



Texas Master Naturalist Big Country Chapter 2022 Training

Application

Application Deadline: August 1, 2022

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Texas Master Naturalist Volunteer. Class size is limited to 20 members. Acceptance is based on your willingness and availability to volunteer. A background check is required on all applicants participating in the Master Naturalist training program.

The training program will run from August 25 to November 17 (13 classes). All but one class will be held on Thursday evenings from 6:00pm to 9:00pm at the Taylor County Extension office in Abilene or the Abilene State Park. There will be one Saturday class on November 5th that will require traveling to Roby, Texas.

Name (Print) _____ Preferred Name _____

Address _____

City/ State/ Zip/ County _____

Phone (Primary) _____ (Secondary) _____

E-Mail (required): _____

Natural science and ecology experience and related training: _____

List areas of specialization or hobbies (e.g. wildflowers, gardening for wildlife, bird watching, nature photography, archeology, fossil hunting, reptiles, insects, fishing, hunting, etc.):

List experience in working with each type of community: (schools, churches, senior citizens, hospitals, parks, scout groups, etc.): _____

Please list group affiliations (nature clubs, community gardens, plant societies, Audubon, etc.):

How did you learn of the Master Naturalist Training Program? _____
(Facebook, Newspaper, TV, Friend)

Why do you want to become a Master Naturalist? _____

I wish to apply to the Big Country Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalists, sponsored by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and Texas Parks & Wildlife Department. By signing below, I confirm that if I am accepted into the program, I understand that:

- I must be at least 18 years of age to take the training
- I must pay \$125 training fee for materials and speakers before the start of the first class
- I must attend at least 10 of the 13 training sessions (Note: only 1 absence is allowed without having to do a makeup assignment. If you miss a 2nd or 3rd class, a makeup assignment will be required for each absence)
- I must complete 40 hours of approved volunteer work within a twelve-month time-period after completing the course, before officially becoming a Certified Master Naturalist

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Return completed application to:

Taylor County Extension
1982 Lytle Way
Abilene, TX 79602

or e-mail to: dawnyel.luckie@ag.tamu.edu

Note: Applications due by August 1, 2022

Note: All applications will be reviewed Aug 2nd – August 4th. Each applicant will be notified of their application status on Friday, August 5th, 2022, by 5pm CST via e-mail. Please be sure to check your e-mail then to know if you've been accepted into the 2022 Master Naturalist Volunteer Training program.

Questions may be directed to: Phone: 325-672-6048
Website: <http://txmn.org/bc/>



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Big Country Chapter Master Naturalist Training Fall 2022

Tentative Training Schedule (subject to change)

Session	Day/Date	Topic	Location
1	Thurs, Aug 25 6-9 PM	Orientation, Introductions Texas Water Resources	Taylor Co. Ext
2	Thurs, Sept. 1 6-9 PM	Archaeology Geology Ecological Regions of Texas	Taylor Co. Ext
3	Thurs, Sept. 8 6-9 PM	Historical Naturalists of Texas Urban Ecosystems	Taylor Co. Ext
4	Thurs, Sept. 15 6-9 PM	The Nature of Naming Plants	Abilene State Park
5	Thurs, Sept. 22 6-9 PM	Ecological Concepts & Soils Ecosystems Concepts and Mgmt. Entomology	Taylor Co. Ext
6	Thurs, Sept. 29 6-9 PM	Forest Ecology and Management Ornithology	Taylor Co. Ext
7	Thurs, Oct. 6 6-9 PM	Aquatic Systems Ecology and Mgmt Ichthyology	Abilene State Park Group Building
8	Thurs, Oct. 13 6-9 PM	Wetland Ecology and Mgmt Herpetology	Taylor Co. Ext
9	Thurs, Oct. 20 6-9 PM	Rangeland Ecology and Mgmt Mammalogy,	Taylor Co. Ext
10	Thurs. Oct. 27 6-9 PM	Laws, Regulations and Ethics Volunteers as Teachers Citizen Science	Taylor Co. Ext
11	Sat. Nov. 5 10am – 2pm	Texas Quail Program Native Plant ID	Quail Ranch
12	Thurs. Nov. 11 6-9 PM	Weather & Climate Astronomy	Abilene State Park Group Building
13	Thurs, Nov. 18 6-9 PM	Lab Practical Graduation	Taylor Co. Ext