**SPONSORSHIP FORM**

**51st ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM OF THE**

**DESERT TORTOISE COUNCIL**

**(FEBRUARY 25 – 27, 2026)**

The purpose of the annual Symposium of the Desert Tortoise Council is to present that latest research findings and reports on desert tortoises and their habitats and to promote discussions on how to better implement on-the-ground management practices to conserve desert tortoises. Consequently, interested parties and companies/organizations that work on projects that affect desert tortoises will benefit from participating in the annual Symposium, because it enables them to learn about the latest information on desert tortoises and to use this information when implementing these projects.

We would like to invite you to consider sponsoring the 51st Annual Symposium of the Desert Tortoise Council. Your one-time donation will go directly to defraying the costs of the 50th Annual Symposium to be held in hybrid format (both in-person and virtual attendance) at the Palace Station Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada from February 25 through 27, 2026. Sponsorships are not only the key to offering a superior symposium at an affordable price, but this once-a-year opportunity helps to provide visibility for you and/or your company or group with peers, professionals, and potential clients involved with desert tortoises and desert tortoise conservation. Sponsorships receive **highly visible recognition** in all materials related to the symposium. Sponsorship levels are shown below but all donations are welcome even if they don’t fit into the designated levels.

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| **Sponsorship Level** | **Available** | **Donation** | **Check Appropriate Box** |
| Pre-Conference Mixer Co-Sponsor | 2 | $3000 |  |
| Wednesday Night Social Mixer | 4 | $2000 |  |
| ~~Registration Desk Sponsor~~ | ~~1~~ | ~~$750~~ | Sponsored |
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| SWAG Giveaway\* | 3 | $750 |  |
| Morning Break | 3 | $1000 |  |
| Afternoon Break | 2 | $1000 |  |
| Travel Grants\* | Unlimited | $1,000 |  |
| Banquet | Unlimited | $1500 |  |
| Platinum Sponsor | Unlimited | $2,000+ |  |
| Gold Sponsor | Unlimited | $1,500 |  |
| Silver Sponsor | Unlimited | $1,000 |  |
| Bronze Sponsor | Unlimited | $500 |   |
| Contributor | Unlimited | $100 - $499 |  |

\*Attendees will receive a DTC SWAG (Stuff We All Get) item and sponsors can provide giveaway items with logos if desired

\*Travel Grants make it possible for underrepresented students and professionals working with tortoises to attend the symposium.

**Sponsor Assets**

**All Sponsors Receive**

Recognition in materials related to the symposium. (social media posts, emails, sponsor appreciation signs at the symposium, featured in slideshows shared during breaks (in-person and virtual), their logo on our website with a weblink

**Sponsors (Bronze and up) Receive**

Exhibit table if desired (on a First Come First Served basis, there are a limited numbers of tables), more prominent recognition in symposium media materials

**Sponsors (Platinum & Mixers) Receive**

1 complimentary registration at the $2000 level or 2 at the $3000 level, more prominent recognition in symposium materials including several social media posts before, during, and after the symposium.

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**If you prefer to mail a check** for your sponsorship donation, please make it payable to “Desert Tortoise Council” and send it with a copy of your sponsorship form to the following address:

Desert Tortoise Council

3807 Sierra Hwy #6-4515

Acton, CA 93510

**If you prefer to donate by credit card**, please visit [www.deserttortoise.org](http://www.desertortoise.org). Click on the “Donations” button (on the lower left side of the webpage). This will take you to the page where you can enter your information and when you select the next button, it should bring you to our PayPal website. You do not need to be a member of PayPal or the Desert Tortoise Council to donate.

**$\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Donation by check $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Donation by PayPal (credit card)**

**To ensure that you are acknowledged in the Symposium program, we must receive your donation by January 21, 2026.** Sponsor donations received after that date may possibly not be included in the Symposium program, but sponsors will be acknowledged during the Symposium and will be published in multiple forms of upcoming media.

Please provide the following information so that you or your company/group may be correctly acknowledged during the Symposium. On behalf of the Desert Tortoise Council, thank you for your generous support.

**Name as you would like it to appear:**

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***NOTE:******If you would like your company logo displayed, then please provide Mari Quillman with your logo in******.jpg format***

**Please complete this form and return it electronically with your logo to:**

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