Dear Nature Center Friend / Supporter:

The Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge (now in its 53rd year) and the Friends of the Nature Center (now in its 43rd year) welcome you to participate in the 25th Buffalo Boogie, our annual major fundraiser. All net revenue helps support the Nature Center. Please plan to join us Saturday, May 13 at the Nature Center’s historic 1930’s CCC-built Broadview Park.

You are invited to participate as an individual, organization or company exhibitor, or vendor presenting your products, services, or informative promotional materials at our event. Non-profit organizations are also welcome to solicit and accept contributions benefiting your own missions.

Buffalo Boogie 2017 will again stage the 10K and traditional 5K competitive runs, 1-mile/5K walk, and fun-run for individuals, families, groups, and schools. Dogs on a leash are welcome BUT only in the non-competitive events and vendors and exhibitors area. The route is shady, quiet, and baby-stroller friendly. Weather permitting, the complete festival—including the runs, live band music, entertaining and educational games, face-painting, clowns, balloon artists, exhibits, and lots of good food—will return this year. We look forward to another great benefit in support of one of this area’s greatest assets of nature, the Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge. With your help, Buffalo Boogie 2017 will be an even greater success than our record 2014 event.

Please publicize this announcement to your clients and ask them to bring cash or checks to purchase your exceptional vendor items and join a new organization. A vendor and exhibitor registration form accompanies this invitation and is also available on our website under ACTIVITIES.

Contact me* if you have any questions. Applications, with application-fee payment by credit card (MasterCard, Visa & Discover are accepted) or check (personal or business), may be mailed to Friends of the Nature Center, BUFFALO BOOGIE, ATT: Rick Shepherd – VENDORS & EXHIBITORS, 9601 Fossil Ridge Road, Fort Worth TX 76135 (do NOT send cash; cash payments may be made in person at the front desk of the Nature Center’s Hardwicke Interpretive Center).

Please remain or become a valued supporter of the Nature Center and the Friends of the Nature Center in 2017!

Sincerely,

Rick

Rick Shepherd
Past President (2014-16)
Buffalo Boogie Vendor / Exhibitor Arrangements & Site Support Logistics Coordinator
Friends of the Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge
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The Friends of the Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge, Inc. is a qualified 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Accordingly, as no services or goods of substantial monetary value are exchanged for receipt of exhibitor / vendor application fees, your fee payment may be completely deductible by IRS rules, depending on your personal or business taxation situation. (Retain copies of this letter, your application, and payment receipt for IRS documentation.)

[Please note: As Buffalo Boogie is a benefit to raise funds in support of the Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge, application fees paid to participate in any of the Buffalo Boogie activities staged by the Friends of the Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge, Inc. are non-refundable.]
VENDORS & EXHIBITORS APPLICATION

May 12: Early Set-up: Noon until late dusk
May 13: Event day: 6 a.m. to 7 a.m.
   Set-Up must be completed and all vehicles removed by 7 a.m. to nearby V/E parking

PLEASE RESPOND NO LATER THAN APRIL 30th

* Non-profit organizations & City of Fort Worth: $30.00* for each 10’x10’ space
* All others: $60.00 for each 10’x10’ space
   (MasterCard, Visa & Discover are accepted) or Check (personal or business)
Business/Organization Name: ____________________________________________
Contact Name: _______________________________________________________
Address: __________________________________ City: ______ ST: ____ Zip: ______
Phone: __________________ Fax: ______________ Email: ___________________
Booth Description: ____________________________________________________
What do you need:  # Spaces (10’x10’ each) _______ # Tables _______ # Chairs _______
Note: You are encouraged to provide your own canopies, tables, and chairs
   Our supply is limited and on a first-reserve / first-serve basis

Commemorative Buffalo Boogie T-shirts [image above] Please circle sizes and number desired:
   Size (Y, S, M, L, XL) $10 ______________ Size 2XL, 3XL ($12) ____________
   <<<<<<>>>> T-shirts must be ordered by April 17<<<<>>>>

Mail this form to:
   Buffalo Boogie—ATTN: Rick Shepherd
   Friends of the Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge, Inc.
   9601 Fossil Ridge Road, Fort Worth, TX 76135
Questions: Please e-mail rickshepherd46@att.net (preferred) or call Rick Shepherd: cell: (817) 320-6383 [Leave message w/call back #—I will be available only by cell verbal, message, or text on Fri & Sat, 5/12 and 5/13]

Print Name___________________________ hereby waive(s) all claims for damage or loss to person or property by participation in Buffalo Boogie 2017 and that may arise from any act or omission of the City of Fort Worth Staff, the Friends of the Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge, Inc., their officers, agents, volunteers, employees, or support organizations.

(Must be signed and dated by a company official. Please PRINT name after signature.)

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*FOOD VENDORS must be in compliance with the City of Fort Worth Code Compliance, Consumer Health ordinance in effect as of the date of the event. A detailed City of Fort Worth Code Compliance, Consumer Health brochure will be sent to all food vendor applicants. All food vendors must present a valid permit and certificate of liability coverage for this benefit event.