



# Texas Vegetation Management Association

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### Register Now!

Gain the latest knowledge, see the most advanced technology, get those CEUs, help scholarship programs, enjoy a round of golf, become licensed, view outdoor demonstrations and exhibits, gamble a bit (with funny money), network, and much more.

Not long until the Texas Vegetation Management Association Conference takes place October 18-20 at the College Station Hilton and Conference Center, 801 University Drive East-979-693-7500. With this newsletter you will also find sponsorship information and attendee forms or you can go to tvma.net and register online. The enclosed agenda outlines the plans for what promises to be a unique, informative conference for those in vegetation management and related fields. Don't miss this premier event with a tented, outdoor barbeque and business meeting at the A & M Red River Campus near the Chapel. Transportation will be provided from the hotel to the Red River Campus for all the activities at that campus.

Thank the sponsors who have committed thus far and are listed on the back of the insert and certainly consider being an even more active participant in TVMA by running for a board member position, joining a committee or attending the educational trainings TVMA offers.

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**Register now!**

### Calling All Vendors and Sponsors

This year's TVMA conference will provide you a unique opportunity to demonstrate your latest equipment and products. The venue for Tuesday's conference is the Texas A&M's Riverside Campus in College Station, TX. Located about 6 miles west of Texas A&M's main campus, the Riverside Campus provides a great location to demonstrate your equipment and products. Demonstrations already planned include:

- herbicide trials
- mowing embankments and ditches
- state of the art erosion control facilities
- power line and roadside demonstration capabilities

So, contact Scott Dunham – 979-255-3980 to lock in your space.

# Presidential Update

As my term comes to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the honor of serving as President of the TVMA. I would also like to thank the Board of Directors for all the work that was accomplished this year. This is a great organization of professional vegetation managers with an interest in doing what is best for our industry. I would like to ask you to get involved in the leadership of the association. We will be filling two vacancies on the Board of Directors at the conference in October. The vacancies are for utility and contractor members. Please contact me or one of the board members if you are interested in being nominated for one of these positions.

I would like to announce that the TVMA is expanding CEU training to the northeastern portion of the state. We have conducted training in Lubbock and Harris County for several years with great participation. Through the hard work of the board, CEU training will now be offered in Tyler on November 9th at the Rose Garden Center. We look forward to seeing you there.

Scott Dunham has done an outstanding job of preparing an exciting agenda for this year's conference in College Station. The headquarters of the conference will be the Hilton Inn, however, many of the activities will take place at the TAMU Riverside Campus located west of Bryan. The Texas Transportation Institute has allowed us to use many of their facilities to conduct lectures, herbicides plots of weed, tree and brush control, vendor and equipment exhibits, and demonstrations of erosion and sediment control materials. As you will see, the agenda is different from what you have experienced in past years and I am sure that you will enjoy it. Remember, bus transportation will be provided to the campus and for all scheduled activities.

Texas Department of Agriculture license training and examinations will be held in conjunction with the conference. If you have employees or know of anyone who would like to obtain training for a TDA pesticide applicators license, please contact Kedrick Bryant for information 409-948-8452.

In closing, thanks again for all the hard work you and the board accomplished for the association this year. This is your organization and it will be as good as you are willing to make it. See you at the conference.

John Mason



## TVMA Mission Statement

To promote and support the vegetation management industry in Texas through professional development, continuing education and training, sound environmental stewardship, and academic scholarship for its members and the public; to assist and cooperate with legislative and regulatory agencies.

## TVMA 2010 Annual Conference Corporate Sponsor Categories

**\$2000 Platinum**  
**\$1500 Gold**  
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**\$400 Nickle**

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## CEU Workshops for Seven States

Here is an excellent chance for you to get all of your required CEU's for seven states at one time. TVMA is providing two separate Continuing Education Workshops which will provide you with your required annual CEU's for TX, NM, CO, OK, KS, LA and AR.

Plus – each topic is tailored to your business – vegetation management. You won't have to sit through talks about insects or corn root worms, etc.

Locations:

Tyler, November 9th at the Tyler Rose City Complex  
Lubbock, December 13th at the KoKo Palace

Cost: \$75.00 – lunch and a one year TVMA membership are included

For more details or to register, contact:

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## The 2010 TVMA Conference Is Shaping Up

Product demonstrations are the new addition to this year's agenda, giving our attendees an opportunity to see some of the latest equipment and products in action. Mark your calendar for Oct 18-20 to attend this year's Texas Vegetation Management Conference in College Station, TX. Registration and hospitalities are scheduled for Monday, October 18th followed on Tuesday, October 19th with a full day out at Texas A&M's Riverside Campus.

The day out at Riverside Campus will have keynote speakers, equipment and product demonstrations, CEU credits and a barbeque luncheon catered by J. Cody's.

Vendors and sponsor are making plans to demonstrate their latest equipment and products during the day and attendees will have an opportunity to get the CEUs.

So, again, mark your calendar for the TVMA Conference, October 18th thru 20th in College Station.

## TVMA Golf Tournament

Benefiting the TVMA Scholarship Program  
Pebble Creek Country Club, College Station, TX  
Monday, October 18, 2010  
Registration is at 12 noon; T-time is 1:30pm.  
Lunch will be available in the club's restaurant

Calling all Golfers and Hackers - come join us for fun round of golf on an award winning course

Pebble Creek Country Club in College Station will open up their course exclusively for us to enjoy a nice round of golf and great camaraderie. Pebble Creek Golf Course, designed by Ken Dye, has twice been voted "Best Golf Course in the Brazos Valley" - check it out at [www.pebblecreek.org](http://www.pebblecreek.org). Normally closed on Monday's, they are opening up the course exclusively for us. They will also open up the restaurant so come early and enjoy lunch. We would like to have around 50 players to help spread out the cost and to raise some good money for our scholarship program- so invite your co-workers, suppliers or friends. Cost is \$75.00 per person. Please consider becoming a golf tournament sponsor to provide prizes for the winners. Winners will be announced at the business luncheon barbeque Tuesday at 12:30.

For more information or to help sponsor contact: Mike Standish; 512-887-0318 or Andrew Honnert 979-450-3527

## 2010 TVMA Annual Conference Agenda

### Monday, October 18th

9:00 am Registration

10:00 am—5:00 pm Training-Kedrick Bryant – Hilton - Mockingbird A-C

12:00 pm—6:00 pm Exhibitor Setup – Hilton – Exhibit Hall (Ballroom 1-3) and Riverside Campus

12:00 pm Golf Registration – Pebble Creek CC – lunch is available at the golf course

1:30 pm Golf Tournament

6:00 pm—8:00 pm Reception with Appetizers and Cash Bar – Hilton – Exhibit Hall / Dinner on your own

### Tuesday, October 19th

7:00 am Registration Opens

7:00 am—8:00 am Continental Breakfast (Exhibit Hall)

8:00 am—5:00 pm Training – Hilton – Mockingbird A-C

8:00 am – 8:45 am Travel to Riverside Campus, the Chapel – Please use the buses provided by TVMA to and from Riverside Campus.

8:45 am—9:00 am Opening remarks– John Mason

9:00 am—9:30 am Exhibitor Presentations

9:30 am –12:00pm General Session I—Rob Brooks – Riverside Campus – The Chapel

9:30 am—10:30 am “Hitch and Trailer Safety” Dr. Fred Whitford – Purdue University

10:30 am– 10:45 am Coffee Break

10:45 am—11:45 am “Erosion Control” Beverly Storey – Texas Transportation Institute

11:45 am—12:30 pm “Herbicide Symptomology and Weed Identification” Dr. Paul Baumann – Texas Ag Ext

12:30 pm—2:00 pm Luncheon and Business Meeting

2:00 pm—4:00 pm General Session 2—Herbicide Trials and Outdoor Presentations (Buses will transport groups to the herbicide trials and erosion control lab)

Site:

1: Equipment Demonstrations per exhibitor request around the Chapel

2: Bareground/Broadleaf Trials

3: Brush Control Trials

4: Erosion Control Demonstration

6:00 pm—9:00 pm Casino Night – Appetizers and Cash Bar – Hilton – Exhibit Hall

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### Wednesday, October 20th

6:30 am—8:00 am Past Presidents Breakfast (Invitation Only) – North Forty

7:00 am Registration Opens

7:00 am—8:00 am Continental Breakfast in Exhibit Hall

8:00 am—12:00 pm TDA Pesticide Applicators License Examination – Hilton – Mockingbird A-C

8:00 am—12:00 pm General Session 3—JohnMason – Hilton Conference Center - Ballroom 4

8:00 am— 8:45 am “State & National Legislative Update” Donnie Dippel

8:45 am– 9:45 am “Utility Right of Ways” Steve Cieslewicz – CN Utility Consulting

9:45 am—10:00 am Coffee Break – Hilton – Exhibit Hall

10:00 am– 10:45 am “Complaint Handling” Brad Tullis - TDA

10:45 am—11:30 am “Staying in Your ‘Right of Way’ ” Ronnie Halfmann

11:30 am—12:00 pm Closing remarks

12:00 pm—2:00 pm Board Meeting – North Forty

REMINDER: if you are taking the TDA Pesticide Applicators examination on Wednesday, you will be required to write a check payable to TDA in the amount of \$24. TDA cannot accept cash, and this fee WAS NOT included in your TVMA registration fee.

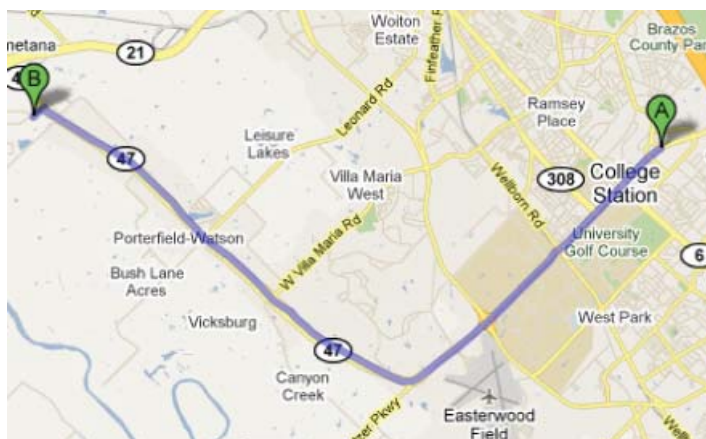
### IMPORTANT! CEU ASSIGNMENTS:

This conference has been approved for CEU assignment from Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Louisiana, as well as the Texas Chapter, ISA.

To receive credit you MUST sign the CEU registration sheet and include License Numbers.

Driving directions to Texas A&M Riverside Campus from College Station Hilton Conference Center

- Head southwest on Farm to Market Rd 60/University Dr E toward E Tarrow Dr. Continue to follow Farm to Market Rd 60. About 10 mins - go 4.2 mi.
- Slight right at TX-47 N. About 7 mins - go 6.2 mi.
- Riverside Campus will be on the left.



# TVMA Strategic Planning Initiative

As the TVMA enters in to the 2011 season we will focus more on our mission of Scholarship, Legislation, Training and Membership. With this in mind the TVMA Board and all members are asked to help develop a strategic plan for TVMA over the next 5 years.

Ask yourself:

- What does TVMA do for you?
- What more can we do for the people and customers with whom we work?
- Who is the TVMA missing at our conference and training sessions?
- Where is the vegetation management industry heading?
- How do we get qualified individuals involved?

## Scholarship Winners for 2010 Announced

Once again the Texas Vegetation Management Association is proud to announce the 2010 scholarship winners selected from a field of excellent candidates. For the past several years, TVMA has awarded four prestigious scholarships in the amount of two thousand dollars each. This year's winners include:

Mr. Taylor Wilson, a senior at Stephen F. Austin University, is majoring in Forest Management. Taylor is from Wichita Falls, and is the only non-TVMA family member winner.

Mr. Monty Murrel Teykl, a freshman at Wharton County Junior College, is an Ag Business major. He hails from Needville, Texas and is the son of Murray Teykl who is employed by Fort Bend County Drainage District.

Mr. John Elliot Ehlen of Corpus Christi, Texas is a freshman at Baylor University majoring in Pre-Med or Kinesiology. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Ehlen. Grant is employed by American Electric Power of Texas (AEP).

The winner of the Craig Johnson Family Scholarship is Mr. Tyler Aguillard, a junior accounting major at Louisiana State University. He is from Ville Platte, Louisiana and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Craig Aguillard. Craig is employed by Estes Chemical.

Again, congratulations! For more information about the TVMA scholarships and applications go to [tvma.net](http://tvma.net) or contact Stan Jones of Red River Specialties, the Scholarship Committee Chair, at 713-924-6929.

### VM Industry Calendar of Events

Sept. 22 - 24, 2010  
Texas Tree Conference  
College Station Hilton

October 18 - 20, 2010  
TVMA Annual Conference  
College Station Hilton, College Station

November 9, 2010  
Tyler Rose City Complex  
Tyler, TX

December 13, 2010  
Koko Palace  
Lubbock, TX

## TDA Applicator Licensing Training Available

Kedrick Bryant of TNMP will teach those who register for the pesticide applicator license training sessions during the 2010 TVMA Annual Conference. Training will begin on Monday morning at 10 AM and again on Tuesday morning at 8 AM with testing on Wednesday, October 20th.

Study manuals can be ordered at <http://www-aes.tamu.edu>.

B-5073 Commercial/ Non Commercial  
Applicator-General at the cost of \$25.00  
B-5056 Laws and Regulations at the cost of  
\$15.00

B-5068 Right-of-Way pest control at the  
cost of \$35.00

For the Right-of-Way Pest Control test, examinees will need to bring a \$24 payment made out to TDA. For questions contact Kedrick Bryant at [Kedrick.bryant@tnmp.com](mailto:Kedrick.bryant@tnmp.com) or 409-504-5022.

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## **Vendors remember your Silent Auction item**

The TVMA scholarship fund needs your help raising dollars for the scholarship fund. One of the things you can do to help is bring and display at your booth a silent auction item. Most vendors bring hunting gear, outdoor equipment, Western arts and crafts, etc. So, think about what you would like to auction for a good cause.

## **Book your room now for the TVMA Conference**

Don't forget to book your room as soon as possible with the Hilton Conference Center in College Station. TVMA has locked in a great rate of \$93/night but, rooms are going fast. So, book your room today. Just give the Hilton a call at 979-693-7500 and ask for the Texas Vegetation Management Association group rate.