



TURTLE SURVIVAL ALLIANCE

AN IUCN PARTNERSHIP NETWORK FOR SUSTAINABLE CAPTIVE MANAGEMENT OF FRESHWATER TURTLES AND TORTOISES

Thursday, July 3, 2008 - TSA Update

>>> Early Conference Registration Deadline Fast Approaching - message from Rick Hudson

Just a reminder, August 16 is the deadline for early registration, so don't wait; the cost goes up \$100 after that, to \$225 for members. Also, discounted rates at the conference hotel are available till August 18. Double rooms are available now for the low, low price of \$99 including tax!! Please book soon because the hotel has another large group vying for some of our room allotment and we assured them we would meet the quota.

We are looking at a truly remarkable program this year, and we have a good number of international speakers that are managing conservation programs for some of the most endangered turtles on earth. Come prepared to be inspired. But foremost, come prepared to network which is what this meeting is all about – bringing people together to exchange ideas. We are providing an environment conducive to that with three great evening events with free food and drink.

For information go to <http://www.turtlesurvival.org/news/partners/tsa-annual-conference/>

>>> Announcing TSA's 6th Annual Fundraising Auction - message from Rick Hudson

WANTED: original, unique and other special turtle related items for our annual fundraising auction to be held Friday, Sept 19, at the TSA conference. The silent auction will be ongoing Friday afternoon at the conference hotel, wrapping up prior to leaving for dinner. The live auction will be held that evening in conjunction with a Mexican buffet dinner at the Tucson Botanic Garden. This event is always a highlight of the conference so plan to be there.

This is an opportunity for the every member to help support the TSA and its programs. We can generally sell anything for a good cause so look through your "stuff" and send us duplicate books, artwork especially turtle related, primitive art with a turtle theme, and photos. Turtle related "stuff" that is odd or unusual from foreign countries always sells well. Please no live animals. Donors need not be in attendance to contribute items. All items should be accompanied by a written description, including the donors name, address and approximate value of item. Hand delivered items should be turned in to the registration table by end of business on Thursday, September 18, 2008 unless other arrangements are made prior to event. Please email Rose Tremblay with any questions or concerns before September 15th, 2008 (rose.m.tremblay@disney.com)

If you are not attending, or can't bring the item with you, they can be sent to:

Sheraton Hotel
5151 E. Grant Rd.
Tucson, Arizona 85712

Please label c/o Turtle Survival Alliance, Attn: Monika Blankenship. Auction items should arrive one week prior to conference start

Thank you.