



**Texas Master Naturalist Brazos Valley Chapter  
Meeting Agenda for June 12, 2014  
Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History**

**I. Officer and Committee Reports**

- A. President - Sarah Laughlin –
- B. Vice President - Bruce Neville –
- C. Secretary- Amanda Schwede - Sign in; approval of May 2014 meeting minutes
- D. Treasurer- Amanda Chau –
- E. Committees
  - 1. Outreach – Joyce Conner and Cheryl Lewis, Co-Chairs –
  - 2. Membership – Betty Vermeire, Chair – submit your May hours
  - 3. Advanced Training –Joyce Conner, Chair –
  - 4. Volunteer Service Project – Mike Conner, Chair –
  - 5. Host/Social – Melissa Kamerbeek and Jim Balthrop, Co-Chairs –
  - 6. Historian – Terry Juneck, Chair –
  - 7. Web – Mike Conner, Chair –
  - 8. Program – Bruce Neville, Chair –
  - 9. New Member Training – Olivia Ash, Chair –

**II. Old Business**

- A. Texas Master Naturalist Liability Insurance: request that Master Naturalist Liability Coverage be covered at the upcoming annual meeting. So that all chapters can have a good understanding of what is and what is not covered. I suggest that the discussion also cover Liability Waivers in a broad way, pointing out what kind of clauses to watch out for as this is a common issue for volunteer activities.-Joyce Conner

**III. New Business**

- A. Historian Committee Chair Position is Open-Sarah Laughlin
- B. Request for Outreach at Millican Reserve: Camp Millican. Possibly teach classes or lead nature walks around the reserve. The camp is for kids age 5-10 and is held from 8:30 am to 2:30 or 5:30 pm. The camp runs week days from July 14-18.-Sarah Laughlin

**IV. Announcements**

**Upcoming Programs Dates/Calendar Items**

- 1. **TMN Spring/Summer Meeting Schedule:** (Second Thursdays at 6:30 PM, BVMNH)  
**Jun 12, July 10, August 14**
- 2. **Monthly Meeting speakers** (each monthly meeting counts for one hour of AT credit)  
**June 12-Water in Texas** CD(s) by TPWD; **July 10-TBD, August 14-TBD**
- 3. **Monarch Biology, Ecology & Monarch Larval Monitoring Project Training: "The MLMP @ CNC Back Porch Review"** 9 am - 4 pm; **\$20 Suggested Donation**

at CNC auditorium & back porch. **Registration**-Cindy Glass [830-249-4616](tel:830-249-4616) or [nature@cibolo.org](mailto:nature@cibolo.org) (AT approved)

**4. Online course Using Technology in Environmental Education** (AT approved)  
<https://sites.google.com/a/eelearn.net/eelearning-portal/courses/using-technology-in-environmental-education>

**5. Macro Photography Workshop. Balcones Canyonlands National Wildlife Refuge. Marble Falls, TX June 21-22** Details/registration:  
<http://abbottnaturephotography.ticketleap.com/bcnwr-workshop/>

**6. Upcoming RBAS field trip: July 12.** Still hot, but Fourth of July Butterfly Count.

**7. Keeping Rivers Flowing #3: Innovative Strategies to Protect and Restore Rivers webinar** (AT approved). **Wed, June 25, 2-3 PM.** After registering you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the Webinar.

**8. Southeast Regional Texas Master Naturalist workshop, Sat. July 19 in Livingston, TX** at the Livingston-Polk County Chamber of Commerce. \$10 registration

**9. Better Lights for Better Nights Conference** Friday, Aug 15, Dripping Springs Ranch Park Events Center. \$50 Early Bird Ticket Price, \$60 After July 15 Ticket Price.

**10. TMN Annual Meeting October 24-26, 2014 Mo Ranch in Hunt, TX**

**11. TMN AT: NAI Certified Interpretive Guide Training** (AT approved)

**12. Using Social Media for natural Resource education and outreach** (AT approved)

**13. Water quality monitoring** (AT approved)

**14. Lost Ladybug Project (V approved)**-Lost Ladybug Project seeking citizen scientists & naturalists to take photos of ladybugs to help understand recent decline of native species. Please help us build a North American map of ladybug species. You can upload into our database using this easy form: <http://www.lostladybug.org/form/page-1-form-558.php>

**15. Texas Stream Team Paddlers Needs Master Naturalists- To find out how you can get involved, contact:** Travis Tidwell, Texas Stream Team, Program Coordinator, (512) 245-9148 or [txstreamteam@txstate.edu](mailto:txstreamteam@txstate.edu), [MeadowsCenter.TXState.edu/](http://MeadowsCenter.TXState.edu/).

**16. 2014 Prairie Power Series**-Go to <http://prairiepartner.org/group/hnpat>.

**17. Camp Allen** (V credit)-Interested in partnering with us for volunteer hours leading some guided nature walks? Get volunteer credit for travel, prep, and actual time spent on the walk. Emily Krueger, Navasota, 936-825-7175, [www.campallen.org](http://www.campallen.org), [emilyk@campallen.org](mailto:emilyk@campallen.org)

**18.** AT Comm added list of pre-approved advanced training activities on BVTMN website <http://txmn.org/brazos/members-area/membership/2013-committees/advanced-training-committee/preapproved-at/>. Can also find this list by going to Advanced Training Committee webpage. Please check it out. May give you some new ideas for advanced training & also help reduce your need to request approval for activities.

Did this to reduce amount of email sent out to membership about advanced training & reduce load on next year's AT committee.

Note that any AT opportunity that is NOT on this list, must still be submitted for approval.

**19. Ongoing activity-** Public educational presentations on TV, radio, or group settings that members give on the Texas Master Naturalist Program, or on the following naturalist topics: Texas native plants; water conservation & fresh water management in Texas;

Texas invasive plants; Texas wildlife; Texas wildlife habitat management; & endangered/threatened species in Texas. Members would receive credit for time actually presenting & for work such as preparation and travel, that supports the presentation. (V approved)