visitors, CVBs are like a key to the city. As an unbiased resource, CVBs can serve as a broker or an official point of contact for convention and meeting planners, tour operators and visitors. They assist planners with meeting preparation and encourage business travelers and visitors alike to visit local historic, cultural and recreational sites. (Destination Marketing Association International, 2007)

Texas Association of Convention and Visitors Bureaus (TACVB)

<http://www.tacvb.org/>

Resources

- Listservs
- Grants
- Library
- Industry calendar
- Directories
- Bylaws

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Membership Organization

Panhandle Region

Abilene	http://www.abilenevisitors.com/
Alpine	http://www.alpinetexas.com/
Amarillo	http://www.visitamarillotx.com/navigation/frames.html
Big Spring	http://www.bigspring-cvb.com/
Brownwood	http://www.brownwoodchamber.org/
Lubbock	http://visitlubbock.org/
San Angelo	http://www.sanangelo-tx.com/san-angelo/
Sweetwater	http://www.sweetwatertexas.org/
Vernon	http://www.vernontx.com/
Wichita Falls	http://www.wichitafalls.org/

Big Bend Region

Big Bend	http://www.visitbigbend.com/
Brownfield	http://www.brownfieldchamber.com/
Del Rio	http://www.drchamber.com/
El Paso	http://www.elpasocvb.com/
Fort Stockton	http://tourtexas.com/fortstockton/
Midland	http://www.visitmidlandtx.com/
Odessa	http://www.odessacvb.com/
Pecos	http://www.pecostx.com/

Prairies and Lakes Region

Addison	http://www.addisontexas.net/
Arlington	http://www.arlington.org/
Athens	http://www.athenstx.org/
Bedford	http://www.ci.bedford.tx.us/
Brenham	http://www.brenhamtexas.com/
Bryan-College Station	http://www.visitaggieland.com/
Burleson	http://www.burleson.org/frameset.asp?aid=123
Canton	http://cantontxchamber.com/modules/content/?id=34
Cedar Creek	http://www.cedarcreeklakechamber.com/
Cedar Hill	http://www.cedarhilledc.com/
Cleburne	http://www.cleburnechamber.net/
Clifton	http://clifton.centraltx.com/
Columbus	http://www.columbustexas.org/
Dallas	http://www.dallascvb.com/visitors/
Decatur	http://www.decaturtx.com/
Denison	http://www.denisontexas.com/
Denton	http://www.discoverdenton.com/
Duncanville	http://www.duncanville.com/
Ennis	http://www.visitennis.org/
Farmers Branch	http://www.farmersbranch.info/
Frisco	http://www.visitfrisco.com/
Gainesville	http://www.gainesvilletexas.org/
Garland	http://www.ci.garland.tx.us/Home
Glen Rose	http://www.glenrosetexas.net/
Gonzales	http://www.gonzalestexas.com/

Graham	http://www.grahamtexas.net/cvb/
Granbury	http://www.granbury.org/index.asp?NID=5
Grand Prairie	http://www.gptexas.com/
Grapevine	http://www.grapevintexasusa.com/
Greenville	http://www.greenville-chamber.org/
Hamilton	http://hamilton.wildwoodclient.com//
Hillsboro	http://www.hillsborochamber.org/
Irving	http://www.irvingtexas.com/
Killeen	http://www.killeen-cvb.com/
La Grange	http://www.lagrangetx.org/
Lewisville	http://www.visitlewisville.com/
McKinney	http://www.visitmckinney.com/
Mesquite	http://www.mesquitechamber.com/
North Richland Hills	http://www.ci.north-richland-hills.tx.us/
Palestine	http://www.visitpalestine.com/
Paris	http://www.paristexas.com/
Plano	http://www.plano.gov/departments/cvb/
Red Oak	http://www.redoaktx.org/
Richardson	http://www.telecomcorridor.com/
Rockwall	http://www.rockwallchamber.org/
Salado	http://www.salado.com/
Seguin	http://www.visitseguin.com/
Stephenville	http://www.stephenvilletexas.org/
Sulphur Springs	http://tourtexas.com/sulphursprings/
Temple	http://www.visittemple.com/

Terrell	http://www.terrelltexas.com/
Waco	http://www.wacocvb.com/
Waxahachie	http://www.waxahachiechamber.com/
Weatherford	http://wfcctx.wliinc2.com/visitor/index.asp

Piney Woods Region

Conroe	http://www.lakeconroecvb.org/
Henderson	http://www.hendersontx.us/
Huntsville	http://www.huntsvilletexas.com/
Jefferson	http://www.jefferson-texas.com/
Kilgore	http://www.kilgorechamber.com/
Longview	http://www.longviewtx.com/
Lufkin	http://www.lufkintexas.org/
Marshall	http://www.marshall-chamber.com/
Spring	http://www.otsid.com/
Shenandoah	http://www.shenandoahxcvb.com/
Texarkana	http://www.texarkana.org/
The Woodlands	http://www.town-center.com/
Tyler	http://www.visittyler.com/

Hill Country County Region

Austin	http://www.austintexas.org/
Bandera	http://www.banderacowboycapital.com/
Boerne	http://www.visitboerne.org/
Brady	http://www.bradytx.com/

Canyon Lake	http://www.canyonlakechamber.com/
Cedar Park	http://www.cedarparktx.us/cp/default.aspx
Fredericksburg	http://www.fredericksburg-texas.com/
Georgetown	http://www.georgetown.org/
Johnson City	http://www.lbjcountry.com/
Kerrville	http://www.kerrvilletexascvb.com/
Lampasas	http://www.lampasaschamber.org/
New Braunfels	http://www.nbcham.org/
Round Rock	http://www.sportscapitaloftexas.com/
Sonora	http://www.sonoratax-chamber.com/
Taylor	http://www.taylorchamber.org/
Texas Hill Country River	http://www.thcrr.com/
Uvalde	http://www.visituvalde.com/

South Plains Region

Balcones Heights	http://www.reachfortheheights.com/
Eagle Pass	http://www.eaglepasstexas.com/
Laredo	http://www.visitlaredo.com/
Leon Valley	http://www.leonvalleytexas.gov/index.html
McAllen	http://mcallen.org/
Mission	http://www.missionchamber.com/
San Antonio	http://www.sanantoniocvb.com/
San Benito	http://www.sanbenitochamber.org/

Gulf Coast Region

Alvin	http://www.alvintexas.org/
Angleton	http://www.angletonchamber.org/
Aransas Pass	http://www.aransaspass.org/
Bay City	http://www.baycity.org/
Beaumont	http://www.beaumontcvb.com/
Bee County	http://www.beecountychamber.org/
Brazosport	http://tourtexas.com/brazosport/
Brownsville	http://www.brownsville.org/bcvborg/home.asp
Clute	http://www.goclute.com/
Fort Bend County	http://www.fortbendchamber.org/index.asp
Harlingen	http://www.harlingen.com/
Houston	http://www.visithoustontexas.com/
Houston (Bay Area)	http://www.visitbayareahouston.com/
Kingsville	http://www.kingsvilletexas.com/
Nederland	http://www.nederlandtx.com/
Orange	http://www.orangetexas.org/
Pearland	http://www.pearlandchamber.com/
Port Aransas	http://www.portaransas.org/
Port Arthur	http://www.portarthurtexas.com/
Portland	http://www.portlandtx.org/
Rockport-Fulton	http://www.rockport-fulton.org/
Rosenberg	http://www.rosenbergtourism.com/
Sealy	http://www.sealycvb.org/
South Padre Island	http://www.sopadre.com/index.php

Victoria <http://www.victoriatexasinfo.com/>

Weslaco <http://www.weslaco.com/>

c. National and International Tourism Organizations

European Travel Commission

<http://www.etc-corporate.org/>

The European Travel Commission (ETC) is a non-profit making organization whose role is to market and promote tourism to Europe in general, and to their individual countries in particular.

Resources

- Promotion (public relations, consumer advertising and trade promotion)
- Market research and statistics

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International Trade Administration Office of Travel and Tourism Industries

<http://tinet.ita.doc.gov/>

The Office of Travel and Tourism Industries (OTTI) fulfills this inherent federal role of expanding travel and tourism business opportunities for employment and economic growth.

Resources

- Tourism international and domestic policy
- Export assistance
- Statistics and research programs

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Additional Information

"TINews" Newsletter

Organization of American States (OAS) Unit of Tourism

<http://www.oas.org/tourism/home/>

The OAS supports the Inter-American political and technical dialogue for tourism development as well as cooperation in multinational projects and activities with emphasis on the development of small tourism enterprise, safety and security, and sound environmental management, seeking to contribute to greater competitiveness in the international markets for the Latin America and Caribbean tourism destinations.

Resources

- Support to member states in the area of tourism services as they relate to trade, competitiveness and sustainable development
- Support to other areas of the General Secretariat engaged in activities related to tourism/
- Technical cooperation projects in the area of tourism and sustainable growth and development
- Research and analysis of the tourism sector and its relationship with trade
- Database of best practices in the use of information and communication technologies and Internet based resources to enhance the competitive performance of small and medium enterprises.

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World Tourism Organization

<http://world-tourism.org/>

The World Tourism Organization (UNWTO/OMT), a specialized agency of the United Nations, is the leading international organization in the field of tourism. It serves as a global forum for tourism policy issues and practical source of tourism know-how.

Resources

- Statistics
- Cooperation for development
- Tourism education (UNWTO Themis Foundation, UNWTO TedQual Program, UNWTO internships, UNWTO General Tourism Achievement Test, etc)
- Key publications and instruments
- Market intelligence
- Documentation resources

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d. Regional Conservation and Nature Tourism Organizations

Texas Audubon Society

<http://www.tx.audubon.org/>

Audubon Texas is the state program of the National Audubon Society. Through Audubon Centers and in partnership with local chapters, it connects people of all ages and backgrounds to nature through our conservation, education and outreach programs. Audubon's mission is to conserve and restore natural ecosystems, focusing on birds, other wildlife, and their habitats for the benefit of humanity and the earth's biological diversity.

Resources

- Four Audubon learning centers (Sabal Palm, Dogwood Canyon, Mitchell Lake, Trinity River)
- Coastal stewardship program
- Quail & Grassland Bird Initiative
- Landowner Resources (Conservation easements, habitat management, GIS and mapping, management plans, technical and financial assistance, tax valuations for wildlife, herbicide training and certification)

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Texas Nature Conservancy

<http://www.nature.org/wherewework/northamerica/states/texas/>

The Nature Conservancy is the leading conservation organization working to protect the most ecologically important lands and waters around the world for nature and people.

Resources

- Information (Texas Natural History Survey)
- Mapping and spatial analysis (GSI)
- Planning conservation (Ecoregional assessments and conservation area plans)
- Stewardship, monitoring & applied research
- Education programs
- Volunteer programs
- Field Trips

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Membership organization

Texas Nature Tourism Council

<http://tourtexas.com/tntc/index.html>

The mission of the Texas Nature Tourism Council is to promote the value of nature tourism in Texas as a major enhancement of the state's economy and quality of life, to educate its citizens and its visitors about the state's nature tourism resources, and to assist, counsel, and inform businesses, individuals and other entities who provide nature-based tourism services and facilities to the public.

Resources

- Education (Workshops)
- Research and statistic resources
- Information exchange
- Event posting
- Publications: Making Nature Tourism Your Business, How to Organize a Birding or Nature Festival, A Texas Yes! Event Starter Kit, Nature Tourism Booklet

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e. National and International Conservation and Nature Tourism Organizations

National Audubon Society

<http://www.audubon.org/>

Audubon's mission is to conserve and restore natural ecosystems, focusing on birds, other wildlife, and their habitats for the benefit of humanity and the earth's biological diversity.

Resources

- Activism and campaigns
- Community-based centers and chapters
- Scientific and educational programs

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"Audubon Magazine"
"Audubon Newswire"

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

www.nfwf.org

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation sustains, restores and enhances the Nation's fish, wildlife, plants and habitats. Through leadership conservation investments with public and private partners, the Foundation is dedicated to achieving maximum conservation impact by developing and applying best practices and innovative methods for measurable outcomes

Resources

- Grants to projects that sustain, restore and enhance the Nation's fish, wildlife, plants and their habitats
- Conservation library
- Conservation initiatives

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The International Ecotourism Society (TIES)

www.ecotourism.org

TIES is a global network of industry practitioners, institutions and individuals helping to integrate environmental and socially responsible principles into practice.

Resources

- Networking (Listing in the membership, experts bureau and Travel Choice Directories)
- Sustainable tourism certificate
- Public relations services
- Sales and distribution services
- Experts bureau
- Online library, research and publications
- Training and education
- Consulting services
- Publications: EcoCurrents "Digital Traveler" "Digital Traveler ~ Asia-Pacific"

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Additional Information

Membership Organization

United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)

<http://www.fws.gov/>

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's mission is, working with others, to conserve, protect and enhance fish, wildlife, and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people.

Resources

- Permits for wildlife-related activities
- Funding and Federal assistance (Service Grant Programs)
- Volunteer programs
- Partnership programs
- Online library

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f. Accommodation/Lodging Organizations

American Hotel and Motel Association (AH& MA)

<http://www.ahma.com/>

Serving the hospitality industry for nearly a century, AH&LA is the sole national association representing all sectors and stakeholders in the lodging industry, including individual hotel property members, hotel companies, student and faculty members, and industry suppliers.

Resources

- Federal advocacy
- Communications (consumer advertising program, videos and brochures)
- Workforce development (career center, workshops, Recruitment Tool Kit)
- Vendor discounts
- Conventions and events (AH&LA Fall Conference)
- Research and information (databases)
- Education
- Community service (America's Promise, AH&LA's Good Earthkeeping)
- Industry awards

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Membership Organization
"Lodging Magazine"

American Resort Development Association (ARDA)

www.arda.org

The American Resort Development Association (ARDA) is the Washington D.C.-based trade association representing the vacation ownership and resort development industries.

Resources

- Networking and partnerships (ARDA Convention & Expo, Fall Conference and Regional resort management meetings)
- Corporate exposure and Industry recognition
- Discounts
- Legislative advocacy and programs
- Education and professional development (ARDA research reports, library)

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Membership Organization
Newsletter: "Developments"

Dude Ranchers Association

www.duderanch.org

The Dude Rancher's Association represent over 100 ranches committed to fostering the western way of life and providing guests with a quality dude ranch adventure.

Resources

- Information clearing house for members
- Association annual directory
- Free link to website
- Annual convention

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Membership Organization

Historic Accommodations of Texas (HAT)

<http://www.hat.org/>

The state organization of Texas' finest inspected and approved bed and breakfasts, country Inns, hotels, guesthouses and ranches.

Resources

- Guidelines for excellence and safety
- Reciprocal lodging
- Workshops
- Regional meetings
- Advertising

Contact Information

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info@hat.org

Additional Information

Membership Organization
Newsletter: "Innkeeping in Texas"

Hostelling International USA

<http://www.hiusa.org/>

HI-USA operates a network of nearly 80 quality hostel accommodations throughout the United States that are inexpensive, safe and clean.

Resources

- Travel resources
- Programs and workshops (Discover Your World; World Travel 101; Budget Travel; Hostel Adventure Program; and, Outdoors Activities Program)
- Volunteering

Contact Information

8401 Colesville Road, Suite 600
Silver Spring, MD 20910
Tel (301) 495-1240
Fax (301) 495-6697
hostels@hiusa.org

National Association of RV Parks and Campgrounds

<http://www.arvc.org/>

The ARVC is the only national association exclusively representing the interests of all commercial RV Parks and Campgrounds in the United States.

Resources

- Education and certification programs (Certified Park Operator Program, Park Operators on Tour, National School of RV Park and Campgrounds Management)
- Marketing opportunities
- Meetings and events
- Marketplace
- Publications

Contact Information

Linda Profaizer, President & CEO
Industry Promotion & Administration
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Falls Church, VA 22046
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lprofaizer@arvc.org

Additional Information

Membership Organization

Texas Association of Campground Owners (TACO)

<http://tacomembers.com/>

Resources

- Networking
- Information (regions, attractions, amenities, weather, road conditions)
- Travel guides
- Free website hosting
- Marketing programs
- Legislation
- Advocacy

Contact Information

Brian Schaeffer, Executive Director/CEO
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Arlington, TX 76017
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Fax (682) 518-1949
tacoexec@swbell.net

Additional Information

Membership Organization
Newsletter: "Taco Twister"

Texas Bed & Breakfast Association

www.texasbedandbreakfast.com

Resources

- Bed & Breakfast database and online availability system
- Locator map
- Event calendar

Contact Information

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Canyon Lake, TX 78132
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info@fireflyinn.com

Additional Information

Membership Organization

Texas Hotel and Lodging Association

<http://www.texaslodging.com/>

Represents hotels, motels, resorts, bed & breakfasts, guest ranches and tourism-related business since 1903.

Resources

- Trip planning
- Calendar of events
- Job bank

Bylaws
Library
Buyers' Guide

Contact Information

1701 West Avenue
Austin, TX 78701
Tel (800) 856-4328
thla@texaslodging.com

Additional Information

Membership Organization

g. Travel Information Centers

http://www.dot.state.tx.us/travel/information_centers.htm

Travel information centers help travelers with routings and provide information on points of interest, events and road conditions.

Resources

- Travel literature
 - Wireless internet
 - Video theater
 - Restrooms
- Maps
Motor carrier permits.
Picnic tables and group facilities

Hours of Operation:

8 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily

8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day

Closed: Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas and New Year's Day

Amarillo

9700 E. I-40
Amarillo, TX 79118
Tel (806) 335-1441
Fax (806) 335-2427

Austin

11th St. and Brazos St.
Austin, TX
Tel (512) 463-8586
Fax (512) 475-3046

Gainesville

4901 N. I-35
Gainesville, TX 76240
Tel (940) 665-2301
(940) 665-4695

Laredo

15551 I-35 N. at US 83
Laredo, TX 78045
Tel (956) 417-4728
Fax (956) 417-4731

Texarkana

5909 N. Park Rd.
Texarkana, TX 75503
Tel (903) 794-2114
Fax (903) 792-3392

Anthony

8799 S. Desert Blvd.
Anthony, TX 79821
(915) 886-3468
(915) 886-4616

Deninson

6801 US 69/75
Deninson, TX 75020
(903) 463-2860
(903) 463-5783

Langtry

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Langtry, TX 78871
(432) 291-3340
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Orange

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Orange TX 77632
(409) 883-9416
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Valley

2021 W. Harrison
Harlingen, TX 78552
(956) 428-4477
(956) 428-4475

Waskom

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Waskom, TX 75692
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Fax (903) 687-2046

Wichita Falls

900 Central Freeway
Wichita Falls, TX
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(940) 761-1818

Tour Texas.com

<http://www.tourtexas.com/>

TourTexas.com is a joint project between AJR Publishing, LLC & the Texas Travel Industry Association (TTIA). It is designed to help visitors to Texas find travel information on a variety of destinations and attractions in the Lone Star State.

Resources

- Advertising opportunities (online, travel brochures, links to other travel sites)

Contact Information

3229 D'Amico Street, Suite 100
Houston, TX 77019
Tel (713) 942-7676
Fax (713) 942-0277
Fcrvnat@buffnet.net

Additional Information

Membership Organization

h. Tourism Education and Training Centers

Central Texas College (CTC)- Hospitality Program

www.ctcd.edu/hospitality/index.htm

For more than 30 years, Central Texas College has educated students in Hospitality Management.

Resources

- Associate and Certificate Programs in:
 - Restaurant and culinary management
 - Food service management
 - Food and beverage management
 - Hotel management/
- Scholarships

Contact Information

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Richard.Hindman@ctcd.edu

Council on Hotel, Restaurant and Institutional Education (CHRIE)

www.chrie.org

I-CHRIE is a nonprofit professional association that provides programs and services to continually improve the quality of global education, research, service, and business operations in the hospitality and tourism industry.

Resources

- School Accreditation
- Awards
- Publications
- Online Member Directory
- Student Resources
- CHRIE Annual Conference
- Special Interest Groups
- Faculty Internships

Contact Information

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Richmond, VA 23294
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Additional Information

Membership Organization
Hosteur "Communique"
Tel (804) 346-4800

El Centro College- Food and Hospitality Center Institute

<http://www.elcentrocollege.edu/Programs/BusinessPublicService/FoodandHospitality/default.asp>

El Centro College, through its Food and Hospitality Services Institute, provides training through classroom instruction, hands-on participation and work-related experience for three different food service careers: Food and Hospitality Service, Chef Apprenticeship, and Bakery/Pastry Service.

Resources

- Two year degree programs and certificates for food/hospitality professionals
- Chef's Apprentice Program
- Scholarships

Contact Information

Beth Sonnier, Director
801 Main St.
Dallas, TX 75202
Tel (214) 860-2217

Educational Institute of the American Hotel and Motel Association

<http://www.ei-ahla.org/>

The Educational Institute (EI) is a nonprofit member benefits of the American Hotel & Lodging Association and the premier source for delivering quality hospitality education, training and professional certification that serves the needs of hospitality schools and industries worldwide.

Resources

- Professional certification
- Educational and training material
- Distance learning
- Recruitment Toolkit
- Job Posting

Contact Information

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Orlando, FL 32803
Tel (407) 999-8100
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Additional Information

Membership Organization

Northwood University- Hotel, Restaurant and Resort Management Department

<http://www.northwood.edu/tx/academics/degreesanddepartments/hotelrestaurantandresortmanagement/default.asp>

The mission of the Hotel, Restaurant & Resort Management program is to provide education, experience, and career preparation for tomorrow's hospitality executives.

Resources

- Educational programs on hotel, restaurant & resort management

Contact Information

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Texas A&M University- Department of Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences

<http://rptsweb.tamu.edu/>

The goals of the Department of Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences are to generate and disseminate new and existing knowledge concerning the development, management, and sustainable use of natural resources for recreation and tourism.

Resources

- Undergraduate and graduate degrees with emphasis in park and recreation administration, natural resource management and policy analysis, and tourism resources development.
- Laboratory for Intelligent System in Tourism
- Center for Socioeconomic Research and Education

Contact Information

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Texas Tech University- Restaurant, Hotel and Institutional Management Department

<http://www.hs.ttu.edu/nhr/rhim/>

Resources

- Undergraduate, master's and doctorate programs
- Career assistance office
- Scholarships
- Student organizations

Contact Information

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University of Houston- Conrad Hilton College of Hotel and Restaurant Management

<http://www.hrm.uh.edu/>

One of the world's premier hospitality programs

Resources

- Undergraduate and graduate hospitality programs
- Alumni association
- Career fairs
- Volunteer opportunities
- National centers (American Hotel and Lodging Association Information Center, Catering Research Institute, Hospitality Financial and Technology Professionals Research Institute)
- Career placement

Contact Information

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University of Texas at San Antonio- College of Tourism Management

<http://tourism.utsa.edu/>

Resources

- Bachelor Of Business Administration Degree In Marketing With A Tourism Concentration
- Scholarships
- Internships
- Career services

Contact Information

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IV. Recreation and Leisure Organizations

a. Recreation Organizations

American Birding Association

<http://www.americanbirding.org>

The ABA is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that provides leadership to birders by increasing their knowledge, skills, and enjoyment of birding. It is the only organization in North America that specifically caters to recreational birders. It also contributes to bird and bird habitat conservation through varied programs.

Resources

- Publications
- Meetings and workshops
- Tours
- ABA Sales

Contact Information

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Colorado Springs, CO 80919
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Additional Information

Membership Organization
"Winging It" Newsletter

American Canoe Association

<http://www.americancanoe.org/>

The American Canoe Association (ACA) is a nationwide, not for profit organization that is in service to the broader paddling public by providing education on matters related to paddling, supporting stewardship of the paddling environment, and enabling programs and events to support paddle sport recreation.

Resources

- Safety Resources (ACA's Paddlesport Safety Guidelines, Beginner's Guide to Paddling)
- Instruction (Canoe, Kayak, Raft, Safety and Rescue)
- ACA insurance
- Club-Fostered stewardship grants
- Boating regulation
- Water trails database

Contact Information

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aca@americancanoe.org

Additional Information

Membership Organization
"American Paddler" Newsletter

Adventure Cycling Association

www.adventurecycling.org

Founded in 1973 as Bikecentennial, Adventure Cycling Association is America's premier nonprofit organization dedicated to bicycle travel, with over 42,000 members nationwide.

Resources

- Adventure Cyclist magazine
- Cyclosource catalog
- Route maps
- Organized tours
- Tax benefits
- Library archives
- Website exposure

Contact Information

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info@adventurecycling.org

Additional Information

Membership Organization
"Bike Bits" Newsletter

Go Camping America

<http://www.gocampingamerica.com/>

GoCampingAmerica.com is the premier source for information on private parks and campgrounds nationwide.

Contact Information

gcainfo@arvc.org

Additional Information

"Go Camping America, S'more"

National Park Service (NPS)

<http://www.nps.gov/>

Beyond national parks, the National Park Service helps communities across America preserve and enhance important local heritage and close-to-home recreational opportunities.

Resources

- For historical preservation (grants, standards and guidelines, National Register, travel itineraries, publications)
- Nature and science (laws and regulations, policies and guidance, planning, environment and public comment tool, research opportunities, scholarships)
- Education and interpretation material

Contact Information

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Washington DC 20240
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National Recreation and Park Association

<http://www.nrpa.org/>

The Mission of the National Recreation and Park Association is to advance parks, recreation and environmental conservation efforts that enhance the quality of life for all people.

Resources

- Publications and research
- Advocacy (legislation, regulations, legislative forum)
- Accreditation and certifications (the National Playground Safety Institute, Aquatic Facility Operator Course)
- Education and conferences
- Marketing opportunities (exhibit and sponsorship opportunities, advertising, mailing lists)

Contact Information

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dvaira@nrpa.org

North American Butterfly Association

<http://www.naba.org/>

The North American Butterfly Association (NABA) is the largest group of people in North America (Canada, United States, and Mexico) interested in butterflies. It is a membership-based not-for-profit organization working to increase public enjoyment and conservation of butterflies.

Resources

- Sightings database
- Publications
- Online store

Contact Information

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Additional Information

Membership Organization
Newsletter: "American Butterflies",
"Butterfly Gardener"

World Birding Center

<http://www.worldbirdingcenter.org/>

The mission of the WBC is to protect native habitat while increasing the understanding and appreciation of the birds and wildlife.

Resources

- Birding tours
- Birding information (checklists, rare bird alert, bird news)
- Volunteer programs

Contact Information

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Bentsen-Rio Grande Valley State Park
2800 S. Bentsen Palm Drive
Mission, TX 78572
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Joshua.Rose@tpwd.state.tx.us

b. Sports Organizations**Amateur Athletic Union**

<http://aausports.org>

The Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) is one of the largest, non-profit, volunteer, sports organizations in the United States. A multi-sport organization, the AAU is dedicated exclusively to the promotion and development of amateur sports and physical fitness programs.

Resources

- Sport Programs (AAU Sports Program, AAU Junior Olympic Games, AAU James E. Sullivan Memorial Award, and the AAU Complete Athlete Program)
- Calendar of events
- Insurance
- Certification program

Contact Information

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P.O. Box 22409
Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830
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Additional Information

Membership Organization

American Platform Tennis Association (APTA)

<http://www.platformtennis.org>

The mission of the APTA is to govern the sport; grow participation among all levels and types of players and across all regions; improve all aspects of the game.

Resources

- Information (rules, tournaments, rankings)
- Tournaments
- Magazine

Contact Information

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Summit, NJ 07901
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Additional Information

Membership Organization
Newsletter: "Platform Tennis Magazine"

American Volkssport Association (AVA)

www.ava.org

The AVA's network of 350 walking clubs organize more than 3000 walking events per year in all 50 states, as well as occasional bikes, skis, and swims.

Resources

- Walking events calendar
- Publications
- Workshops

Contact Information

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president@ava.org

Additional Information

Membership Organization

American Youth Soccer Organization

www.soccer.org

AYSO is a nationwide non-profit organization that develops and delivers quality youth soccer programs in a fun, family environment

Resources

- Soccer Programs and tournaments
- Awards and recognitions
- Conferences

Contact Information

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Hawthorne, CA 90250
Tel (800) 872-2976
Fax (310) 643-5310

Additional Information

Membership Organization
"AYSO eNewsletter"

Babe Ruth League

<http://www.baberuthleague.org/>

Babe Ruth League, Inc. is the premier amateur baseball and softball program in the world with a combined size of over 1,035,123 players on some 56,622 teams in more than 9,113 leagues.

Resources

- Insurance Program
- Fundraising campaigns
- BRL Scholarship Fund

Tournament and competitions
Coach Certification Program

Contact Information

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1770 Brunswick Pike
Trenton, NJ 8638

Additional Information

Membership Organization
Newsletter: "Bullpen"

Family Campers and RV'ers

<http://www.fcrv.org/>

FCRV is an organization dedicated to camping fellowships, the preservation of its international heritage, and the strengthening of family bonds through shared activities in the out-of-doors.

Resources

- RV insurance
 - Discounts on booth space
 - Access to membership list
 - Classified ads section
- Scholarships
Legislation
Disaster awareness training
Youth and adult programs

Contact Information

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Depew, NY 14043
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Additional Information

Membership Organization

League of American Bicyclists (LAB)

<http://www.bikeleague.org/>

LAB's mission is to promote bicycling for fun, fitness and transportation and work through advocacy and education for a bicycle-friendly America.

Contact Information

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Washington DC 20006
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andy@bikeleague.org

Additional Information

Membership Organization
Newsletter: "American Bicyclist"

National Golf Foundation

<http://www.ngf.org/cgi/home.asp>

The National Golf Foundation is the industry leader in providing relevant information and insights on the business of golf.

Resources

- Golf research
- Facility consulting
- Media and marketing organizations, golf associations and e-businesses
- Golf course development and management companies
- Golf and practice facilities

Contact Information

Joseph Beditz, President and CEO
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Jupiter, FL 33477
Tel (561) 744-6006
(561) 744-6107
general@ngf.org

Additional Information

Membership Organization

Texas Amateur Athletic Federation (TAAF)

<http://www.taaf.com/>

The Texas Amateur Athletic Federation is a nonprofit organization established in 1925 to promote, organize and conduct amateur athletics in the state of Texas.

Resources

- State tournaments
 - Sports management school
 - Awards
 - Job Mart
- Scholarships
Special youth events
Sports certifications

Contact Information

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Georgetown, TX 78628
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marklord@suddenlinkmail.com

Additional Information

Membership Organization

United States Diving

www.usadiving.org

USA Diving is the national governing body of diving in the United States. It leads in fostering the growth and development of diving in the United States.

Contact Information

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Indianapolis, IN 46225
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Additional Information

Membership Organization

United States Figure Skating Association (USFSA)

<http://www.usfsa.org/>

As the governing body, U.S. Figure Skating's mission is to provide programs to encourage participation and achievement in the sport of figure skating.

Resources

- Adult Skating
 - School Programs
- Collegiate Skating

Contact Information

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Colorado Springs, CO 80906
Tel (719) 635.5200
Fax (719) 635.9548

Additional Information

Membership Organization

United States Soccer Federation (USSF)

<http://www.ussoccer.com/>

The mission of the United States Soccer Federation is to make soccer, in all its forms, a preeminent sport in the United States and to continue the development of soccer at all recreational and competitive levels.

Resources

- Events (Men's, Women's and Youth National Teams)
- Coaching education
- Referee programs
- Game rules

Contact Information

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Chicago, IL 60616
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communications@ussoccer.org

Additional Information

Membership Organization

United States Tennis Association (USTA)- Texas Region

<http://www.usta.com/home/default.sps>

USTA is a not-for-profit organization created to promote and develop the growth of tennis, from the grassroots to the professional levels.

Resources

- Coaching education
- Junior and collegiate competitions
- Professional events
- Tennis and education Foundation (grants and scholarships)
- Volunteer Programs

Contact Information

Ken McAllister, Executive Director
8105 Exchange
Austin, TX 78754
Tel (512) 443-1334
Fax (512) 443-4748

Additional Information

Membership Organization

USA Cycling Inc.

<http://www.usacycling.org/>

USA Cycling is a family of organizations that promote and govern different disciplines of the sport, and that work as one to build the sport of bicycle racing, assist with athlete development and sustain international competitive excellence.

Resources

- Local, regional and national events
- Coaching programs
- Mechanics programs
- Selected discounts for members

Contact Information

Steve Johnson, CEO
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Colorado Springs, CO 80909
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sjohnson@usacycling.org

Additional Information

Membership Organization
"USA Cycling Newsletter"

USA Track and Field (USATF)

<http://www.usatf.org/>

USA Track & Field (USATF) is the National Governing Body for track and field, long-distance running and race walking in the United States. USATF encompasses the world's oldest organized sports, the most-watched events of Olympic broadcasts, the #1 high school and junior high school participatory sport and more than 30 million adult runners in the United States.

Resources

- Bylaws and regulations
- Professional and amateurs programs
- Professional certifications
- Online Calendar

Contact Information

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membership@usatf.org

Additional Information

Membership Organization

c. Youth Organizations

Boy Scouts of America- National Council

<http://www.scouting.org/>

The purpose of the Boy Scouts of America is to provide an educational program for boys and young adults to build character, to train in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and to develop personal fitness.

Resources

- Scouting Programs (Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, Varsity Scouting, Venturing, National Eagle Scout Association)
- Research reports

Contact Information

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P.O. Box 152079
Irving, TX
75015-2079
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Additional Information

Membership Organization

Boys & Girls Clubs of America

<http://www.bgca.org/>

Its mission is to enable all young people to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens. Club programs and services promote and enhance the development of boys and girls by instilling a sense of competence, usefulness, belonging and influence.

Resources

- Character and leadership programs
- Education and career resources
- Health and life skills programs
- Arts
- Sports, fitness and recreation programs
- Specialized initiatives

Contact Information

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Additional Information

Membership Organization
Newsletter: "Connections"

Camp Fire Boys and Girls

www.campfire.org

Camp Fire USA is a not-for-profit youth development organization, currently serving nearly 750,000 children and youth annually. It provides all-inclusive, coeducational programs in hundreds of communities across the United States.

Resources

- Small-group clubs and mentoring opportunities
- Leadership development programs
- Camping and environmental education
- Child care
- Self-reliance and service-learning classes

Contact Information

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Additional Information

Membership Organization

Girl Scouts of the U.S.A

<http://www.girlscouts.org/>

Girl Scouts of the USA is dedicated solely to girls where, in an accepting and nurturing environment, girls build character and skills for success in the real world.

Resources

- Girl Scout programs
- Research and public policy information on the healthy development of girls
- Volunteer programs

Contact Information

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Girl Scouts-Lone Star Council
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Austin, Texas 78753
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Additional Information

Membership Organization

V. STATISTICS, RESEARCH AND INFORMATION ORGANIZATIONS

Bureau of Business Research-University of Texas

<http://bbr.icc.utexas.edu/>

The Bureau's mission is to provide Texas businesspeople and policymakers with applied economic tools and data to strengthen the state's business environment.

Resources

- Economic development program
- Information services (economic and demographic data for the state of Texas),
- Publications
- Austin Index

Contact Information

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Bureau of Labor Statistics

<http://www.bls.gov/>

The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) is the principal fact-finding agency for the Federal Government in the broad field of labor economics and statistics. The BLS is an independent national statistical agency that collects, processes, analyzes, and disseminates essential statistical data to the American public, the U.S. Congress, other Federal agencies, State and local governments, business, and labor.

Resources

- Statistics
 - Inflation and consumer spending, wages
 - Earning and benefits
 - Productivity
 - Safety and health
 - International
 - Employment and unemployment
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| Geographical |
| Industries |
| Demographics |
| Occupations |

Contact Information

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Business and Industry Data Center (BIDC)

<http://www.bidc.state.tx.us/>

The Business and Industry Data Center (BIDC) program is an ongoing initiative of the U.S. Census Bureau to make economic data and statistics more widely available at the state and local levels.

Resources

- Information and databases on:
 - Population
 - Employment
 - Labor ad management diversity
 - Gross state product
 - International trade and investment
 - Transportation
 - Research and development
 - Income
 - Industry trends
 - Real state
- Maps

Contact Information

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Canadian Tourism Commission (CTC) Research Department

http://www.corporate.canada.travel/en/ca/research_statistics/index.html

The CTC designs, delivers and funds marketing and research initiatives in partnership with provincial and regional tourism associations, government agencies, hoteliers, tour operators, airlines and attractions managers.

Resources

- Stats and Figures (international visitor arrivals, tourism performance, year-review stats and figures)
- Market knowledge (Asia/Pacific, Europe and Latin America)
- Product knowledge (product research, travel activities and motivation survey)
- Industry research (economic, political, issues affecting tourism, accommodation, transportation, other industries)
- Trends and outlook

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Economic Indicators.GOV

<http://www.economicindicators.gov/>

Its mission is to provide timely access to the daily releases of key economic indicators from the Bureau of Economic Analysis and the U.S. Census Bureau.

Resources

- Economic Indicators

Additional Information

Requires subscription

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Real Estate Center

<http://recenter.tamu.edu/sitemap.html>

The Center is the nation's largest publicly funded organization devoted to real estate research.

Resources

- Data (building permits, employment, home sales, housing affordability, population, Southwest rural land)
- Licensing and education
- Publications (online and catalogs/News)

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Research Center for River Recreation and Tourism

<http://www.geo.txstate.edu/nht/index.html>

The Research Center for River Recreation is an interdisciplinary center that draws on a variety of perspectives to help foster river stewardship through appropriate recreation and tourism.

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STAT-USA

<http://www.stat-usa.gov/>

A service of the U.S. Department of Commerce is the site for the U.S. business, economic and trade community, providing authoritative information from the Federal government.

Resources

- Publications
- Current and historical trade-related releases
- International market research
- Country analysis

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Statistics Canada

Culture, Tourism and the Centre for Education Statistics Division

<http://www.statcan.ca/>

Resources

- Statistical data on domestic travel, international travel, tourism employment, tourism indicators

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Texas Natural Resources Information System

<http://www.tnris.state.tx.us/>

The Texas Natural Resources Information System (TNRIS) is the gateway to geospatial data for the state of Texas. TNRIS' goal is to either make data available to users quickly, or to refer users to the appropriate data sources.

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Texas State Data Center

<http://txsdc.utsa.edu/>

The Texas State Data Center and Office of the State Demographer, in cooperation with a network of affiliates PDF, functions as a focal point for the distribution of census information for Texas. The Center also disseminates population estimates and projections for Texas, as well as other information from the federal government, state government, and other sources.

Resources

- Data, maps and reference
- Professional presentations
- Specialized analysis of census related data
- Technical assistance regarding census related data
- Workshops and training

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The Valley Markets and Tourism Research Center

<http://www.coba.panam.edu/tourism/>

The Center is devoted to examining, understanding and disseminating information about indigenous and transient markets in the Rio Grande Valle to facilitate regional community and business planning and development.

Resources

- Reports on:
 - Senior travelers
 - Mexican national visitors to the U.S.
 - Spring breakers to South Padre Island
 - Local residents's attitudes and reactions towards Valley Issues

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United States Department of Commerce

Bureau of Economic Analysis

<http://www.bea.gov/>

The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) promotes a better understanding of the U.S. economy by providing the most timely, relevant, and accurate economic accounts data in an objective and cost-effective manner.

Resources

- GDP and National Accounts
- Industry data
- International trade and investment data
- Regional estimates including GDP by state
- State personal income, and regional multipliers
- Contact Expert my phone and e-mail
- Digital library

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Economic and Statistics Administration

<https://www.esa.doc.gov/>

The Economics and Statistics Administration (ESA) is the bureau within the U.S. Department of Commerce where economic and social changes are chronicled, understood, and explained. ESA provides broad and targeted economic data, analyses and forecasts for use by Government agencies, businesses and others, as well as develops domestic and international economic policy.

Resources

- U.S Census Bureau
- Economic Indicators.GOV/STAT-USA

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U.S. Census Bureau

<http://www.census.gov/>

The Census Bureau serves as the leading source of quality data about the nation's people and economy.

Resources

- Business and industry statistics
- People and households
- Geography
- Publications

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VI. TRADE ASSOCIATIONS

Air Transport Association of America

<http://www.airlines.org/>

The Air Transport Association of America (ATA) is the premier trade organization of the principal U.S. airlines. ATA members transport more than 90 percent of all U.S. airline passenger and cargo traffic.

Resources

- Industry Statistic and publications

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American Association of Museums

<http://www.aam-us.org>

AAM's mission is to enhance the value of museums to their communities through leadership, advocacy, and service.

Resources

- Directory of museums
- Accreditation
- Collections exchange
- Information center
- International programs
- Seminars and workshops
- Awards and competitions
- Museum assessment program

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Membership Organization

American Zoo and Aquarium Association

www.aza.org

Founded in 1924, the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the advancement of accredited zoos and aquariums in the areas of animal care, wildlife conservation, education and science. AZA is America's leading accrediting organization for zoos and aquariums, and accredits only those institutions that have achieved rigorous standards for animal care, education, wildlife conservation and science.

Resources

- Animal management (animal data information center and records, guidelines)
- Conservation (conservation action partnerships, endowment funds, funding)
- Education (accreditation standards, education awards, professional training courses, scholarships, Master's program)
- Conferences and meetings
- Job center

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Membership Organization

Association of Collegiate Conference and Events Directors-International

www.acced-i.org

The Association of Collegiate Conference and Events Directors-International is an Association of Collegiate Conference and events professionals employed with colleges and universities.

Resources

- Networking opportunities
 - Electronic discussion forum (via LISTSERV)
 - Annual conference and regional meetings
 - Online directory
- Link to ACCED-I Website
Resource library
Certifications
Mentoring program

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Membership Organization

Boating Trade Association of Texas

www.btatx.com

The Boating Trades Association of Texas was organized in 1957 to provide the industry with an effective organization for working toward goals of fair legislation and profitable promotion of the sport of pleasure boating.

Resources

- Information (Reports)
- Lobbying (State and Federal levels)
- Funding for programs as related to protecting and building recreational boating
- Networking
- Public programs (Youth Fishing, Boater Education, Texas Lakeshore Cleanup Program)
- Endorsed services for members

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Membership Organization
Funding/Grants available

Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA)

www.cruising.org

Cruise Lines International Association is the world's largest cruise association and is dedicated to the promotion and growth of the cruise industry.

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Membership Organization

International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions (IAAPA)

<http://www.iaapa.org/>

Founded in 1918, IAAPA is a non-profit association that works behind the scenes to help attraction owners run their business smoothly and profitably. For more than 80 years, IAAPA has been the amusement industry's advocate, advisor and trusted resource for the guidance and data that translate into success.

Resources

- Government relations (advocacy, legislations, regulatory tracking report)
- Online bookstore
- Education services
- Online resources (industry resources guide, industry article database, facts and statistics)
- Communications
- Meetings and events (IAAPA Attractions Expo, Euro Attractions Show, Summer Meeting)

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Membership Organization

International Festival and Events Association

<http://www.ifea.com/>

The IFEA has distinguished itself as "The Premiere Professional Association Supporting Festival and Event Leaders Worldwide"

Resources

- Education and professional development
- Networking
- Publications and resources
- Industry honors

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Membership Organization

Marina Association of Texas

<http://www.marinaassociationoftexas.com/>

To share ideas, knowledge and experience and to improve, protect, and advance the interests of the marina industry of Texas while protecting our environment.

Resources

- Legislative information
- Awards (Marina of the Year, Friends of the Industry, Texas Boat Supporter)
- Clean Texas Marina Program
- Scholarships and scholars award

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Membership Organization

National Tour Association (NTA)

<http://www.ntaonline.com/>

The National Tour Association is a trade organization of thousands of tourism professionals involved in the growth and development of the packaged travel industry.

Resources

- Industry and government information and research
- Networking opportunities
- Members discount
- Publications
- Research and educational programs
- Advertising and sponsorship opportunities
- Government relations

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Membership Organization

Recreation Vehicle Industry Association (RVIA)

www.rvia.org

The Recreation Vehicle Industry Association (RVIA) is the national trade association representing recreation vehicle (RV) and conversion vehicle (CV) manufacturers and their component parts suppliers who together build more than 98 percent of all RVs produced in the U.S.

Resources

- Market data and trends (business indicators, RV Ownership trends, vacation costs)
- Events (national and regional RV shows)
- Legislation and advocacy
- Technical information and training (standards, standard inspections, certifications, The National Recreation Vehicle Technical Institute)
- Online directories

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Membership Organization

Sporting Goods Manufacturers Association

<http://www.sgma.com/>

The Sporting Goods Manufacturers Association is the premier trade association for more than 1,000 sporting goods manufacturers, retailers and marketers in the sports products industry.

Resources

- Research (participation reports, industry reports, market segmentation reports, financial reports, syndicated and custom research)
- Advocacy (public policies archives)
- Product promotion and events

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Membership Organization

Texas Association of Business (TAB)

<http://www.txbiz.org/>

TAB works to improve the Texas business climate and to help make our state's economy the strongest in the world.

Resources

- Legislation and lobbying
- Voter education programs
- Networking opportunities with other business leaders
- Seminars and programs on workplace topics
- Human resources support and services at no charge
- Money-saving programs.

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Membership Organization
Newsletter: " Texas Business Report"

Texas Association of Campground Owners (TACO)

<http://tacomembers.com/>

Resources

- Networking
- Information (regions, attractions, amenities, weather, road conditions)
- Travel guides
- Free website hosting
- Marketing programs
- Legislation and advocacy

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Membership Organization
Newsletter: "Taco Twister"

Texas Association of Convention and Visitors Bureaus (TACVB)

<http://www.tacvb.org/>

Resources

- Listservs
 - Grants
 - Library
- Industry calendar
Directories
Bylaws

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Membership Organization

Texas Association of Fairs and Expositions

<http://www.texasfairs.com/>

Its mission is to provide inspiring leadership, create agriculture and education opportunities, and develop strategies and techniques that enhance and advance the fair and special events industry

Resources

- Networking and partnerships
- Awards
- Scholarships
- Professional development
- Publications
- Directory
- Educational programs

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Membership Organization

Texas Association of Museums (TAM)

www.io.com/~tam/

TAM's mission is to provide a network among museums, to improve the level of professionalism within the museum community, to encourage the use and enjoyment of museums by all Texans, to serve as an information clearinghouse for and about museums, and to serve as a liaison between museums and museums-related agencies and organizations.

Resources

- Networking
- Workshops
- Annual meetings
- Marketing
- Reciprocal Admissions

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Membership organization
Newsletter: "Museline"

Texas Recreational Vehicle Association

www.trva.org

America's first independent RV State Association. TRVA, the voice of the Texas RV industry, represents more than 500 RV dealers, manufacturers, campground/RV parks, suppliers and service firms, all united to promote and protect the RV industry in Texas.

Resources

- Education and training programs
- Legislative awareness and planning
- Event calendar

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Membership organization
Newsletter: "TRVA Scanners"

Texas Restaurant Association

www.restaurantville.com

The Texas Restaurant Association (TRA), which is the largest state restaurant association in the United States, represents a community of more than 5,000 foodservice professionals. For more than 65 years, the TRA has served its members and the foodservice industry with political advocacy, industry education and foodservice training. The association maintains its focus on supporting the business of the Texas restaurateur.

Resources

- Government affairs and advocacy (legislative affair conferences, updates and alerts, local lobbying, funding)
- Online training and resources (New Restaurant Checklist, online buyer's guide, endorsed services, customized Employee Handbook, downloadable forms, food safety)
- TRA Education Foundation (academic programs, seminars, scholarships, news)
- SW Foodservice Expo
- Certifications (Texas Bar Code, FoodGuard, ServSafe)
- TWR awards

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Membership organization

United States Tour Operators Association (USTOA)

<http://www.ustoa.com/>

The United States Tour Operators Association (USTOA) is a professional association representing the tour operator industry. It is composed of companies whose tours and packages encompass the entire globe and who conduct business in the U.S.

- Consumer protection (Traveler Assistance Program)
- Annual conference and marketplace
- Public relations campaigns
- Workshops
- Site inspections

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Membership organization

VI. PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Society of Travel Agents (ASTA)

www.astanet.com

The American Society of Travel Agents (ASTA) is the world's largest, most prestigious association of travel professionals. The mission of ASTA and its affiliated organizations is to facilitate the business of selling travel through effective representation, shared knowledge and the enhancement of professionalism. ASTA seeks a retail travel marketplace that is profitable, growing and a rewarding place to work, invest and do business. Industry

Resources

- Advocacy and lobbying
- Education (ASTA Specialist Courses, job boards, library, scholarships)
- Marketing opportunities
- Research reports

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Membership organization

Association of Travel Marketing Executives

<http://www.atme.org/>

The Association of Travel Marketing Executives (ATME), established in 1980, is a non-profit, professional association made up of experienced and innovative travel industry marketers representing all its segments.

Resources

- Marketing resources (marketing issues Forum, Marketing Tool Kit, research and reports)
- Annual ATME conference and trade show
- Networking (marketing partnerships)
- Database access
- Job Bank

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Membership organization
Newsletter: "Conexxion"

Destination Marketing Association International (DMAI)

<http://www.destinationmarketing.org/>

Destination Marketing Association International is dedicated to improving the effectiveness of over 1,300 professionals from 600+ destination marketing organizations in more than 25 countries.

Resources

- Accreditation and certification
- Industry accreditation
- Educational resources
- Networking opportunities
- Industry research and information
- Public relations and branding
- Meetings and events

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Membership organization
Newsletter: "DMAI Connections"

Hospitality Financial and Technological Professionals

www.hftp.org

Hospitality Financial and Technology Professionals is an international professional association.

Resources

- Professional development (online communities, research institute, professional certifications)
- Networking opportunities (chapters, links, conferences and tradeshow)
- Continuing education
- Job mart
- Marketing opportunities (advertising and sponsorships)

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Membership organization
Newsletter: "The Bottom Line"

Hospitality Sales and Marketing Association International

<http://www.hsmmai.org/>

HSMAI is a global organization of sales and marketing professionals representing all segments of the hospitality industry.

Resources

- Business directory
- Professional development (HSMAI University, certifications)
- Student resources (hospitality degree programs, scholarships, internships)
- Research projects
- Industry news
- Career center
- Educational opportunities
- Awards

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Membership organization
Newsletter: "Marketing Review"

Meeting Professionals International

<http://www.mpiweb.org/cms/mpiweb/default.aspx>

Meeting Professionals International is the leading global association that defines and shapes the meetings and events profession.

Resources

- Career resources
- Education and events
- Scholarships
- Publications and research
- Directory and buyer's guide
- Marketing and advertising opportunities
- Awards and recognition
- Professional development and networking opportunities
- Professional and technological resources

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Additional Information

Membership organization
"Community Netnews"
"Meeting Europe"
"Canadian Communiqué"

National Speakers Association (NSA)

<http://www.nsaspeaker.org/>

The National Speakers Association (NSA) is the leading organization for professional speakers. NSA's thousands of members include experts in a variety of industries and disciplines, who reach audiences as trainers, educators, humorists, motivators, consultants, authors and more

Resources

- Knowledge bank and resource center
- Professional certifications
- Advertising, exhibiting and sponsorships

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Membership organization
"Speaker Magazine"

Professional Association of Innkeepers International

<http://www.paii.org/>

PAII is the largest association of innkeeping professionals and has been serving bed-and-breakfast and country-inn owners for over 15 years.

Resources

- Education (workshops, Inkeeper Kit)
- Information (industry statistics, publications, conference materials)
- Networking (national and regional conferences)
- Advocacy
- Business opportunities
- Vendors online marketplace,
- Marketing and PR

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Additional Information

Membership organization
Newsletter: "Inkeeping"

Professional Tour Guide Association of San Antonio (PTDA)

<http://www.sanantoniotourguide.com/>

The mission of PTDA is:

1. Enable its members to give the city's visitors an educational and entertaining experience that embodies the Spirit of San Antonio.
2. Promote the highest degree of professionalism for tour guides through commitment to ethical standards, continuing education, and professional certification.
3. Address issues regarding the tourism industry with appropriate private, public, and governmental groups.
4. Raise public and private awareness of the vital roles played by professional tour guides.

Resources

- Training and certification

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Additional Information

Membership organization

Professional Tour Guide Association of Houston

<http://www.ptgah.org/>

Resources

- Certification
- Bylaws

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Additional Information

Membership organization

Texas Board of Architectural Examiners

www.tbae.state.tx.us

The Texas Board of Architectural Examiners is a multi-profession regulatory agency that oversees the examination, registration, and professional regulation of architects, interior designers, and landscape architects.

Resources

- Information (design professionals, legislative updates, newsletter)
- Law and enforcement (statutes and rules, disciplinary actions, complaints)
- Professional seal

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Membership organization
Newsletter: Licensing News

Texas Chamber of Commerce Executives

<http://www.tcce.org>

TCCE is an organization of chamber executives from across the state, working together to improve the business climate in Texas, while developing ways to enhance the quality of life in the communities that they represent.

Resources

- Networking
 - Event posting
 - Scholarships
 - Training seminars and conferences
- Awards
Annual Directory
Publications

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Additional Information

Membership organization

The International Association of Travel Research and Marketing Professionals

<http://www.ttra.com>

TTRA's mission is to be a leading professional organization of providers and users of travel and tourism research.

Resources

- Online directories
- Publications (Journal of Travel Research)
- Conferences
- Scholarships
- Networking opportunities

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Membership organization
"TTRAssociation eNews"

The Travel Institute

<http://www.thetravelinstitute.com/welcome.cfm?tn=welcome>

Established in 1964, The Travel Institute serves as a community of knowledge and insight for all travel professionals. Through innovative education programs, professional certifications and customized learning solutions, The Institute fulfills its non-profit mission to promote a standard of industry knowledge and excellence.

Resources

- Professional certifications (Certified Travel Associate-CTA, Certified Travel Counselor-CTC, Certified Travel Industry Executive-CTIE)
- Education programs (TAP Test, TRIP Kit)
- Customized learning solutions (Destinations and Lifestyle Specialist programs)
- Educational material
- Network of licensed schools
- Travel professional roaster

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Membership organization
"Recommend Magazine"
