



## 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Women in the Wild

April 27-28, 2019 Rockport TX

**Mission Statement:** To provide women with a safe and fun environment in which to familiarize themselves with some of the many outdoor recreational opportunities in the Coastal Bend.

Women in the Wild (WIW) is a Texas Outdoors Woman Network (TOWN) Rockport Chapter event in partnership with Texas Parks & Wildlife Department and our many sponsors and guest instructors. Membership in TOWN is not required to participate. For more information about this event or general membership, visit our website: [www.TOWNRockport.org](http://www.TOWNRockport.org) or email: [TOWNRockport@yahoo.com](mailto:TOWNRockport@yahoo.com).

### Registration:

Registration will be accepted by postal mail only. Classes are filled in order of receipt of completed registration and full payment.

- Early Registration: \$135.00 per participant for entries postmarked through February 28
- Regular Registration: \$160 per participant for entries postmarked March 1-31
- Late Registration: \$175 per participant for entries postmarked April 1-12

There are a limited number of spots available. Registration closes April 12 or when we reach 100 entries, whichever occurs first. Event is limited to ladies 18 and up.

Entry fee includes participation in three (3) of the listed events, a bag full of goodies, dinner on Saturday night at the social, lunch and snacks on Saturday and Sunday and non-alcoholic beverages throughout. If you have specific dietary needs please feel free to bring your own meals and/or drinks. Once your registration is received an informational packet will be sent via email to you as confirmation of your registration.

### Event locations:

Day One - Port Bay Hunting & Fishing Club (310 Port Bay Road, Rockport, Texas 78382). The historic Port Bay Hunting & Fishing Club is a member owned and operated hunting and fishing club nestled on the pristine Copano Bay system. Learn more at <http://portbayclub.com/>

Day Two - Camp Aranzazu (5420 FM1781, Rockport, TX 78382). Camp Aranzazu (*Ah ran' zah zoo*) is dedicated to enriching the lives of children and adults by providing unique camping, environmental education, and retreat experiences. Learn more at [www.camparanzazu.org](http://www.camparanzazu.org).

### Check in:

Will be held at Winery on the Bay (1007 E North St.) on Friday April 26 from 5-7 p.m. Late check in will be held on Saturday April 27 from 7:00-7:45 a.m. at Port Bay Hunting & Fishing Club.

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### **Event Schedule:**

Saturday start time is 7:45 a.m. at Port Bay Hunting & Fishing Club. We will start with a group photo, introductions and a safety briefing. We will then disperse to scheduled stations until our outdoor lunch break. We will have a guest speaker and demonstration during our lunch break before returning to class. We will end at approximately 2:30 p.m. to allow time to explore the community, take a rest and get cleaned up before our social.

Social will be from 6-10pm at Poor Man's Country Club (1009 BSN HWY 35). Join us for raffle drawings, a good time, and other fun surprises. Dinner will be served starting at 7 p.m. Non-alcoholic beverages will be provided and bar drinks available for purchase. Attendance is not required however must be present to participate in the grand prize drawings (registered participants only). All event participants will be provided complimentary raffle tickets however you may purchase additional tickets to increase odds of winning. Proceeds to benefit the TOWN Scholarship Fund for local graduating female seniors.

Sunday start time is 7:45 a.m. at Camp Aranzazu. Lunch will be provided. We will end at approximately 2pm to accommodate our traveling guests returning home.

### **Classes:**

Final class schedule will not be provided until arrival at check-in. Participants wishing to participate with a friend are encouraged to send registrations together for best chances of not being separated (although most of the fun is meeting new people). As a reminder, classes are filled on a first received basis. If you are unable or unwilling to participate in a particular class due to strong convictions or physical limitations, please indicate on registration form. To the extent possible, we will make reasonable accommodations to adjust the classes accordingly.

### **Equipment:**

All equipment is provided for each of the classes. Participants interested in bringing their own equipment may do so but are not guaranteed a class selection. All firearms must be checked in by a game warden. If a fishing license is required for a selected class, participants will be contacted prior to the event weekend.

Sensible shoes are a must. This event is outdoors and includes uneven terrain, grassy fields, gravel roads and wet boat launches. Walking will be required. Long pants are a good idea to combat mosquitoes. For water classes, you will get wet so plan accordingly. Please bring a lawn chair, jacket, sunglasses, hat, etc.

### **Weather:**

Be sure to dress for the weather. The water may still be cool and the weather may be as well. This event will not be canceled unless the weather is severe. We will shift classes as needed to accommodate the weather.

### **Cancellation Policy:**

Any cancellations received prior to April 1 will get a refund minus a \$35 fee. There will be no refunds for cancellations after April 1.

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**Lodging:**

This is a day camp situation, lodging is not provided. If you need overnight lodging there are many great hotels and cottages that you may reserve in the Rockport area. Please check out the Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce at [www.rockport-fulton.org](http://www.rockport-fulton.org) for available accommodations.

Alternative group lodging is available through our partnership with Rockport Warriors United. They are once again opening their retreat up to our wild women looking for a unique lodging experience. To help support their mission, we ask that you consider a reasonable \$25 donation per night. Reserve your spot directly at 361-737-2682 and visit <https://rockportwarriorsunited.com> for more information.

**Ongoing Hurricane Harvey Recovery:**

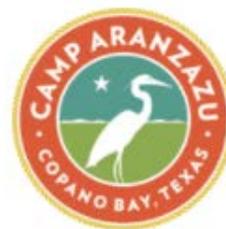
Last year proved the importance of Women in the Wild, not only to the volunteers who host the event each year, but to our faithful participants and community. Hurricane Harvey created some unique challenges in planning for Women in the Wild but also created new opportunities and partnerships we are proud to continue with Camp Aranzazu and Rockport Warriors United.

For our 11<sup>th</sup> annual event, we celebrate the traditional 11-year anniversary gift – steel. This mixture of iron and carbon is virtually resistant to corrosion and damage. Steel is valued for its durability and its strength. We believe all our wild women possess these qualities and look forward to sharing another successful event with you.

We are dedicated to fulfilling our mission of providing a safe and fun environment to familiarize women with some of the many outdoor recreational opportunities in the Coastal Bend.

**Rockport-Fulton Strong!** We aren't 100 % but every day we are closer with your help. Our community is still beautiful and open for business! Come find yourself in Rockport-Fulton. Your attendance in this important event helps to drive our economy and helps us in our recovery. More businesses and hotels are opening every day and look forward to seeing you soon!

**Special thank you to our event partners!**



**Detailed Course Information:**

**Day One Courses Offered (participate in two):**

Firearms - Learn about firearm safety, how to work a shotgun, and shoot clay targets. Skeet is a great sport and popular all over the world. B.B. guns will be offered for anyone but especially for those who have never fired a long gun. Each participant will be given a select amount of shells to shoot (2 boxes). You may bring your own shotgun but remember to bring your own ammo.

Gun Safety, Shot Gun Cleaning and Maintenance - You have learned how to shoot, so now let's learn how to take care of our shotguns. During this class you will learn handgun safety, gun maintenance and cleaning. There will be no shooting in this class but learn how to properly care for your gun and be safe doing so.

Archery - Learn the basics of this ancient skill whether you would like to one day take a deer or would rather just target practice. Instruction will be tailored to the individual skill level of the participant.

Self Defense - Receive basic instruction on how to take precautions and protect yourself from intended harm. The course is taught by the Aransas County Sheriff's Department with hands-on demonstrations.

Outdoor Survival - Learn basics of outdoor survival techniques including fire building, shelters and basic first aid.

Fishing Basics - This course teaches the basics of how to get ready for fishing. Instructor will teach how to tie knots to secure a hook, different reel and bait options, how to cast and much more. Participants will also seine for marine creatures and give throwing a cast net a try.

Fly Fishing 101 – Learn the basics of casting and fundamentals of flats fishing for the Rockport area. We will discuss flies, sight casting, presentation and fish behavior so you can take these tools and catch your very first fish on fly.

Basic Kayaks - Want an inexpensive way to get out in the bay? Try the basic course on safety and operation of kayaks with participants receiving practical hands on experience.

Eco Kayaking/Advanced Kayaks – Venture far away from the hustle of the boat launch and explore Port Bay with our fun and knowledgeable field personnel. Be prepared to ask lots of questions, take pictures or just enjoy the view. Participants need to be comfortable in a kayak and should have taken the basic class or have previous experience.

Stand Up Paddle Boarding - Standup Paddle Boarding (SUP) is the newest water recreation activity. Learn how to use a board and enjoy some time out on the water. All participants must know how to swim and feel comfortable in the water.

Stand Up Paddle Board Yoga - If you're looking for a new challenge, yoga on a stand up paddleboard will reinvigorate you and push you to become an even better yogi than you thought possible — all while enjoying the natural splendor of floating on water. All participants must know how to swim and feel comfortable on the water.

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Dutch Oven Cooking – Learn to tips and advice on cooking and preparing food outdoors. This fun and fulfilling class will get you excited to try your new skills on your next camping trip or in your backyard.

Game Processing - Learn how to fillet a fish, breast out a bird, and process a hog as taught by our Game Wardens. Game dependent on availability.

Dog Training – New course this year with professional retriever trainers. Although this course will focus on the training of retriever breeds for waterfowl and upland hunting, basic dog psychology and obedience training will be a large focus. A variety of retriever breeds and ages will be on site for attendees to work with. This will be part classroom and part hands on training for participants.

### **Day Two Courses Offered (participate in one):**

Adventure Camp – Explore all that beautiful Camp Aranzazu has to offer overlooking Copano Bay. This activity includes several stations throughout the day. Activities likely to include wall climb, zip line, ropes/challenge course and other team building activities. Participants will also participate in an outdoor water color painting class and lunchtime special presentation. This beautiful facility is full accessible, and activities can be modified to meet the skill and ability levels of all participants.

Construction/Community Service Project – Work with your hands, get a little dirty and learn new skills. We intend to rebuild something destroyed by the storm to be a permanent contribution by Women in the Wild to the community. May include operation of heavy equipment and skill tools under supervision of a qualified instructor. Closed toed shoes and clothing you don't mind getting dirty required.

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### Registration Form - Only return this page with payment

Rank your choices! We will try to accommodate as best as possible. This will be a first received registration first choice set up in order to try and be as fair as possible. Please strike through any event in which you absolutely cannot participate.

**Day One:** Rank your choices in order of 1-11 with 1 being your most preferred choice. Each participant will be placed in two classes.

\_\_\_\_ Firearms

\_\_\_\_ Basic Kayaks

\_\_\_\_ Gun Safety, Cleaning & Maintenance

\_\_\_\_ Eco Kayak/Advanced Kayaking

\_\_\_\_ Archery

\_\_\_\_ Stand Up Paddle Boarding

\_\_\_\_ Self Defense

\_\_\_\_ Stand Up Paddle Boarding Yoga

\_\_\_\_ Outdoor Survival

\_\_\_\_ Dutch Oven Cooking

\_\_\_\_ Fishing Basics

\_\_\_\_ Game Processing

\_\_\_\_ Fly Fishing 101

\_\_\_\_ Dog Training

**Day Two:** Rank your choices in order of 1-2 with 1 being your most preferred choice. Each participant will be placed in one class for the day however each will have multiple activities.

\_\_\_\_ Adventure Camp

\_\_\_\_ Construction/Community Service Project

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_XS \_\_\_\_S \_\_\_\_M \_\_\_\_L \_\_\_\_XL \_\_\_\_XXL

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Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

By signing the registered participant, on her own behalf and on behalf of her heirs, executors, administrators, waives and releases any and all rights and claims for damages and loss she may have against the event facility, its employees, volunteers, insurance carriers, other entrants and representatives, successors and assigns for any and all injuries or losses she may suffer in this event.

No  Yes I would like to share my name and email () and/or phone number () and/or address () with other participants in the event. Information will not be used for solicitation.

How did you hear about Women in the Wild? Facebook  Friend/Relative  WWN  Radio

Other  If other, please share source \_\_\_\_\_

**Make Checks payable to: T.O.W.N. Rockport**

Please mail or deliver all entries to:

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Rockport, Texas 78381