



Texas Master Naturalist Volunteer Training Big Country Chapter 2023 Training

Application

Application Deadline: July 28, 2023

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 within our approved projects. A background check is required on all applicants participating in the Master Naturalist volunteer training program.

The volunteer training program will run from August 10th to November 2nd (14 classes). All but two classes will be held on Thursday evenings from 6 pm to 9 pm. Most classes are either at the Taylor County Extension office in Abilene or at the Abilene State Park in Buffalo Gap. There will be two Saturday classes. One on Saturday, September 23rd from 8am to 5pm that will require traveling to Roby, Texas. (Carpooling available) Then another on one Saturday October 21st from 5 pm – 9 pm at Abilene State Park. The cost is \$150. All supplies included in the fee.

Name (Print) _____ Preferred Name _____
If different

Address _____

City/ State/ Zip/ County _____

Phone (Home/Work) _____ (Cell) _____

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, etc)

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 \$150 training fee for materials and speakers before the start of the first class
- I must attend at least 11 of the 14 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 with the Big Country Master Naturalists within a twelve-month time-period AFTER completing the volunteer training 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 July 28, 2023, 5pm

Note: All applications will be reviewed July 31st. Each applicant will be notified of their application status on Monday, July 31st, 2023 by 5pm CST via e-mail. Please be sure to check your e-mail then to know if you've been accepted into the 2023 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 2023

Tentative Training Schedule **(subject to change)**

Session	Day/Date	Topic	Location
1	Thurs, Aug. 10 6-9 PM	Orientation, Introductions Interpretation/Citizen Science	Taylor Co. Ext
2	Thurs, Aug. 17 6-9 PM	Plant Walk Nature of Naming	Eden Center
3	Thurs, Aug. 24 6-9 PM	Archaeology Historical Naturalists of Texas	Taylor Co. Ext
4	Thurs, Aug. 31 6-9 PM	Ecological Concepts & Soils Ecosystems Concepts and Mgmt Urban Ecology	Taylor Co. Ext
5	Thurs, Sept. 7 6-9 PM	Herpetology	Taylor Co. Ext
6	Thurs, Sept. 14 6-9 PM	Ornithology Forest Ecology and Mgmt	Abilene State Park Group Building
7	Sat, Sept. 23 8-5 PM	Texas Quail Program Rangeland Ecology and Mgmt Native Plant ID	Rolling Plains QRR, Roby, Texas
8	Thurs, Sept. 28 6-9 PM	Entomology	Taylor Co. Ext
9	Thurs, Oct. 5 6-9 PM	Mammalogy	Taylor Co. Ext
10	Thurs, Oct. 12 6-9 PM	Aquatic Systems Ecology and Mgmt Wetland Ecology and Mgmt Ichthyology	Taylor Co. Ext
11	Thurs, Oct. 19 6-9 PM	Geology	Taylor Co. Ext
12	Sat, Oct. 21 5-9 PM	Astronomy/Star Party	Abilene State Park CCC Building
13	Thurs, Oct. 26 6-9 PM	Weather & Climate Soils/Texas Water Resources	Taylor Co. Ext
14	Thurs, Nov. 2 6-9 PM	Lab Practical Graduation	Taylor Co. Ext