



# TEXAS POND HONKER

August 2024

Character, Charity, Fellowship



## Blue Goose – Texas Pond

Monday, August 12, 2024 @ 5:30 PM

Fireside Pies – Grapevine, TX

1285 S. Main Street

Grapevine, TX 76051

Along with our charity collection of school supplies, at our meeting, our four Texas Pond representatives to the Grand Nest Convention will share their observations from the convention.

## Blue Goose Texas Pond DUES COLLECTION TIME FOR 2024-2025



### Our new Blue Goose year began on July 1<sup>st</sup>!

Ganders and/or current Goslings (someone who has completed an application) you can pay your dues on-line via a credit card at our Blue Goose website: [www.bluegoosetx.org](http://www.bluegoosetx.org). Click the tab for Membership and complete the information. Once completed this will take you to the PayPal screen to pay. If you have not completed an application, come to a meeting to obtain an application.

The option to pay by credit card will be available until September 30th. Dues are \$70.00 for the year. Should you want to pay your dues via a check or cash the Texas Pond will accept your dues for \$70.00 at the meetings or one can mail them to Linda Meik.



## August Texas Pond Charity Activity



## BACKtoSCHOOL2024

Remember the joy of getting a new set of school supplies?

At Community Partners of Dallas, our kids are not approaching the start of school with the same excitement and support. Many will go back to school wishing for a new backpack or new uniforms. **They just want to fit in.**

This year we will provide backpacks filled with age-appropriate school supplies and new uniforms to more than 3,500 abused and neglected children. **You can make a difference.**

Please provide a list of the items you are donating for this endeavor along with the cost receipt. All supplies and receipts need to be given to Mitch Williams by August 16<sup>th</sup>, so the Charity Committee has time to sort the supplies and tally up the number & cost for our Blue Goose records.

**SUPPLIES THEY NEED THE MOST:**

- Backpacks (CLEAR)
- Composition books
- Glue bottles
- Pencil pouches
- Index cards
- Colored pencils (12 ct)
- Markers (10 ct)
- Block Erasers
- 24 count crayons
- Folders w/pockets & brads
- 1-subject spiral notebooks (wide ruled)
- Notebook paper (wide ruled, 100 count)
- Safety scissors
- Highlighters
- Construction paper
- Scientific Calculators
- Blue & black pens
- 1" 3-ring Binders
- Rulers
- 8 Tab dividers
- Pencil Sharpeners
- Watercolors

# LAST MONTH

At our July meeting Our MLG, Stephanie Kirby kicked off the new year with some brief introductions of the new officers and what is planned for the new year.



*A New Blue Goose Year (2024-2025) is here!*

**AUGUST MEETING – TEXAS POND**

5:30 PM Ganders & Goslings & Guests  
**SECOND MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2024**  
**MEETING: FIRESIDE PIES- GRAPEVINE**

**SEPTEMBER MEETING – TEXAS POND**

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS  
**SECOND MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2024**  
**MEETING: TBD**

**OCTOBER MEETING – TEXAS POND**

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS  
**SECOND MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2024**  
**MEETING: TBD**



*“During any of the Texas Pond events, photos and videos may be taken for the benefit of HOBGI – Texas Pond. By attending, you consent to the taking of these images and to the use of your likeness within the images for HOBGI’s*

*use, including but not limited to promotional, charitable, and commercial, among other uses.”*



# 2025 BLUE GOOSE GRAND NEST CONVENTION



HILTON BOSTON PARK PLAZA  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

**JULY | 27-31 | 2025**

ROOM RATE \$279

REGISTRATION | MEMBER/SPOUSE/GUEST  
\$450 EARLY/ \$475 REGULAR/ \$500 LATE/ YOUTH \$200

Contact Wendy: [Wendy.Hubbard@IveraGroup.com](mailto:Wendy.Hubbard@IveraGroup.com)

**Plan Ahead for the 2026 HOBGI Convention:**










**July 12-16, 2026**  
**The Galt House, Louisville, KY**

The 2026 Convention is launching a new fundraiser activity during the 2024 Grand Nest Convention - get ready to hear all the details upon the Texas Pond Delegates return to the banks of the Texas Pond.

**Do you want to be a sponsor of the Southern Region Convention in 2026? Contact Tom Elder or Linda Meik. See sponsorship levels below.**



2026 Southern Region Blue Goose Corporate Sponsorship Levels		
 <b>WINNERS CIRCLE</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>	Includes signage at convention events, and where possible includes promotion through Southern Region communications and thorough various social media platforms sites.
 <b>DERBY RACE</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	Includes signage at convention events, and where possible includes promotion through Southern Region communications and thorough various social media platforms sites.
 <b>TRIFECTA</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>	Includes signage at convention events, and where possible includes promotion through Southern Region communications and thorough various social media platforms sites.
 <b>EXACTA</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>	Includes signage at convention events, and where possible includes promotion through Southern Region communications and thorough various social media platforms sites.

 <b>OAKS/LILY</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>	Includes signage at convention events, and where possible includes promotion through Southern Region communications and thorough various social media platforms sites.
 <b>WIN, PLACE, SHOW</b>	<b>\$500</b>	Includes signage at convention events, and where possible includes promotion through Southern Region communications and thorough various social media platforms sites.
 <b>STARTING GATE</b>	<b>\$250</b>	Includes signage at convention events, and where possible includes promotion through Southern Region communications and thorough various social media platforms sites.



### Here are the 2024-2025 Texas Pond Officers

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**Guardian of the Pond** – Mitch Williams (M) 214-213-5751  
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**Keeper of the Golden Goose Egg** Jeff Thompson (M) 214-499-5691  
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**Wielder of the Goose Quill** - Linda Meik  
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