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**Experience Millions Of Bats**



The evening emergence of the world's largest bat colony is one of the most unforgettable sights in all of nature. Millions of Mexican free-tailed bats swirl up from Bracken Bat Cave just outside San Antonio in a dense, circling cloud. They form enormous columns that head out over the Central Texas countryside for a night of foraging on more than 200 tons of flying insects.

Bat Conservation International owns and protects this unique natural resource and is carefully developing it as a future center for public education about bats. But until that work is completed, the awe-inspiring spectacle at Bracken is available exclusively to BCI members and their families on special Members-Only Nights at the cave.

This summer's member nights "all Saturdays" will be June 25, July 2 and 9, August 6 and September 24. Members may sign up immediately. If you're not a member of BCI and want to see one of these extraordinary emergences, join BCI now and reserve your place.

Space is limited, so please don't wait to register. Send BCI your name, address, phone number, the number in your party and your first and second choices of dates. Email the information to [bracken@batcon.org](mailto:bracken@batcon.org) or fax it to (512) 327-9724, Attn: Members' Night Coordinator. You may also call (512) 327-9721.

We'll send you a map and additional information with your confirmation.

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