

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 more than 150 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

- * enhance and protect our natural resources
- * 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 of the Texas Master Naturalist Program visit: www.txmn.org/brazos



Or, write to **PO Box 9126,
College Station, TX 77842**

For statewide information about Texas Master Naturalist™
<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
- * TX Ecological Regions
- * Climatology
- * Botany
- * Ornithology
- * Ichthyology
- * Herpetology
- * Mammalogy
- * Entomology
- * Archeology
- * Aquatic Systems



Requirements

- * Tuition fee* to defer costs
- * 40 hours classroom and field training
- * 8 hours Advanced Training each year
- * 40 hours volunteer service each year
- * Annual dues*

*Go to txmn.org/brazos/faq or write us for current amounts



Partners



- * Biodiversity Research & Teaching Collections
- * 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.



Examples of Volunteer Activities

- * **Teaching** - Project WILD, L.A.N.D.S., Jr. Master Naturalist Program, Outreach
- * **Monitoring** - Bluebird Nest Box Trails, Carter Creek Water Quality, Bird Surveys, Citizen Scientist Watch Counts, Invasive Plants
- * **Community Participation** - Boonville Days, BioBlitz, BRTC Garden, Earth Day, Hazardous Waste Collection, Lick Creek Chimney Swift Tower and Butterfly Garden

