



Texas State Geography Department Student Organizations

Geography student organizations provide opportunities for students to learn teamwork, develop leadership skills, contribute to the department, university, and community, all while having fun!

Gamma Theta Upsilon (GTU)

Purpose: GTU is the Geography Honor Society. The purpose of GTU is to further professional interest in geography by affording a common organization for those interested in the field; to strengthen student and professional training through academic experiences in addition to those of the classroom and laboratory; to advance the status of Geography as a cultural and practical discipline for study and investigation; to encourage student research of high quality, and to promote an outlet for publication; to create and administer funds for furthering graduate study and/or research in the field of Geography.

Membership Requirements: Academic standards are a must to gain entry into this fraternity. Members are required to have a 3.0 GPA or better for all course work in last 60 hours and a 3.0 GPA or greater in at least nine (9) hours of Geography and Planning courses. Fees consist of \$38 for new members, while renewing members pay \$8. Also, all members must attend at least two GTU scheduled events!

Activities: Our Texas State Chapter sponsors speakers, campus activities, field trips, social events, and participates in service functions. Members also have the opportunity to participate in numerous volunteer activities. GTU provides a network where you can become better acquainted with other geography students and can meet and talk with geography faculty. As a GTU member you can improve your expertise in the field of geography by learning things not normally dealt with in the classroom. As being a part of an academic honor society, it is evidence of your dedication and competency in your career field. Some employers give hiring preference to honor society members!

<http://www.geo.txstate.edu/studentorgs/NewGTU/index.html>

Student Planning Organization (SPO)

Purpose: The mission of the Texas State Student Planning Organization is to serve as a forum for those interested in planning issues, broadly defined (e.g. urban, environmental, transportation, community, etc) in both the public and private sectors.

Membership: SPO is open to all Geography students and faculty and those in related fields.

Activities: SPO promotes interaction and professional development through regular meetings, hosting speakers, field trips, and community service.

<http://www.geo.txstate.edu/studentorgs/spo/>

Supporting Women in Geography (SWIG)

Purpose: SWIG's goal is to promote the participation and aid in the success of women in the discipline of Geography. However, we believe the best way to meet this goal is to provide professional and personal support to everyone. Thus, we offer regular intellectual, professional, and social opportunities.

Membership: SWIG is open to all Geography students and faculty and those in related fields. We welcome all individuals, especially men and undergraduates. Annual dues are \$5.

Activities: Networking opportunities, volunteerism, social interactions, and professional and educational development workshop.

<http://www.geo.txstate.edu/studentorgs/SWIG/index.html>



Student Organization for Geographic Information Science (SOGIS)

Purpose: Talk about GIS, get help, and share your GIS project ideas!

Membership: All welcome.

Activities: Meetings are held from 5 to 6 pm on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month. Contact us for more information: sogis@geo.txstate.edu

National Association of Environmental Professionals (NAEP)

Purpose: NAEP is an environmentally conscious student organization that strives to promote environmental stewardship and provide professional resources and opportunities for members. In this manner, we will encourage academic and career development beyond the classroom, resulting in students with leadership abilities and applied experience. Through cooperation with the Texas State administration, the Department of Geography and other organizations, NAEP aims to increase awareness of environmental issues and actively encourage and promote environmental responsibility on campus and in our world.

Membership: Membership to the Texas State Chapter of the NAEP is open to all Texas State students, faculty, and staff—as well as members of the San Marcos Community—interested in helping NAEP achieve its goals of increasing environmental awareness and responsibility. Annual dues are \$5.

Activities: NAEP typically meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month in the Evans Liberal Arts Building during fall and spring semesters. NAEP meetings include announcements about upcoming events, brainstorming and planning sessions for future events as well as informative guest speakers. Past guest speakers have included representatives from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), the Save Our Springs Alliance, and environmental consulting firms. Join us for friendship, fun, service, and learning!

<http://www.geo.txstate.edu/studentorgs/naep/index.html>

Geology Club

Purpose: The Texas State Geology Club recognizes geology and all of its sub-fields and applications. Working alongside the Department of Geography and the other student organizations, the Geology Club strives to promote an appreciation of geology as a discipline and give students an opportunity to learn about all of its real life applications through guest speakers and field trips.

Membership: The Geology Club is open to all students at Texas State with an interest in geology or earth science. Annual dues are \$5.

Activities: The Geology Club meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month at 5:00 pm in Evans Liberal Arts during the fall and spring semesters. At typical meetings we relay information about upcoming events and discuss possible future activities and/or have guest speakers from the public and the professional sectors.

Check the bulletin boards in the hall in Evans Liberal Arts Building on the first floor near the main Geography Department Office for more information.