Interview Guide: Thesis

**I. Background Questions**

When did you begin participating in outdoor recreation?

What race/ethnicity do you consider yourself?

How long have you lived in Texas? What is your occupation? Education level?

How long have you been participating in member-based programs? Is this your first member-based outdoor recreation program? What motivated you to choose the center?

How did you get involved in this program? Did you ever hesitate to participate in the Wildflower Center? What gave you pause?

**II. Current Participation**

When was the last time you went to the center? Please describe this event. Why did you go? Who did you go with? How long were you there? What did you do?

What is your primary reason for participating in these activities?

Who do you generally go with? (family, partner, children, friends, etc.)

Notwithstanding your most recent visit, what do you consider to be your main reason for attending the center? What activity/activities attracts you the most frequently?

Do you feel that you derive any personal benefits from being outdoors at the Center?

In your opinion, does the center serve as a place of community for you? If the respondent does not view the center as a community (a place for social gathering) then what is the main motivation for attending?

What types of people do you see when you go? (young/old, couples/single, etc.)

Do you go to any other public parks in Central Texas? Which ones and why? What different experiences do these parks offer that the Wildflower Center does not?

**III. General Opinions**

When you think of ‘nature’ and ‘outdoors’, what places come to mind? activities? benefits?

What attracts you to the outdoors?

Do you view the environment as valuable? Do you perceive nature to have value? Can you give an example/ explain more what kinds of value?

Do you think nature provides you any additional spiritual benefits? physical?

Do you think Nature has any benefits? Or participating in nature activities provides you with benefits? How does it benefit you?

Do you often go to parks or nature areas for extended stays? Do you often go for day trips?

Do you view the Center differently than say, a public park? Your own backyard?

Would you consider your backyard as ‘outdoors’ or a ‘nature’ area? Would you say that your backyard can provide you with any of the same benefits as park or nature areas?

What types of reactions do you receive when you tell people you are a member of the Center?

Would you encourage people to join the Wildflower Center? If so, what might be some reasons for encouragement?

Would you advocate for more nature areas like the Wildflower Center? If so, What might be some reasons why? If not, what are some reasons why not?

Would you advocate for more nature areas like public parks? If so, what might be some reasons why? If not, what are some reasons why not?

What do you think about national parks? What do you think about having areas of nature for public use?

Do you think having parks is ‘good’? What about the Wildflower Center?

What advice would you give to people who want to participate in a member-based program, such as the one at the Center, but don’t know how?