Welcome to BIG EASY THE EASY
Dear Friends of the Ducks,

We hope you plan to join us in New Orleans for Ducks Unlimited’s 84th National Convention, September 8-11, 2021 as we celebrate our passion for conservation. Our dedicated Louisiana DU volunteers have created a gathering not to be missed! With the traditional “lagniappe” – a little something extra - added to every detail, the New Orleans convention will be one to remember!

To assist in your planning, we have created this brochure which provides important details. The New Orleans Marriott, in the historic French Quarter, will serve as our host hotel. Louisiana is a sportsman’s paradise and with redfish jumping less than an hour from the hotel, we have put together a fishing tournament for those able to arrive early. With an early departure from the hotel on Tuesday morning, you will be on the water catching fish by sunrise. After lunch and weigh-in, you will return to the hotel with fresh fish waiting in the hotel’s deep freeze for your departure! Catch a quick nap and enjoy a fun dinner in New Orleans before convention begins.

Official convention festivities begin Wednesday with a Roadkill Cookoff. This isn’t your typical possum-off-the-road, this is something Louisiana does best! Fresh seafood, alligator and a few other surprises prepared by award-winning DU chefs who cook in a style that is decidedly Louisiana! BAM! This party will be held at Mardi Gras World overlooking the Mississippi River. With plenty of indoor and outdoor space, this evening is one you don’t want to miss. How can you top great local music and classic Louisiana cuisine? Easy, you include your DU friends!

With the desire to gather safely, please know we have created an environment that is both safe and fun! We are taking into consideration current social distancing guidelines with the hopes of being flexible as conditions continue to improve.

Please join us in New Orleans for a long overdue celebration!

Sincerely,

Doug Schoenrock
President
Ducks Unlimited
No matter if you refer to it as NOLA, the Big Easy or just plain New Orleans, we couldn’t think of a better place for DU to gather for our 84th annual convention! From the music to the cuisine, we will feed your soul with rich history and culture, immersing DU convention attendees in everything that is truly New Orleans.

Please join us in the Big Easy for the 84th Annual Ducks Unlimited National Convention and enjoy all the festivities. We have been away too long and have some catching up to do!

– Pattie Kempka
Director, National Meetings & Conferences

September 8-11, 2021
New Orleans Marriott
Convention.ducks.org
**HOTEL INFORMATION**

**New Orleans Marriott**  
555 Canal Street  
New Orleans, Louisiana 70130  
(504) 581-1000

| Standard Room | $169 | Suites | $199 |

**Cancellation Policy**  
*Reservations must be cancelled at least 72 hours prior to arrival to avoid a one night’s room and tax charge.*  
*Reservations must be made by August 9, 2021.* For booking information, call *(800) 654-3990.*

**AIR TRAVEL INFORMATION**

Fly into Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport.  
*(airport code: MSY)*

**Delta Airlines** is proud to partner with Ducks Unlimited for flights to our National Convention in New Orleans. Go to **Delta.com**, enter your travel destination and dates and select ‘Advanced Search’ to enter DU’s meeting event code, **NMULR**. You should receive a discount of 2-10%. You may also call Delta Meeting Network® at **1.800.328.1111*** Monday–Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. (CT) and refer to Meeting Event Code **NMULR**.  

*Please note there is not a service fee for reservations booked and ticketed via our reservation 800 number.*

**AIRPORT TRANSFER INFORMATION**

Ducks Unlimited has arranged for a convenient airport shuttle service for all attendees and their family through Airport Shuttle New Orleans at a discounted rate of $40 round trip. Minimal stops are made en route to the New Orleans Marriott.

Check back at **convention.ducks.org** for a direct link that will be provided for you to book this Airport Shuttle Service at discount rates.

For all Hotel and Air questions, contact Elizabeth Harris at **eharris@ducks.org** or **901-758-3843**.
**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**

Pre-Convention Fishing Tournament
Gathering and DU Pin Trading

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**

Tours
Committee Meetings
Hospitality
Roadkill Cookoff Opening Reception and Dinner at Mardi Gras World

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**

Tours
Committee Meetings
DU Board Luncheon*
DU Board Meeting
President’s Council Reception and Dinner*/Dinner on Your Own
Hospitality

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**

Morning Coffee and Pastries
General Business Session I
Tours
Committee Meetings
Wings Over Wetlands Celebration Dinner
Hospitality

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**

Morning Coffee and Pastries
General Business Session II
Tours
84th National Convention Reception and Gala

* by invitation only
An early Tuesday morning departure from the New Orleans Marriott puts you on the water by sunrise! You will soon realize why people travel from across the country to experience casting for redfish in the Delacroix Marsh of coastal Louisiana.

You can put together your team of four or allow us to put boats together. All boats will have an experienced guide and all the gear, all you need is your license! We cannot imagine a better way to spend the morning and start convention! After fishing we will enjoy a great lunch and weigh-in. Prizes will be awarded, and fish will be frozen and ready for you upon your departure! The hotel will store the fish in their freezers as a courtesy to our guests.

Food, beverages and prizes.

REGISTER EARLY!
SPACE IS LIMITED.

$250/person

Ducks Unlimited Coastal Redfish Tournament

Sponsored By

Rather Outdoors | Strike King | Lew's | Zebco | Quantum | Saltwater
Celebrate some of the highlight events unique to this year’s convention! 
Deadline for ordering online is July 31st.

Purchase a Roadkill Cookoff t-shirt today...

...and grab a t-shirt to wear on the Delacroix Marsh!

stores.inksoft.com/ducks_unlimited
Experience plantation life as it would have been during the 1800’s during your visit to Houmas House Plantation. This impeccably restored sugarcane mansion gives you a glimpse of the opulence and wealth along River Road. The Greek Revival home is known for its meticulous period décor and manicured gardens. Costumed docents will guide you through the mansion and gardens. Tour includes lunch in its world-class restaurant.
**Down-Home Airboat Adventure**

**Wednesday and Thursday**
**9:00 AM - 12:30 PM**

Zip through narrow canals lined with moss-covered Cypress trees to wide-open grassy marshes crawling with wildlife. From bullfrogs to alligators, nutria and bald eagles, there is no telling what you will get up close and personal with on any given day! This tour will fascinate guests of all ages.

**Secret World of the French Quarter**

**Thursday, 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM**
**Saturday, 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM**

Step off the beaten paths of the French Quarter and into the secluded stillness of some of the quarters most beautiful and historic courtyards and homes. This tour follows the life of Laura Locoul, grande dame of a Creole plantation. Here you will learn the history, tradition, and dichotomy of New Orleans culture.
Learn to prepare distinctive dishes that make New Orleans famous! Fun is the ingredient in the kitchen as entertaining chefs teach the basics of Louisiana cooking. This class is seasoned with history, trivia and Louisiana lore. Be prepared to don an apron and get your hands dirty as our chefs will ask for volunteers to help create these wonderful dishes. Most importantly, after the entertaining experience you will be able to sit back and enjoy the delectable feast that was prepared!

Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Starting where it all began, in the French Quarter, travel down Esplanade Avenue, “Promenade of the Creoles,” to languid Bayou St. John. Next, view the historic “dueling oak,” the New Orleans Museum of Art, and the Botanical Gardens among the magnificent oaks of City Park. Sit under the oaks and enjoy a cup of New Orleans-brewed coffee and beignets. Next, the tour follows the crescent of the River to the old town of Carrollton and the route of the St. Charles Streetcar. Now in the heart of Uptown, some of the city’s loveliest neighborhoods can be viewed. Following Uptown is the Garden District, which was once a thriving sugar plantation. Returning to the “new” city, the Central Business District, brings us full circle: New Orleans past, present and future.
$99/person

**BEHIND-THE-AUCTION-BLOCK ANTIQUING TOUR**

**WEDNESDAY 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

For 300 years, New Orleans has collected the treasures of French explorers, Spanish pirates, English merchants, river boatmen, and Southern planters. Millions of buyers and traders have bequeathed the world’s best antiques to our legendary port. Along with the best antiques come the knowledgable professionals who curate, restore, resell, and auction these beautiful works of art. Guests start the morning at MS Rau Antique Store to get a guided private look at their collection. Then we visit the Neal Auction Gallery where they will get behind-the-scenes look at a New Orleans auction house and a first look at the antiques before they hit the auction block. Guests will mingle with the experts as the Auction Company shows off their favorite pieces in the upcoming auction. Next, we will head to the famous Magazine Street shops. Choose among the extensive list of antique shops from the malls and thrift stores, to the more specialty shops like the As You Like It Silver Shop. The tour is offered by expert Antique and Shopping guides that determine what the goal is of your guests for their day of shopping. Lunch is on your own.
Super Duck Package

The Super Duck package is $300 and limited to the first 300 buyers. Reserve your tickets online today. Remaining packages will be for sale at the raffle desk or Hospitality starting Wednesday while supplies last.


**SUPER DUCK** buyers who purchase their package prior to 1:00 pm on Thursday, September 9 receive additional lucky duck tickets.

Included in the Super Duck Sweepstakes

Ten Tickets for the Convention Raffle
Winner receives an all-expense paid trip to the 2022 National Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada

Nine Tickets (three each day) for the Ducks Unlimited Lucky Duck Gun
Four lucky winners each day (Thursday, Friday and Saturday)

One Ticket for the Grand Prize
1 in 300 chance for winner’s choice from our dream vacation package.
Pre-order and show your DU colors at convention! From shirts to coolers and much more, we have the perfect mix for everyone to enjoy. Visit us online or at the merchandise room!

Items are available to be shipped to your home or at the convention merchandise room. Deadline for shipping order is August 27th. All items ordered after this date will only be available for pick up at the merchandise room.
**Online**
Submit Convention Registration Form with credit card information at: convention.ducks.org

**Mail**
Send Convention Registration Form with payment information to:
Elizabeth Harris  
*Ducks Unlimited*  
*One Waterfowl Way*  
*Memphis, TN 38120-2351*

**Fax**
Fax Convention Registration Form to: *(901) 758-3850*

**Cancellation Policy**
While COVID conditions continue to improve, we realize some may need a more flexible cancellation policy. A full refund of registration and tours will be given with written cancellation notice received by Friday, August 27, 2021. Please contact Pattie Kempka, pkempka@ducks.org, with additional questions.

**Access**
A full convention registration ($450.00/Adult, $200.00 Young Adult) and credentials grant you access to:

**Wednesday, September 8**  
- Opening Reception and Dinner at Mardi Gras World  
- Hospitality

**Thursday, September 9**  
- Hospitality

**Friday, September 10**  
- Coffee and Pastries  
- General Business Session I  
- Wings Over Wetlands Celebration  
- Reception and Dinner  
- Hospitality

**Saturday, September 11**  
- Coffee and Pastries  
- General Business Session II  
- 84th National Convention Reception and Gala

**Gala Seating Form**
Due to current social distancing limitations, we will delay our gala seating until early August. Please check your email in early August for the gala seating request form.

For more information, please contact Elizabeth Harris at charris@ducks.org or 901-758-3843.
### Main Registrant Information

- **First Convention**
- **First**
- **Last**
- **Nickname**
- **Street**
- **City**
- **State/Province**
- **Zip/Postal Code**
- **Cell Phone**
- **Office Phone**
- **Email**
- **D.O.B.**

### Spouse, Guest, or Child Information

- **First Convention**
- **Spouse**
- **Guest**
- **Child**

### Guest or Child Information

- **First Convention**
- **Guest**
- **Child**

### Current DU Position(s) or Contribution Level

(Maximum of two, for your name badge)

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### FULL CONVENTION REGISTRATION WITH CREDENTIALS INCLUDES:

- All scheduled meals, social events, convention exhibition, and gala. Gala-only credentials will be available Saturday.

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### Total for Main Registrant

- **$**

### Total for Entire Party (USD)

- **$**

- **Card #:**
- **Expiration Date:**
- **Security Code:**
YOU ARE INVITED!

Convention will be your opportunity to experience the IMAX movie, *Wings Over Water*! This must-see conservation film will be previewed at the business session. Be part of this VIP Advance Screening prior to the national premiers!