

# WELCOME

Dear Exhibitor,

I am pleased to welcome you back to the National Reptile Breeders' Expo for 2024. Your set up time will be Friday, August 16th from 10 am to 5 pm. You will be allowed in the exhibit hall at 9 am on Saturday and Sunday, which is one hour before the show opens for business. The customers will queue up in the air-conditioned hall that runs north and south between the west lobby and the exhibit hall while they wait for the Expo to officially open at 10 am on Saturday and Sunday.



The covered parking garage next to the Ocean Center has several parking options. 1-day and 3-day passes are available for exhibitors at \$10 per day. Overnight parking is permitted. Prices are for pre-paid packages that can be purchased in advance or upon your arrival. For more information call the parking garage on 386-238-3110. Valet parking is available at the Hilton Hotel for hotel guests only. Outdoor parking at the Hilton parking lot is \$20 per day with overnight parking permitted.

All Expo daytime activities will be at the Ocean Center. Expo Saturday evening activities will be across the street at the headquarters hotel, the Daytona Hilton. **Early vendor registration this year will be from 7:30 PM to 10 PM on Thursday, August 15 at the Daytona Hilton (room to be announced soon).** Please see the Expo website, reptilebreedersexpo.com for more information.

Our annual auction on Saturday night will benefit USARK FL, CrocFest and several herp causes. The bulk of our \$110,000 auction proceeds in 2023 went to USARK FL. We will be contacting exhibitors requesting auction donations. All donations are appreciated.

The entrance to the Breeders' Expo will be at both ends of the hall that runs north and south behind the west lobby. The south entrance faces the Peabody Auditorium, and the north entrance faces the Water Park next to the parking garage.

If you want electricity at your booth you must fill out the electrical form in your vendor's package and send it with payment to Production Elektriks. You do not have to list your booth as you are listed in the program which is available to Production Elektriks. **No batteries may be used to power lights or equipment per facility electrical codes.**

All exhibitors, ATMs, all food sales, registration, official show tee shirt sales, government and non-profit groups will be in one of two exhibit halls in the Ocean Center. All Pro Shipping and Reptile Express will be on hand to ship reptiles to your door from the show.

I need your help in seeing that the hall is secured each night in a smooth and reasonable manner. When the announcement is made for non-exhibitors to exit the hall at the end of the day, please put your shut down plan in action quickly and be ready when the Expo staff request the exhibitors to exit the hall. At the end of the day everyone, exhibitors and show staff are tired so we need to work together to have a smooth exit from the hall. I appreciate your help with this.

**If you plan to advertise in the Expo program, read the page titled NRBE 2024 Program that is in the vendor's package.** If you have not done so, please send me any exhibitor's name for badges.