



**Texas Master Naturalist Brazos Valley Chapter
Meeting Agenda for March 12, 2015
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 February 2015 meeting minutes
- D. Treasurer- Amanda Chau – If you haven't already paid your BVTMN membership dues, they are \$15.
- E. Committees
 - 1. Outreach – Olivia Ash, Chair –
 - 2. Membership – Betty Vermeire, Chair – submit your February 2015 hours.
 - 3. Advanced Training – Laura Biddle, Chair –
 - 4. Volunteer Services – Melissa Brown, Chair –
 - 5. Host/Social – Olivia Ash (temp), Chair –
 - 6. Historian – TBD, Chair –
 - 7. Web – Mike Conner, Chair –
 - 8. Program – Bruce Neville, Chair –
 - 9. New Member Training – Dwight Bohlmeier, Chair –

II. Old Business

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III. New Business

- IV.** A. Melissa Brown-The VT committee wants to change Item 5 of the VT guidelines. The proposed change is from:
5. For-profit organizations: Volunteer projects for a for-profit organization cannot be approved.
- To:
5. For Profit organizations: Volunteer projects for a for-profit organization will not in general be approved. However, if the project will not 'financially' benefit the organization, and the project is one which is related to a Master Naturalist approved project, then it is possible that volunteer credit can be earned. Such projects will be decided on a case by case basis.

V. Announcements

Upcoming Programs Dates/Calendar Items

- 1. **TMN Spring Meeting Schedule:** (Second Thursdays at 6:30 PM, BVMNH)
Mar 12, Apr 9, May 14
- 2. **Monthly Meeting speakers** (each monthly meeting counts for one hour of AT credit)
Mar 12-Lucas Gregory, Texas Water Resources Institute graduate student, Center for Invasive Species Eradication, *Fighting the Salvinia Monster at Caddo Lake*
Apr 9-, May 14-

3. **Environmental education mentoring course Mar 16-21 in Bastrop**
4. **WordPress Training, Mar 25 10-11:30am** (AT approved)
5. **Environmental Educators Summit 2015, Mar 27**, Lonestar College-Montgomery
6. **Texas Wildlife & Woodland Expo**, Sat, March 28 (AT available)
7. **[Children & Nature Network Conference](#), Apr 7-9**, Hyatt Lost Pines Resort (AT approved)
8. **Texas Deer Study Group 2015: The Hunter's Role in Deer Management** (hosts TWA, USDA-NRCS, TPWD, AgriLife Ext), **Apr 9-10** Ben E. Keith Conf Rm, Palestine
9. **Colonial Water Bird Workshop "TERN" Training** (free) + **Colonial Water Bird Trip to North Deer Island Rookery by Boat** (\$45) **Apr 12**, Galveston (AT approved)
10. **Earth Day at Wolf Pen Creek Park Apr 18, 11AM-4PM** (V approved)
11. Bennett Trust educational prgrm **Protecting the Legacy of the Edwards Plateau, Apr 23-24**, Inn of the Hills Resort and Conference Center, Kerrville.
12. **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Sat, Apr 24** 7am - 2 pm. Location as usual, University Services Bldg (BRTC to us). (V approved)
13. **Bioblitz Apr 24 7-9 PM & 25 9 AM-1 PM**. Lick Creek Park. (V approved)
14. **Brazos Bend Campout Apr 24-26 at Brazos Bend State Park, southwest of Houston**. AT hrs available-check w/your chapter after the program is announced.
15. **Summer Bluebird Symposium Aug 8, 9AM-3PM**, Brazos Cnty Expo Cntr (AT approved). V approved: Our first need is someone to "anchor" the Friday Night Social, locating a BBQ and baked potato caterer. (Details will be provided) We have a few open slots for "anchors" to cover a station at the event. Mostly, we need volunteers to help set up on Friday (7th) and serve, as needed, on Saturday.
16. **2015 Master Volunteer Entomology Specialist Training Sept 28-Oct 2, Conroe.**
17. **TMN 16th Annual Mtg, Oct 23-25, Horseshoe Bay Resort, Marble Falls**
18. AT Comm added [list of pre-approved advanced training activities](#) on BVTMN website. Can also find this list by going to Advanced Training Committee webpage. 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)
20. **Pre-approved volunteer projects list**: Note that you must report the data to the appropriate website for a collecting activity to count for volunteer time. Collecting and reporting data for iNaturalist is approved for volunteer credit. This includes organizational projects such as the development of a iNaturalist guide to a Texas area. Collecting and reporting eBird data is approved for volunteer credit.