Alamo Area Master Naturalist Class 53 Training Schedule

Classroom and Field Trips

Class	Date	Time	Topic	Presenter	Curriculum Ref	TP	Location
Class 1	Thursday, February 4	5:00 - 6:30 pm	Meet Training Team, Take Student Photos, Introduction to Mentors, Introduction to Chapter Projects	AAMN Training Team and Student Mentors			Urban Ecology Center - UEC
		6:30 - 7:30 pm	TMN Introduction & History	Judit Green	Intro & Unit 3		
		7:30 - 8:45 pm	Introduction to the Volunteer Management System	Jim Baker		All	
		8:45 - 9:00 pm	Q & A and Pick Up Class Materials	AAMN Training Team			
Zoom/Slack Practice Session	Tuesday, February 8	6:00 - 7:00 pm	Practice classroom operations with Zoom and Slack. Learn about Zoom classroom and practice chat panel and breakout room. Practice Slack channel log in, using class channels and adding your bio and photo.	AAMN Training Team			Zoom
Class 2	Thursday, February 11	5:00 - 7:00 pm	Ecology Ecosystems Concepts & Management	John Herron	Units 4, 5, 6	5, 11, 23, 26	Zoom
		7:30 - 9:00 pm	Introduction to Volunteer Opportunities	AAMN Sponsors & Partners			
Field Trip 1 (18)	Saturday, February 13	12:30 - 4:30 pm	Immersive Experience at the Witte Museum. Relate the natural history of Texas with the past, the present, and the future. Multiple hands-on activities relating to ethnobotany, soils, rainfall, topography, and adaptations of flora and fauna in different ecoregions of Texas.	Witte Docents and AAMN Volunteers	Units 1, 2, 7	2, 22, 25a, 25b, 33	Witte Museum
Class 3	Thursday, February 18	5:00 - 7:00 pm	Texas Water Resources and Aquatic Systems Ecology	Gregg Eckhardt	Units 9 & 18		Zoom
		7:30 - 9:00 pm	Citizen Science	Wendy Anderson	Unit 24		
Field Trip 2 (27)	Sunday, February 21	12:00 - 4:00 pm	History of the Headwaters Sanctuary and the Blue Hole: During a guided walk identify vegetation, their importance to a healthy urban forest and strategies to care for trees.	Pamela Ball, Michael Nentwich and volunteers from HIW, AAMN, and Bexar Branches Alliance	Units 1, 11, 19, & 20	1, 4, 9, 11, 13	Headwaters at Incarnate Word
No Class This Week	Thursday February 25		This week: Explore Volunteer Opportunities				
Field Trip 3 (26)	Sunday, February 28	1:00 - 5:00 pm	Explore Government Canyon, learn what's beneath your feet by investigating the properties of soil and its impact on vegetation and runoff and then hike out to a remote area to learn first-hand about karsts.	GCSNA Staff Members Lisa Cole and Ryan Collister, TNT Biologist Rachel Grotte, & AAMN Volunteers	Units 1, 7, & 9	2, 26	Government Canyon State Natural Area
Class 4	Thursday, March 4	5:00 - 6:30 pm	Weather and Climate	Jon Zeitler	Unit 8		Zoom
		7:00 - 9:00 pm	Geology	Carter Keairns	Unit 7	23	
Class 5	Thursday, March 11	5:00 - 7:00 pm	Soils	William Swantner	Unit 7	25a, 25b	Zoom
		7:30 - 9:00 pm	Archaeology	Clark Wernecke	Unit 2	2	
Class 6	Thursday, March 18	5:00 - 6:30 pm	Ethnobotany	Patty Leslie Pasztor	Unit 11	22	Urban Ecology Center - UEC
		7:00 - 9:00 pm	Reptiles & Amphibians, Herpetology	Sal Scibetta	Unit 15	7, 28, 29, 31	
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Field Trip 4 (30)	Tuesday, March 30	9:30 - 1:30 pm	Reenvision Water at Confluence Park: Join the River Authority to learn how to protect our rivers and watersheds. Water quality monitoring, management, river ecology, aquatic flora and fauna populations, and river history will be included.	Lee Marlowe and River Authority Education Staff	Units 9 & 18	19	Confluence Park
Class 7	Thursday, April 1	5:00 - 6:30 pm	Fish, Ichthyology	Melissa Casarez	Unit 14		Zoom
		7:00 - 9:00 pm	Insects, Entomology	Molly Keck	Unit 13	16, 18, 24	
Field Trip 5 (36)	Saturday, April 3	9:00 - 1:00 pm	A Walk through Time: Observe the Canyon Lake Gorge and its unique geological features and fossils revealed during the 2002 flood. Glen Rose limestone, hydraulic dynamics, hidden valley fault, biologic succession, marine fossils, dinosaur tracks, seeps and springs.	Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority Docents	Units 7, 9, 11, & 18	23	Canyon Lake Gorge
Class 8	Thursday, April 8	5:00 - 7:00 pm	Mammals, Mammalogy	Dana Karelus, Ph.D. Samantha Leivers, Ph.D.	Unit 16	14, 30	Zoom
		7:30 - 9:00 pm	Interpretation, Volunteers as Teachers	Holly Platz Jessica Bergner	Unit 23	20	
Field Trip 6 (30)	Saturday, April 10	8:30 - 12:30 pm	Medina River Nature Walk: Identify invasive and native plant specimens, discover the impact that each plant has on the biodiversity of this natural area, and put your new knowledge to the test in a guided walk	Cheryl Hamilton and the Salsa Squad, Balcones Invaders	Units 10, 11, & 24	4, 19	Medina River Natural Area
Class 9	Thursday, April 15	5:00 - 7:00 pm	Wildscaping & Urban Systems	Anna Kurtin	Unit 21		Zoom
		7:30 - 9:00 pm	Volunteer Conduct, Law & Ethics	Joseph Plappert	Unit 22		
Field Trip 7 (18)	Saturday, April 17	9:00 - 1:00 pm	The Secrets of Bulverde Oaks: Observe and discuss the land management principles used in the restoration and management of this unique pocket of land. Explore the secret world of lichens as you search this hidden gem.	Clay Thompson, Gina Ruiz, Gary Rogers, Bob Morris, and AAMN volunteers	Units 1, 17, 19, & 20	1, 11, 21	Bulverde Oaks Nature Preserve
Field Trip 8 (26)	Monday, April 19	12:00 - 4:00 pm	Getting Buggy: A certified entomologist will guide you on how to use scopes to identify major characteristics of arthropods, understand the descriptors used in a dichotomous key, and identify arthropods you collect.	Molly Keck and AAMN Volunteers			Texas AgriLife building classroom.
No Class This Week	Thursday, April 22		This week: Optional Earth Day volunteer activity				
Class 10	Thursday, April 29	5:00 - 7:00 pm	Urban Forestry, Forest Ecology and Management	Michael Nentwich	Unit 17	1, 3, 9, 13	Zoom
		7:30 - 9:00 pm	Birds, Ornithology	Tom & Patsy Inglet	Unit 23	20	
Field Trip 9 (27)	Saturday, May 1	8:00 - 12:00 pm	Join the Flock: Learn binocular basics and then use binoculars to identify birds at Mitchell Lake by using silhouettes, wing movement, size, and coloration to aid in identification.	Tom & Patsy Inglet and AAMN Volunteers	Units 12 & 19	12	Mitchell Lake Audubon Center
No Class This Week	Thursday, May 6		This Week: Volunteer, VMS catchup, FT makeups, Admin, Optional group CNC ID				UEC rsvd
Class 11	Thursday, May 13	5:00 - 5:30 pm	Class Group Photo	Gary Rogers			Urban Ecology Center - UEC
		5:30 - 7:30 pm	Nature for All, Land Stewardship	Maria "Masi" Mejia	Units 1 & 20	11,21,33	
		7:30 - 9:00 pm	Class Completion Celebration (family invited)				

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