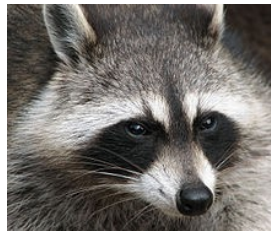


History

After its founding in San Antonio, the Master Naturalist program became a statewide initiative in 1998, and by 2001 there were fifteen recognized local chapters. The Brazos Valley Chapter was chartered in 2005 with nineteen members in its first class. The chapter offers a training class for new members from September to November each year. Since 2005 approximately 140 people have completed the basic training and are now providing valuable service related to natural resource community projects and education. They continue to enhance their own knowledge and skills through advanced training hours.



Why Become a Member?

As a Texas Master Naturalist, you will

- * help people appreciate the natural environment
- * enhance your own knowledge and skills
- * build friendships and working relationships with others who share your love of the natural Texas.

For more information about the Brazos Valley Chapter TMN

visit the chapter web site:

www.txmn.org/brazos

For statewide information about Texas Master Naturalist™

visit the web site:

<http://www.txmn.org>



Brazos Valley Chapter

The mission of the Texas Master Naturalist program is to develop a corps of well-informed volunteers who provide education, outreach, and service dedicated to the beneficial management of natural resources and natural areas within their communities.



"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

-Margaret Mead

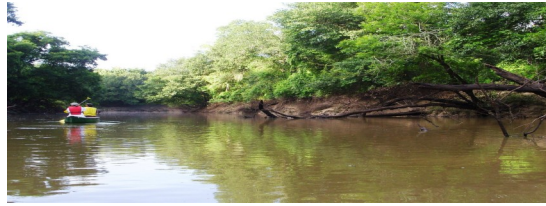
Training

In the Master Naturalist program, you will enhance your love of nature with research-based, scientific knowledge. You will receive training in wildlife and natural resource management taught by recognized experts in the field and customized to focus on the native ecosystems of our area.



Training Topics

- ◆ Geology and Soils
- ◆ Ecological Regions of Texas
- ◆ Ecological Concepts
- ◆ Native Plants
- ◆ Ornithology
- ◆ Ichthyology
- ◆ Herpetology
- ◆ Mammalogy
- ◆ Entomology
- ◆ Archeology



Requirements

- * \$130 fee for training cost
- * 40 hours classroom and field training
- * 8 hours Advanced Training each year
- * 40 hours volunteer service each year
- * \$15 dues per member per year



Partners



- * Texas Cooperative Wildlife Collection
- * Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History
- * Rio Brazos Audubon Society

Volunteering

Volunteers work in collaboration with our partners to become better stewards of the natural world and to promote stewardship in others.



Volunteer Activities

- * Johnson School Butterfly Garden
- * LCP Butterfly/Hummingbird Garden
- * Buffalo Days
- * Earth Day
- * Christmas Bird Count
- * Blue Bird Trail Monitoring
- * Amphibian Watch
- * TCWC Garden
- * Hazardous waste collection
- * Invasive plant management
- * Navasota River surveys
- * Bioblitz

