

***Special Pre-Event Highlights of the
2017 Davis Mountains Hummingbird Celebration***

Reservations Limited

This year the Celebration is offering several “Exclusive Hummingbird Experiences,” these events are more personal with nature up-close and set outdoors where one can experience the Davis Mountains’ Sky Islands to the fullest. **Arrive a day early to revel in these unique adventures. Contact Melissa Henderson, Fort Davis Chamber, director@fortdavis.com or call 1-432-426-3015 to reserve your spot.**

I. Elegant Dinner & Nature’s Best at the Davis Mountains Preserve, August 23rd, 6:30 p.m. (2 to 3 Hours)

Join Nature Conservancy, Celebration sponsors and hummingbirds by the score. Learn about these tiny nymphs and their miraculous annual migration from scientists at one of Texas’ finest mountain preserves. Enjoy knowing about sky island ecology from Conservancy ecologist Rich Kostecki. Savor an elegant catered dinner with all the trimmings at the McIvor Center. If you are so inclined, **arrive at 4 p.m.** for an optional **Guided hike to Granite Falls.** (Bring walking or hiking shoes and a hat.) Evening event is limited to the first 45 registered and paid, *\$75 per person. Your ticket includes a donation to the Nature Conservancy’s Davis Mountains Preserve.

II. Hummingbirds & Breakfast at McDonald Observatory’s Director’s Lodge August 24th, 8:30 a.m. (2 Hours) SOLD OUT

Join a select Celebration group for a delicious brunch, remote vistas and beautiful hummingbirds. Start the day in the fresh open air with two of Texas finest nature interpreters Greg Lasley & Cliff Shackelford. Breakfast prepared by McDonald Observatory’s Astronomer’s Lodge. Feast on fine food while your eyes feast on the supreme Texas landscape of the Davis Mountains Sky Island Complex. The morning event is limited to the first 30 registered and paid, *\$40 per person. Group departs hotel at 8:30 a.m. where we carpool to the observatory. Please Note: *The view alone is worth the price of this ticket.*

*Reserve with master card (call 1-432-426-3015) to make sure you have a spot; paid reservations for the first 45 registered for dinner, or 30 registered for breakfast are secure.

III. Hummingbirds of the Desert--A Professional Photography Workshop with expert Larry Ditto August 20 –24, starts Noon Sunday, August 20 (4 days) SOLD OUT

Back by popular demand Join Larry Ditto at one of his best-known workshops for North American hummingbirds. Limited to first 8 registered and paid. Price is **\$799.** Attend this workshop offered four days prior to the Davis Mountains Hummingbird Celebration and get those hummingbird “book shots” you are looking for. Contact: larryditto.com for detailed instructions. Call to reserve your place and make your payment for registration to Fort Davis Chamber of Commerce at P.O. Box 378, Fort Davis, TX 79734.