

NORTH AMERICAN BUTTERFLY ASSOCIATION

Rio Grande Prix of Butterflying, 2005

Oct. 16 – 20, AN INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

*Benefiting NABA International Butterfly Park in Mission, TX, U.S.A.
And Parque Ecologico Chipinque, in Monterrey, N.L., Mexico*

Event Rules:

1. Each team will consist of not less than 2 registered butterflyers (this does not include a non-butterflying designated driver).
2. All team members must stay within direct talking distance of one another when searching for butterflies.
3. 95% of butterfly species must be seen by all team members (but not all team members need to see the same individual butterfly).
4. Adult butterflies and caterpillars may be counted. Eggs and pupas may not be counted.
5. Butterflies (or caterpillars) must be conclusively identified by sight.
6. All butterflies counted must be identified by at least two members of the team. ID's made by only one team member do not count.
7. Butterflies (or caterpillars) counted must be alive, wild, never captured, and unrestrained. For example the area where particular caterpillars were located before the day of the **Rio Grande Prix** can be marked, but nothing can be done to restrain the caterpillars to the area.
8. The use of nets or traps is not permitted, however bait may be used.
9. No participant will attempt to change the activity of a butterfly in any way designed to make it less likely to be found by other participants.
10. Each participant will demonstrate good sportsmanship, respect property rights and avoid trampling plants while searching for butterflies.

Rules specific to Texas, U. S. A:

1. Counting must be done only in Starr, Hidalgo, Cameron and Willacy Counties of Texas, U.S.A
2. Texas counting must be done in one 24 hr. period between Midnight and Midnight any day between Sunday, October 16, 2005 and Thursday, October 20, 2005. *
3. Species list, names and taxonomy shall conform to the **NABA International Butterfly Park's Lower Rio Grande Valley Butterfly Checklist**, or the **2nd Edition of the NABA Checklist**.

Rules specific to Nuevo Leon, Mexico:

1. Counting must be done only around Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico. Parque Ecologico Chipinque and La Estanzuela Nature Park in Monterrey are two excellent locations.
<http://www.chipinque.org.mx>
2. Mexico counting must be done in one 24 hour period between midnight and midnight between Sunday, October 16, 2005 and Thursday, October 20, 2005. **
3. Species list, names and taxonomy shall conform to the **checklist of Monterrey butterflies compiled by the Papalotl Butterfly Club of Monterrey** or the **2nd Edition of the NABA Checklist**.

Rules specific to International competition:

1. Counting must be done in one 24 hour period in Mexico AND one 24 hour period in Texas, as defined above for a total of 2 days butterflying.
2. To compete in the **International Competition**, competing teams must participate in both the Texas and the Nuevo Leon counts.
3. The International total will be the grand total of the number of species seen in Nuevo Leon AND Texas (non-duplicated count).

*The Official Butterfly Checklist(s) must be signed by each team member and turned in to NABA International Butterfly Park Office, Mission, Texas 78572 by 12:00 Noon, Friday, October 22, 2004

**Teams competing in Mexico only may fax their signed checklist to (956) 585-3044 by time listed above

Be a trailblazer! Enter NABA's 3rd annual Rio Grande Prix of Butterflying

Have fun by competing in the second annual **Rio Grande Prix of Butterflying** and have your efforts benefit **NABA International Butterfly Park**. Teams of butterfliers will compete to see which team can see the most species of butterflies in a single calendar day in the Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas and/or in Monterrey, Nuevo Leon Mexico, or compete at the International Level with a day in both countries for a combined total of two days field counts.

WHO: Teams will consist of at least two registered butterfliers. In addition, the team may include a non-Butterflying driver. Each team will declare which countries they are competing in.

WHEN: Mexico or Texas, choose any convenient 24 hour period between Sunday October 16, 2005 and October 20, 2005

WHERE: Mexico--around the city of Monterrey, Nuevo Leon
U.S.A., Starr, Hidalgo, Cameron and/or Willacy Counties of Texas

COST: A \$25 per person registration fee is required if competing in only one country, \$35 if competing in both Texas and Mexico. All team members must register. Each entrant will receive an *International Grand Prix of Butterflying 2005* patch.

- There will be an opportunity for three winning teams--Texas, Mexico and International.
- Award certificates will be presented to each member of teams identifying the most species of butterflies in Texas, Mexico and International (combined N.L. & TX., but with each unique species counting only once, even if it was seen in both states)
- The name of the winning team in each competition will be inscribed on the "Joe Ideker Cup", which will remain on permanent display at NABA International Butterfly Park (temporarily at the Mission Chamber of Commerce).
- Special recognition will be given to teams that document with a photograph a new butterfly record for the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

ENTRY FORM

Please enter our team in NABA's 2005 *Rio Grande Prix of Butterflying* competition.

Team Name

(required) _____

This is the name that will appear on the trophy should your team win.

Indicate where your team will compete:

___ Texas (1 day) ___ Mexico (1 day) ___ International (2 days--1 day in each country)

Name of team captain _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Country** _____

Zip _____

Telephone _____

Fax _____

Email _____

Other team members: (Please print. Use back of this form to add more team members if necessary)

Mail this form, along with your check (PAYABLE TO NABA International Butterfly Park) to:
Rio Grande Prix, NABA International Butterfly Park, P. O. Box 878, Mission, TX 78573