



Hello, Birders!

Aug 8, 2021

The registration process for the November 2021 Rio Grande Valley Birding Festival is a twostep process:

1. Initial Registration- opens Aug 10th at 4 pm
2. Field trip selection opens Aug 23rd at 12 noon

On **Aug 10th** you will see a button on our webpage (www.rgvbf.org) that denotes it is time to do your **Initial Registration**. This process gathers demographic information for your account (i.e. name, address, email and phone number.) You may build an individual registration record for yourself or for yourself and your family or birding buddies that are planning on attending. It will be helpful to have their demographic information ahead of time if you have a group.

You may choose from several registration packages. Individuals in a group may choose the registration type right for them.

- Registration fee for persons wanting to provide proof of COVID-19 vaccination is \$50. You will need a photo of your proof (for most people this will be a COVID-19 vaccination card) ready to upload during the registration process.
- Registration fee for persons not wanting to provide proof of vaccination is \$300. Participants who present a negative COVID-19 test, taken within 72 hours of arrival and check-in at the Harlingen Convention Center, will receive a \$250 credit (less a \$15.00 processing fee).

The \$30 *Kiskadee Pass* can be added to either registration type and provides entrance to all Keynotes and Seminars. It is a huge savings over individually priced admission. You can purchase the Kiskadee Pass only during online registration. During the Festival, tickets for individual events will be sold, providing there are openings available.

You may find it helpful to print out the Field Trip Worksheet to keep a record of the trips you select as your first and second choice each day.

On **Aug 23rd** you will use the link you received by email to go back to the registration process and choose and pay for your field trips and special events.

Since the initial registration for a group takes much longer for a group than an individual, this twostep process provides an even chance for groups to register for those sought-after field trips as an individual would have.

After Aug 24th, any new registrations will combine these steps.

Best,

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