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**WACO MAMMOTH NATIONAL MONUMENT TO HOLD  
8<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MAMMOTHS ON THE MARCH FESTIVAL**

WACO, TEXAS (March 13, 2023) – The community is invited to join the City of Waco and National Park Service from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 18 for the 8th annual Mammoths on the March celebration. The free event will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Waco Mammoth National Monument located at 6220 Steinbeck Bend Drive.

The festival will feature family activities, a petting zoo, fossil identification, sandbox excavations for kids, special exhibits and food trucks. Visitors will also have the opportunity to participate in citizen science screen washing with park staff.

A spring-themed egg scramble, sponsored by the Waco Mammoth Foundation, will take place in the overflow parking lot near the park's entrance. The hunt will begin at 10 a.m. for kids ages 1-7 and at 10:10 a.m. for kids ages 8 and up. Participants are encouraged to bring their own baskets.

Area exhibitors such as the Mayborn Museum, Family Martial Arts of Texas, Baylor University Department of Geosciences, the Dallas Paleontological Society and more will be onsite to engage and entertain festival attendees of all ages. Free flower plantings will also be offered courtesy of the Heart of Texas Master Naturalists.

Regular ticket fees will apply for those who wish to view the fossil bed inside the Dig Shelter.

Waco Mammoth National Monument is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and features the nation's first and only recorded evidence of a nursery herd of Columbian mammoths. The park received its designation as a national monument in 2015 and officially opened to the public in 2009. For information, call (254) 750-7946.

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