



**Texas Master Naturalist Brazos Valley Chapter
Meeting Agenda for April 12, 2012
Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History**

I. Welcome

II. Officer and Committee Reports

A. President – Lisa Davenport

B. Vice President – Janet Quiram

C. Secretary – Amanda Schwede

1. Sign in
2. Approval of March 2012 meeting minutes

D. Treasurer – Charlene Lusk

E. Outreach – Cheryl Lewis, Chair (cheryl77845@yahoo.com) - I will keep track of the information required for outreach events. I just need some clarification on the meaning of "direct" and "indirect" outreach events. Also, do we have to report the number of people attending the event, or just the number of people we had contact with?

F. Training – Bruce Neville, Chair (b2neville@gmail.com)

1. I got us a PO Box today. As of now, we can use the address: PO Box 9126, College Station, TX 77842-9126. I put all of the officers, Betty, and Amanda C on as authorized to pick up mail. It's \$38/year. Charlene, I have a receipt for you. No great hurry, so I can wait till the meeting to get that. I have one key. Lisa Davenport has taken responsibility for the other key. Amanda Chau has changed all our mailing addresses on the bottom of all web pages as well as the "Contact US" page to this PO Box address.

2. BVTMN Training Committee Report
April 2012

First, I need to thank the Committee. Alphabetically, they are: Kitty Anding, Laura Biddle, Dwight Bohlmeier, Ray Frisbee, Sarah Laughlin, Bruce Neville, Barb Pritchard, Janet Quiram, Misty Rice, Betty Vermeire, and Mary Dabney Wilson. Everyone is highly engaged and participating, and all have provided excellent ideas.

The Committee has met three times. We sent out a survey of the membership for suggestions on training schedule and content, and we received excellent feedback from 15 members. After considering the survey results, we have a schedule and tentative speakers. The overwhelming response from the survey was to keep the training schedule much as it was: ten 3-hour Tuesday evenings and five 3- to 4-hour field trips. The schedule will be Tuesday 11 September to Tuesday 20 November, with no class on 6 November, election night. Field trips are tentatively

scheduled for Saturdays: 22 September; 6, 13, and 20 October; and 3 November. Survey respondents were less consistent about the venue of the training, so we will continue the current practice of splitting the classes between the Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History (BVMNH) and the Texas Cooperative Wildlife Collection (TCWC).

With regard to the subjects, we have decided to change the “Soil and Plant Interactions” to a “Soils Wet Lab” at TCWC. We have proposed changes in speakers for Geology and for Native Plants and Ecosystems. Since we have had trouble getting a mammalogist, we decided to make that subject part of a field trip. Alejandro Calixto is no longer available to do spiders, so we are changing that half-session to “Marine Systems,” and it will be combined with Mollusks. For field trips, we are keeping the popular Sugar Loaf, Aquatic Systems, and Habitat Reclamation field trips. We are hoping to get Barron Rector to do grasses again, but will have a back-up plan, in case he is not available. We are hoping to do a mammal tracking and general nature walk around TCWC for the final field trip. We felt that Rio Brazos Audubon Society (RBAS) provided enough opportunities for additional work on field birding that we did not need to have an additional bird walk for the Master Naturalist class.

We have begun approaching speakers to confirm availability and a tentative schedule. When we have more confirmations, I will circulate a draft schedule.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Neville

Chair, Training Committee

G. Membership – Betty Vermeire, Chair (bavermeire@suddenlink.net)

H. Advanced Training –Jim Anding, Chair

I. Volunteer Service Project – Jay Pritchard, Chair (MoPWatcher@aol.com)

J. Host/Social – Olivia Ash and Kara Rosch, Co-chairs (eandoash@msn.com; kara.rosch@blinn.edu)

K. Historian – Terry Junek, Chair – See attached form to keep track of the information required for outreach events.

L. Web – Amanda Chau, Chair (amanda.chau@blinn.edu) - 5 to 8 minutes overview of website changes

M. Program – Janet Quiram, Chair (janetqm@suddenlink.net)

III. Old Business

A. Changes to our txmn.org/brazos site- the Web Committee has made some exciting changes to our web site and the way we view our calendars. Please visit our web site below and let us know what you think. Remember, you do not need a Gmail account to see our calendars. TMN Brazos Valley Chapter home page: <http://txmn.org/brazos/> To access our Calendar, you need to go to Members Area below. Use this password "bvCriticr\$". Remember this password is case-sensitive. <http://txmn.org/brazos/members-area/> Please click away and start exploring. You will find a lot of helpful resources available to you. We would also like to hear from you. Send your comments and feedback to me after you get a chance to explore our web site and view our new calendars. In the next month or two, we plan to create web pages for all our committees. Our Web Committee page is as an example. If you are a member of a committee or two, we will contact you for a photo soon. Stay tune for more exciting changes.

- B. If you are interested in working directly with kids or at public events that involve kids, you need to submit to a background check before you are permitted to volunteer at these events. There are a number of exciting events coming up such as Earth Day, BioBlitz, and Milam County Festival. If you are interested in volunteering at these events, please complete your background check form by March 31 if possible. The chapter will pay for the \$10 background check fee for you. Please download and complete the background check form from AgriLife Extension (see link below). Mail this form to: Betty Vermeire, 2503 Antietam Dr., College Station, TX 77845
Background check form-
http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/files/2011/12/membership_vol_background_check.pdf
More information on Youth Protection Standards-http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/agent_yps
If you work or attend school at the Texas A&M College Station Campus, you can drop your form (in a sealed envelope) off to Bruce Neville at the Evans Library
If you work or attend school at the Blinn College Bryan Campus, you can drop your form (in a sealed envelope) to Amanda Chau, Natural Science.

IV. New Business

- A. We received the request below via our txmn.org/brazos site from Wendi Owen, Wendio@suddenlink.net: I am a parent at Brazos Christian School and we are looking for someone to do a presentation on spiders for our 2nd graders. They are reading Charlotte's Web and studying spiders. They will present their own spider reports next week. Thank you I'm advance for your help.
- B. Link to the Officer page (<http://txmn.org/brazos/members-area/membership/tmn-officers/>) whenever you send out agendas or meeting minutes to the Executive Board and our TMN Google Group. Let them know agendas and minutes, past and upcoming, are available to them online as well.

V. Announcements

A. Upcoming Programs Dates/Calendar Items

1. **TMN Spring Meeting Schedule:** (Second Thursdays at 6:30 PM, BVMNH)
May 10, June 14, July 12,
August 9, September 13
2. **2012 TMN State Conference**
3. **Monthly Meeting speakers (each monthly meeting counts for one hour of AT credit):**
 - A. April 12— Amanda Mancuso from Brazos Valley Recycling
 - B. May 9— John Nielson-Gammon "Scientific Basis for and Texas Consequences of Climate Change"
4. **2012 Wildlife for Lunch Webinar Series (count as Advanced Training credit)**
<https://texas-wildlife.webex.com> to log on to the live webinars. For more information contact Courtney Brittain, Texas Wildlife Association, Education Program Coordinator
2800 NE Loop 410, Ste. 105; San Antonio, TX 78218
(210) 826-2904 ext. 122, (210) 826-4933 – fax, (210) 393-3467 - mobile
www.texas-wildlife.org, cbrittain@texas-wildlife.org
April 19 * Riparian Management 201, Sky Lewey
May 17 * Integrating Cattle and Wildlife on Small Acreage, Larry Pierce
June 21 * Ranch Photography for Fun and Profit, John Martin
July 19 * West Texas Wildlife Management, Louis Harveson
August 16 * Rainwater Harvesting, Billy Kniffen
September 20 * Deer Nutritional Requirements & Implications for Management, Dave Hewitt
October 18 * Native Prairie Restoration, Forrest Smith

November 15 * Endangered Species Management, Brian Hays

December 20 * Forestry Management for Wildlife, Chris Comer

5. Spring 2012 Applied Biodiversity Science Seminar Series (This program has been approved for AT credit.)

The ABS Program sponsors a speaker series each semester that features practitioners and scholars in the field of conservation science from Texas A&M or invited from other institutions. As part of the series, we also organize Cross-Pollination Workshops that provide an open forum for ABS faculty and students to showcase their research and receive feedback from multidisciplinary perspectives.

Date and Time	Location	Title	Speaker
Apr. 27, 2012 12-1pm	TBD	Assessing Social Carrying Capacity on Texas Inland Waterways (more info)	Dr. Gerard Kyle, Associate Professor, Department of Recreation, Parks, and Tourism Sciences, Texas A&M University (website)

6. Master Naturalists sought for assistance and support of Scout Programs

Hello Brazos Valley, Cinco Tierra, Piney Wood Lakes, Hays County, Coastal Prairie, Heartwood, Lindheimer and Gulf Coast Chapters:

Your local areas were specifically mentioned in the message below--Please contact Jerrel Geisler for more information on this opportunity in your local chapter area. (Contact info below)

As well as being a Master Naturalist, I serve on the Conservation Committee for the Sam Houston Area Council Boy Scout of America. One of the roles I am serving is a liaison for Master Naturalist Chapters for this committee.

I am sending this to you, to send out to a portion of the Texas Master Naturalist (TMN) Chapters. We may have made this request before but I am reinstating our efforts to seek help.

We are seeking TMN Chapters or members who have or would like to help at our Council owned properties and where available, to join our committee. While one role of our committee is to provide for the awarding of environmental awards to various levels of Scouts and Scout programs within the Sam Houston Area Council (SHAC), namely the William T. Hornaday Awards, we also deal with educating local camp and summer camp staff on Texas natural issues at SHAC properties and also range, wildlife and habitat conservation for those properties.

I am looking for TMN members who are seeking volunteer opportunities and may have been scouts themselves (Boy or Girl) in their youth, please forward this information to them and they may contact me to find what the various needs may be. We have had members from the Hays County or Lindheimer Chapters help us out a couple years ago with Summer Camp preparation. The assistance was well received and we are seeking more help for this summer and at some of our other camps, for various needs.

Potential needs for the SHAC Properties include; El Rancho Cima - near Wimberly, Texas, adjacent to Hays and Comal Counties; Camp Bovay - near Navasota, Texas; Camp Brosig - near Sealy, Texas and Camp Strake - near Conroe and the Woodlands, Texas. We also meet on a monthly basis at the SHAC Headquarters in Houston.

Also, if there are members who are currently working with scouting units within these areas, we would like to know as well.

Please pass this along to members and Chapters on your listserv, or forward to someone who can. Thank you for your time,

Jerrel Geisler, CIG

Sam Houston Area Council Boy Scout of America, Conservation Committee

jerrelgeisler@sbcglobal.net

281-467-2259

Texas Master Naturalist Gulf Coast Chapter

7. Milam County Nature Fest scheduled for April 14th, 2012, from 9-3, at Rockdale Fair Park, 200 Walnut Street, Rockdale, TX 76567. Attached (last pages 15-20) is a list of volunteer activities.

Paul Unger, (paulunger05@gmail.com, cell: 512-760-5788) is a contact. According to Paul: "We could easily use one person to a booth, and in several, 2 or three. We would take all the people you can send. That way we can take breaks and everyone would get to look around instead of just doing one thing for 6 hours. Would like to have the volunteers by 8:30 am, but could accommodate volunteers anytime of the day.

We will have a good breakfast available and all volunteers are encouraged to use the onsite food service as we are getting use of the large building for free, and the New Salem Club makes their money that way." More info is available at: <http://txmn.org/elcamino/naturefest/>.

8. The Brazos Valley Earth Day Committee cordially invites you to participate in the 17th Annual Brazos Valley Earth Day Festival. This year's event is scheduled for April 21st, 2012 at Wolf Pen Creek. The event aims to celebrate and promote environmental programs and services throughout our community. In addition to numerous educational opportunities, the festival will include entertainment, children's activities, free refreshments, and this event's first *After Hours Concert* featuring **Vocal Trash!**

As a participant, area residents will have the opportunity to visit your booth to ask questions, gather information, and view demonstrations. **Each booth will include one 8-foot table and two chairs.** You will need to provide your own table covering and tent.

Your organization is welcome to distribute any business-related literature and/or incentives, but may not sell merchandise or solicit donations of any kind unless you have been approved as a *vendor by the committee. To apply as a *vendor (this includes food services), please notify Heather Qualls by replying to this email.

Your table will be available for set up at 9:00 am with the event beginning at 11 am. To save paper and time, register online > <http://cstx.gov/index.aspx?recordid=186&page=3086>

Please reserve your booth space by completing the online form by Friday, March 30, 2012.

*Vendor - Organization or business *selling* items *Exhibitor - Organization or businesses *not selling* items

Additional Earth Day information may be found online at www.brazosvalleyearthday.com, this website will be updated periodically as the event nears! If you are interested in being a sponsor of this year's event please let us know!!

Heather L. Qualls O 979.764.6229 | C - 979.561.6003

9. TMN Chapters needed as TPWD Texas Nature Tracker Partners!

Contact Marsha May for more information marsha.may@tpwd.state.tx.us

Texas Master Naturalist Chapters needed as TPWD Texas Nature Tracker Partners!

Did you know that as a Texas Nature Tracker Partner, your chapter members would not only gain those much needed volunteer hours but also contribute to Texas wildlife conservation?

A Texas Nature Tracker partnership involves train the trainer workshops for monitoring amphibians, freshwater mussels, black-tailed prairie dogs, Texas horned lizards and turtles taught by TPWD biologists. Your chapter can choose which watch program/s you would like participate. These workshops also count as advanced training. Regional trainings for adjacent chapters can also be arranged.

Participating chapters are then asked to take this knowledge into the field and monitor local

species as well as offer outreach opportunities for the local community. These outreach opportunities can be as simple as inviting folks in the community to join you during a monitoring event. Monitoring and other events that your chapter may choose to do as a partner would count toward your volunteer service requirements too.

Please contact me if your chapter is interested and I will send you more information. Our spring schedule is filling quickly.

I look forward to working with you.

Marsha E. May, Texas Nature Trackers, Wildlife Diversity Branch, Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Texas 78744, (512.389.8062),

marsha.may@tpwd.state.tx.us , <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/tracker>

10. Bioblitz will be April 27 & 28 The 15th annual BioBlitz is coming in April!

BioBlitz 2012 will be held on Friday, April 27th and Saturday, April 28th at Lick Creek Park and we need lots of volunteers!

BioBlitz is a 24-hour survey of all the plants and animals in an urban park. It is a two day event that involves professionals and volunteers teaming up to identify species and educate the public about the biodiversity of the area. Events at BioBlitz include: bird walks, herp walks, mammal walks, plant walks, insect lighting, booths and displays, children activities, and lots more.

Volunteering on a team is an opportunity to learn new techniques for discovering biodiversity as well as networking with professionals in the field. Each team has its own method for identifying species which can range from trapping to seining. All majors and classes are invited to volunteer. For more information about BioBlitz 2012 please visit scb.tamu.edu and click on the BioBlitz tab.

If you are interested in signing up to join a survey team or to assist with BioBlitz please email scbbioblitz@gmail.com with your name, email, phone number, T-shirt size and the top 3 teams of your choice.

A. My name is Monika Libson and I am the 2012 BioBlitz coordinator. I am so excited for this year's BioBlitz! There's going to be a lot of new and exciting changes, but hopefully it will still be the same event that we know and love. BioBlitz this year will be held on April 27th and 28th at Lick Creek Park so please mark your calendars.

One of my crazier ideas for this year is to have more booths with games (sort of like a carnival) but each with a conservation/biodiversity twist. (e.g. animal face painting, safari caricature artist, fishing with little magnets and explaining catch limits, ring toss with recycled materials) Games that are fun for both children and adults but that educate the public to what real conservation is all about and how this sustains biodiversity.

I am hoping that each organization participating will come up with their own carnival game for their booth. All games must be approved. If you have extra suggestions for other booths please let me know.

To register for a booth please send me the following information:

Organization Name:

Booth Game:

Contact person's name:

Contact person's email:

Contact person's telephone number:

Also please submit an electronic copy of your organizations logo for the t-shirt

All booth registrations must be submitted by March 9th. Registration for a booth is free.

If you have any questions please email scbbioblitz@gmail.com and we will answer your question as quickly as possible. -Monika Libson, BioBlitz Coordinator

11. Spring Beauty and the Bees - Volunteer pollinator monitoring

This spring, I am enlisting the help of interested volunteers to observe local pollinators of spring beauty (*Claytonia virginica* and *Claytonia caroliniana*). I thought you all might be interested in

observing and learning about the pollinators of these native plants! I am especially interested in what pollinators are visiting in Texas, so any help you can offer would be greatly appreciated. This project aims to document changing pollinator populations - by monitoring the insects that visit spring beauty throughout the eastern US; we can determine how pollinator communities change depending on the year, the location, and the season. This information will help us better understand the biology of native pollinators, as well as help us determine the best way to evaluate their value for native plant reproduction. At the same time, you will learn more about the native bees and flies visiting our early spring flora, and spend some time outdoors during the lovely spring weather.

To help, you'll need to locate a patch of spring beauty, *Claytonia virginica* or *Claytonia caroliniana*, which are common in the Eastern US and Southeastern Canada. You'll find information on our website on how to distinguish the plants and pollinators and conduct pollinator observations on your own. We ask for about 2 hours of observations over the course of *Claytonia* bloom, which lasts 2-4 weeks in most areas. As you observe, you'll fill out the provided data sheets, which you will then email or mail to us.

For more information, visit <http://springbeauties.wordpress.com>. To volunteer, please email spring.beauty.pollinators@gmail.com with your name and location. We'll get in touch with you soon with more information.

Thank you very much, Alison Parker

12. (Note: This is a trip designed for TMNs for leisure, not a sanctioned AT trip... although we might determine that some components provide AT at a later date.) At last, the dates are set: the much-anticipated, purely-for-fun TMN trip to Fort Davis and the Davis Mountains will be May 4-8, 2012.

Disclaimer: I will be your guide and will facilitate the group activities, but this is not an escorted tour where you'll be on a bus or following me around while I wave a flag and speak into a microphone. :) This is a loosely guided tour, where you can choose to participate or not as you wish. My main focus is to get a group of like-minded people introduced to a beautiful region of Texas and to suggest some activities that I think you will enjoy. We will not always eat together, we will not always be at the same place at the same time, but I will provide as much structure as possible. You will be required to provide your own transportation to the various activities but I will give extensive directions, phone numbers, local guides, etc. Side trips are encouraged, and lagging behind to look at a certain plant or take a photo of a bird is expected.

Now that that's out of the way, here are the details!

RSVP: It's important that I know if you're attending so I can alert the venues of the expected numbers of people. Please email me if you're planning to attend, and email me if you cancel. No fees are planned yet but I might need to request a small fee if we need to reserve a meeting area or pre-purchase any tickets.

DATES: May 4-8, 2012, Driving to Fort Davis May 4th, returning home May 8th, Days in the Fort Davis area - May 5th, 6th and 7th, If you cannot stay the entire time, or want to come early/stay late - that's fine!

ACCOMMODATIONS: Your choice – book on your own! I am not endorsing any property other than those owned by TPWD. I'm merely listing the ones that are close to where I am staying.

Davis Mountains State Park campsites (tent or RV)

http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/spdest/findadest/parks/davis_mountains/ 512-389-8900 or online at <http://texas.reserveworld.com/>

Camping at this state park is very comfortable – great facilities and beautiful, cool mountain weather makes sleeping in tents pleasant even in summer. (This is where I'm staying!)

Indian Lodge (inside Davis Mountains State Park)

http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/spdest/findadest/parks/indian_lodge/ 512-389-8982

Motel-type accommodations within the State Park. Rooms are basic but comfortable; restaurant onsite. The original lodge was built by the CCC but has been expanded over the years.

Prude Ranch (cabins, bunkhouses, RV sites) <http://www.prude-ranch.com/>

Availability varies; historic family-owned ranch between the State Park and McDonald Observatory. *** If you are interested in getting a group into a bunkhouse please let me know and I'll see what I can help arrange. ***Also offers a dining hall and horseback riding. This is a popular summer camp at the site of the yearly Texas Star Party, Fitness Camp and many school trips.

Sproul Ranch <http://www.sproulranch.com/> Next to Prude Ranch.

In town accommodations – Please see <http://fortdavis.com/accommodations.html>

ITINERARY/ACTIVITIES:

This is a very loose itinerary – it will be firmed up as we determine who is attending.

Friday, May 4th Travel day on your own – ORIENTATION SESSION THIS EVENING, approximately 7-8pm (location TBD), but if you miss it you can come pick up information from my campsite whenever you arrive.

Saturday, May 5th Morning: Chihuahuan Desert Research Institute – tour the botanical gardens or take a guided hike into Modesta Canyon (fee for entrance, extra fee for guided tour/hike)

<http://cdri.org/> The hike is moderately strenuous, but the gardens and mining museum can be easily navigated by most anyone. 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon (approximate end time)

Evening: McDonald Observatory Star Party <http://mcdonaldobservatory.org/> \$12 adults, \$10 seniors Starts approximately 9pm, dress warmly – constellations, nebulae, planets – depends on what's in view! This will be a full moon night so the viewing won't be the most spectacular but it will still be amazing.

Sunday, May 6th L.E. Woods roadside park for birding, hiking in the State Park, visiting the historic fort, taking the “scenic loop” drive, picnicking, shopping & dining in Fort Davis, side trips to Balmorhea, Marfa or Alpine (Museum of the Big Bend at Sul Ross State University) – the possibilities are too numerous to list here, but full info will be available. I plan spend the afternoon & evening on the scenic loop.

Monday, May 7th Davis Mountains Preserve, The Nature Conservancy of Texas

<http://www.nature.org/ourinitiatives/regions/northamerica/unitedstates/texas/placesweprotect/davis-mountains-preserve.xml>

We'll have guided access to areas of the preserve that are normally off-limits to the public. We have the option but not a guarantee yet of hiking to the summit of Mt. Livermore. At 8,378' it's one of the highest peaks in Texas. This will require a drive (high clearance vehicles only), and a 6-mile roundtrip hike with a 2,000' elevation gain. This is not required, but if you are interested in this please let me know as we need to make arrangements with the TNC staff. Another less-strenuous hike is available on their public trail in Madera Canyon. TNC staff will be on-hand to show us their conservation center, talk about their work and explain the preserve's recovery since the wildfires.

Tuesday, May 8th Happy trails – break camp and travel home safely.

MEALS: All meals will be on your own. If you stay at Prude Ranch I believe you can arrange meals there. Fort Davis has a few restaurants and grocery stores and the prices are very reasonable. Most hotel rooms in the area do not have kitchenettes. There is a restaurant at the Indian Lodge inside the state park, and you're welcome to use my campsite kitchen for basic cooking any time you want. We will try to plan at least 1 picnic for the group, probably on Sunday. There will be plenty of time to commune with your fellow TMNers at various meals throughout the trip.

COST: Depends upon where you stay and what you eat. The costs for this trip are minimal other than the gas to get there, of course!

NEXT STEPS: If you decide to attend make your reservations as soon as possible. Rooms are limited at Indian Lodge but there are quite a few lodging choices in town or nearby at Prude Ranch. At the time of writing many campsites are available.

Email me to let me know how many people are attending, if any are children (and their ages) and where you're staying. Non-TMNers are welcome to join us, as long as they can put up with a bunch of nature-nerds with guidebooks and binoculars. □

FINAL NOTES: Children will love the area and many of the activities but keep in mind that some activities may not be appropriate for young children due to the rough terrain. Pets are not allowed unattended in the state park and I recommend you do not bring them. If you have any questions or concerns please email or call me.

CONTACT: Donna Cole donna@donna2112.com or txmasternaturalist@tx.rr.com
214-538-4444 cell

13. Brazos Valley Solid Waste Management Agency, Inc. (BVSWMA) needs volunteers!

It is getting close to that time of year for the Brazos Valley Solid Waste Management Agency to host their bi-annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection and they need your help! This event is not possible without the help of our local volunteers! Date: April 28, 2012 Location: Old University Services Building, 3380 University Dr. E, College Station, TX

Shifts are: 6:30 - 9:00 - Breakfast and Refreshments Included!
8:30 - 11:00 - Breakfast, Refreshments, and Lunch Included!
10:30 - 1:00 - Lunch and Refreshments Included!
12:30 - 2:00 - Lunch and Refreshments Included!

Responsibilities include: Traffic Control, Litter Collection, Recycling, Information

All Shifts are 2 1/2 hour shifts, you are welcome to work as many shifts as you would like but we ask that you please fill the time requested.

Please feel free to sign up on-line www.cstx.gov/recycle, reply to this email, or call Heather Qualls the Recycling Coordinator at 979-764-6228, by Friday April 20th 5:00 pm.

14. Jan-Feb Reverchon Naturalist News from TX NRCS-requesting interesting photos of native plants and stories within the North Central Texas area

The belated January-February issue of the Reverchon Naturalist newsletter is now available on the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Service home page and can be found at this link:

<http://www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/bio/reverchon.html>

Please forward to anyone you believe would be interested. We would like to get interesting photos of native plants and stories within the North Central Texas area. Submit articles of 350-700 words.

Longer articles are also accepted. Please take the time to submit your items and share with other plant geeks

Ricky Linx, Wildlife Biologist, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, 532 Santa Fe Dr. Weatherford, TX 76086, 817-596-2865 Ext. 105 (O), 817-304-5266 (C)

15. Flora and Fauna of Central Texas Certificate Series Starts April 21st (These hands-on classes held on the LBJWC Campus could possibly serve as Advanced Training or make-up classes for some initial training sessions for some chapters. Additionally, this may be a good resource for people who contact your chapters wanting training but not wanting to volunteer. In that case, instead of taking up one of your class spaces, you could direct them toward this resource instead.)-This spring the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center's Go Native U program goes wild with a new series focusing on the natural history of Central Texas wildlife and plants. The first of eight Saturday classes starts April 21st. Explore the history of early Texas naturalists, understand the basics of our local ecology and geology and study native plants through hands-on, field based botany. In the second part of the series you will learn all about the life histories of birds, mammals, reptiles/amphibians and insects including basic identification, taxonomy, common species, local species of concern and related conservation issues. The fauna classes include an on-site field portion when possible.

This exciting new series is perfect for budding naturalists and those seeking more knowledge in plant and animal field studies. Classes can also be taken individually and are all held at the Wildflower Center in Austin, TX.

10% discount for members. Sign up for all courses in the series and receive an additional 10% discount when you register. For more information visit <http://www.wildflower.org/gonativeu/>.

Alice Nance, Education Manager, Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center at The University of Texas at Austin, 4801 La Crosse Avenue, Austin, TX 78739, Phone: 512-232-0122, FAX: 512-232-0156, anance@wildflower.org

16. Hummingbirds: facts, stories, and lore, presented by Jeanette Larson set for April 28 at 11:00 at the Clara B. Mounce Public Library. (approved AT credit) For more information see www.bcslibrary.org. BVTMN Chapter received the following book promotion from Susan Pare via our txmn.org/brazos site.

Email: spare@bryantx.gov

Comments: Please join us in welcoming Jeanette Larson, author of Hummingbirds: Facts and Folklore from the Americas, on Saturday, April 28, 11:00 a.m. — Noon at the Clara B. Mounce Public Library. This free program is suitable for all ages!

Are you interested in Hummingbirds? Science? Folklore? Storytelling? Are you interesting in publishing a book?

This is the program for you!

Hummingbirds was nominated for the Cybils Award, the Children's and Young Adult Bloggers' Literary Awards.

The Texas State Library selected Hummingbirds to represent Texas at the 2011 National Book Festival, and the title was recently added to the summer reading list of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Clara B. Mounce Public Library, 201 E. 26th St., Bryan TX 77803 979-209-5600 Sponsored by The Friends of the Bryan College Station Public Library System

17. What's all the buzz about bees, birds and butterflies? June 23, 2012 10:00 - 1:00 Conroe, Texas (AT credit approved) Celebrate Pollinator Week with the Heartwood Chapter. You can attend as a guest or volunteer alongside of us. NatureLIVE at the Jones State Forest

Volunteers info: <http://heartwoodtmn.org/groups/naturelive-volunteers>

Guests info: <http://heartwoodtmn.org/whats-happening/calendar/naturelive-community-day>

18. Rain Harvest Event at McKinney Roughs April 28

Everyone interested in the quality of their rainwater is invited to the first Water Wise Conference, Saturday, April 28th at McKinney Roughs Nature Park in Cedar Creek, Texas.

The program, "What's in your rainwater – and how do you find out?" will begin at 9:30 a.m. and feature Environmental Laboratory Services/LCRA chemists Tess Abbott, Ariana Dean and Susan Benavidez. The three-hour event will include extensive "Q&A" as well as hands-on opportunities to practice using various water testing equipment.

"The ELS staff created this rainwater-specific test last year and can tell us how to use it and what recent rainwater tests have shown their customers. Everyone who uses rainwater, or is in the business of helping customers design RWH systems, will benefit from this program," said event host Scott Shaffer, founder of Texas Water Savers Co. of La Grange.

Colin Evett from Hanna Instruments will join the chemists to demonstrate water testing devices for the do-it-yourselfer and guide participants through their use.

"Come learn from the experts. Get the facts about the quality of rainwater collected from rooftops across Central Texas. Learn how to take a sample and what to test for. Put your mind at ease about drinking, bathing and brushing your teeth with rainwater," Shaffer added.

Bastrop Copy, Pelham Lane Farm (Smithville), McGeary Ranch (Milam County, a small animal ranch fully sustained by rain harvesting), Loomis Partners (Bastrop), Hydro Catchment Systems (Austin), and Rainfilters of Texas (Austin) are co-sponsoring the event.

Tickets are \$15 before April 15 (\$20 after 4/15) and can be purchased online (www.texaswatersavers.com), by check (Texas Water Savers Co., 1823 Loehr Rd., La Grange, Tx. 78945) or by phone (512-332-2228).

For more Information about this release: Texas Water Savers Co., 979-250-1239, or contact us via email at: Conference@TexasWaterSavers.com

19. List of Plant Walks and Fieldtrips across north Texas

My name is Jeff Quayle and I member with the Cross Timbers chapter of TMN since 1998. I lead plant walks, fieldtrips, and conduct botanical surveys across much of north Texas, particularly areas in the Cross Timbers and Prairies region.

Please e-mail for a list of walks and fieldtrips, or visit my Yahoo Groups Field Trips Announcement Page at http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/CTMN_Fieldtrip_List/

You will need a Yahoo ID to join my page. But joining allows you to receive automated announcements up to 2 weeks before one of my walks. It also allows you access to plant lists, photos and some plant data.

Jeff Quayle s-quaylei@att.net

Yahoo Groups Fieldtrip Announcement List http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/CTMN_Fieldtrip_List/

20. Public input sought on coastal and marine efforts

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — The Texas Sea Grant College Program is asking Texans to help it chart its course in the areas of coastal and marine research, outreach and education by participating in an online survey. As a “thank you,” five people who complete the survey will be chosen at random to win \$100 gift cards.

The program that bills itself as “Science at Work for Texans” is currently developing its strategic plan for 2014-2017. Texas Sea Grant’s mission is to improve the understanding, wise use and stewardship of Texas coastal and marine resources. To achieve this mission, Texas Sea Grant develops and supports research, education and outreach programs and partnerships, and relies on the public for knowledge, advice and guidance.

The survey takes just a few minutes to complete and gauges participants’ interest in issues concerning coastal community growth and development, jobs and the economy, coastal and marine education, and coastal health, safety and beauty. Individuals interested in voicing their opinions can find a link to the survey on Texas Sea Grant’s homepage, www://texas-sea-grant.tamu.edu. All responses are anonymous. Based on the Land Grant concept, Texas Sea Grant is a unique partnership that unites the resources of the federal government, the State of Texas, universities across the state and marine-related industries to create knowledge, tools, products and services that benefit the economy, the environment and the citizens of Texas. Based at Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas Sea Grant is a non-academic research center in the College of Geosciences. It is also one of 32 university-based Sea Grant Programs around the country that are part of the National Sea Grant Network. The National Sea Grant Program is administered through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

follow our link <http://texas-sea-grant.tamu.edu/>

and click on the blue post-it note that says "Take the 2012 Texas Sea Grant Strategic Planning Survey"

Rhonda D. Cummins '08 Coastal & Marine Resource Advisor Texas Sea Grant College Program
186 County Road 101, Ste. 1 Port Lavaca, TX 77979 office: 361-552-9747 fax: 361-552-6727

<http://kyakradio.tamu.edu>

21. Status of the Monarch and Plan milkweed!

Shared by Kip Kiphart

The current status of the monarch butterfly.

And what we can do to help: Plant milkweed.

<http://monarchwatch.org/blog/2012/03/monarch-population-status-14/>

http://www1.umn.edu/news/features/2012/UR_CONTENT_378473.html

22. Year of the Bat Resources for 2012

The Year of the Bat group in collaboration with Bat Conservation International has compiled a plethora of resources to use for any YOTB event (found at <http://www.batcon.org/index.php/get-involved/year-of-the-bat/subcategory/596.html>).

Feel free to download any and everything you find useful for your own batty events!

23. Sentinel Pest Network & Invasive Species Workshops

These are automatically approved for AT credit, since the notice came from the state TMN office. These workshops supplement the Invaders of Texas program by training citizen scientists to identify and report invasive pests of regulatory concern like Emerald Ash Borer and the Cactus Moth while they are out looking for invasive plants. The morning session will cover non-native, invasive pests, and the afternoon session will be a refresher course on non-native, invasive plants that occur in our area.

Thursday April 12, 2012

Location: Big Bend National Park (Big Bend, TX)

Contact: Jane Brown (Jane_Brown@NPS.org)

Tuesday April 17, 2012

Location: Trinity River Audubon Center (Dallas, TX)

Contact: Dana Wilson (dwilson@audubon.org)

Saturday April 21, 2012

Location: Fort Bend County Agriculture Center (Rosenberg, TX)

Contact: Ft. Bend County Master Gardeners (mmcdowell@ag.tamu.edu)

Saturday May 12, 2012

Location: Livingston, TX

Contact: Piney Woods Lakes Chapter Master Naturalists
(sgtullos@livingston.net)

Thursday May 17, 2012

Location: Brazoria County AgriLife Office (Angleton, TX)

Contact: Cradle of Texas Chapter Master Naturalists
(djbrandes@comcast.net)

Saturday May 19, 2012

Location: Aransas County AgriLife Extension Facility (Rockport, TX)

Contact: Kris Kirkwood (kris_kirkwood@wildblue.net)

24. TPWD Seeks Volunteers to Seek Reptiles and Amphibians

Spring in Texas means... wildflowers blooming, frogs croaking, lizards emerging, and turtles basking. As wildlife in Texas responds to abundant spring rains and early warmth this year, Texas Parks and Wildlife is looking for volunteers to help document the response of amphibian and reptile species around the state.

"Reptiles and amphibians are especially sensitive to climate changes," according to Lee Ann Linam, biologist in TPWD's Wildlife Diversity Program. Frogs and toads require adequate rainfall to breed, and reptiles often spend more time underground or in burrows during long dry periods." Linam says 2012 is shaping up to be a good year for herps, as reptiles and amphibians are often called, due to abundant rainfall and warm temperatures.

A good year is welcome news for these species, many of which are declining or little-known, according to Linam. Texas Parks and Wildlife has several monitoring programs for herps that allow citizen scientists to enjoy some springtime weather while gathering data on reptiles and amphibians.

Texas Amphibian Watch seeks information on frogs, toads, and salamanders in the state, usually by encouraging a volunteer to adopt a wetland site and listening for the calls of frogs and toads at night.

"People are always fascinated to learn what animal is making that click, trill, or chuckle that they hear at ponds," says Linam, "and that fascination can help us determine whether amphibian species are declining in Texas or not." Texas Amphibian Watch provides a free monitoring packet with instructions. Audio CDs of frog and toad calls and training workshops are also available.

Texas Horned Lizard Watch seeks information on horned lizards, including the official state reptile, often called the horny toad. “Many Texans are familiar with horny toads, but wonder why they don’t see them anymore,” says Linam. “Texas Horned Lizard Watch is an attempt to help us understand why horned lizards have disappeared from some areas and remain in others—hopefully that information will help us help the species to recover.” Interested participants can download a free monitoring packet that provides information about all three horned lizard species in Texas, guidelines for managing for horned lizards, and instructions and data forms for the monitoring program.

Texas Box Turtle Survey seeks information on the two box turtle species in the state—the eastern box turtle and the ornate box turtle. Common in the pet trade, these land-based turtles seem to be declining in some areas. “We would be especially concerned about decreases in box turtle numbers because they are long-lived and don’t produce many young,” according to Linam. TPWD provides a sighting report form that can be downloaded and links to a webpage where sightings can be reported online.

Texas Amphibian Watch, Texas Horned Lizard Watch, and Texas Box Turtle Survey are just a few of the citizen science programs offered as a part of Texas Nature Trackers. Texas Nature Trackers is also collaborating with other partners to promote volunteer survey efforts for freshwater turtles and the spot-tailed earless lizards. To download monitoring packets, check workshop schedules, order CDs, or just learn more about these and other programs, interested individuals can visit www.tpwd.state.tx.us/trackers/

25. The Wildlife Conservation Professional Development Grants

Contact: Email: CEwright@neefusa.org

Greetings, Texas Master Naturalist!

We wanted to send over information about a professional development grant opportunity for middle and high school teachers. We would love to know if it was possible to reach your base with the opportunity, in order to reach as many educators as possible.

The Wildlife Conservation Professional Development Grants are offered by our Classroom Earth program, the K-12 environmental education program of the National Environmental Education Foundation. Classroom Earth's 2012 Professional Development Grants will enable applicants to take one six-week online course offered by the Wildlife Conservation Society to create a strong foundation in wildlife conservation. Participating teachers will be better equipped to bring wildlife conservation into the classroom, facilitate scientific learning and to connect students with their natural surroundings. This Classroom Earth grant opportunity will also support teachers to earn graduate level credit.

I have included our promotional language at the end of this message. If you are able to respond via email, I can attach our promotional graphic, in case you were able to spread the message through your networks, on social media or the Texas Master Naturalist site.

To learn more, please visit the grant web page, located here: <http://classroomearth.org/2012wcgrants>.

The application deadline is April 30, 2012.

Let me know if you would like any more information or have any questions.

Thanks, and have a good weekend!

PROMOTIONAL LANGUAGE: Classroom Earth’s 2012 Professional Development Grants Interested in enhancing your understanding of the living world and learning to teach about wildlife conservation in your subject area?

Classroom Earth is supporting middle and high school teachers around the country who are eager to make wildlife conservation part of their curriculum. Classroom Earth's 2012 Professional Development Grants will enable applicants to take one six-week online course offered by the Wildlife Conservation Society to create a strong foundation in wildlife conservation. Participating teachers will be better equipped to bring wildlife conservation into the classroom, facilitate scientific learning and to connect students with their natural surroundings. This Classroom Earth grant opportunity will also support teachers to earn graduate level credit.

Classroom Earth received very positive feedback about last year’s courses. According to one teacher, “I really enjoyed my course, Conservation Biology for Educators. I found everything relevant to what I teach, and can use it in many different classes.”

The application deadline is April 30, 2012.

Apply for a Classroom Earth Professional Development Grant today!

Visit www.classroomearth.org/2012wcgrants

26. RIPARIAN WORKSHOP May 5th-- Cleburne/North Texas Area

Any questions? You may call Carrie at [682-459-1684](tel:682-459-1684) or email her at carrie.mclaughlin58@gmail.com

- **Conservationists:** Watersheds and creeks? Storm water and drainage? Erosion and flooding? Native vegetation and undesirable invasives? Would you like some practical bioengineering solutions to some of these issues?
- **Naturalists:** Do you want to know, practically, what it is that you are seeing when you survey a riparian area? Is it good, bad or indifferent? Can you change it, or do you need to? And how, or how not? Why, or why not?
- **Natural resource managers:** Do you want to know how creek and river hydrology is affecting wildlife management in your riparian zone, and the riparian factors that impact your area's plant and animal species, or lack thereof? And how to explain it to your clients?
- **Agriculturists (ranchers, farmers, stockmen and agents):** Do you want to improve your grazing and haying, and implement and increase a natural form of water retention that does not involve heavy equipment, stock ponds and artificial irrigation?

Of course you do.

Please then, be our guests at a **RIPARIAN WORKSHOP** being held **Saturday, May 5, 2012, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**, at the United Cooperative Services, 3309 N. Main Street, Cleburne, Texas 76033. The training will be in the Community Room, and the entrance and parking is on the west side of the UCS building at the rear.

Ricky Linex and **Ken Mayben** from the USDA/NRCS field office in Weatherford will be your trainers. This is a specialized area of interest for Ken and Ricky, and their enthusiasm and knowledge base make this an enjoyable educational event well worth attending. Also, due to a growing concern about our water resources and its management by private and public landowners, their teaching is timely and critical for us all.

You will learn the basic interaction of Hydrology Erosion and Deposition, and the Riparian Vegetation for our North Central Texas creeks and rivers. Some topics to be covered are channels, floodplains, water tables, base flow, flood flow, sediment and how these things in combination are what constitute the Riparian Area. The term "Proper Functioning Condition" (PFC) will be explained, with illustrated examples to promote understanding of what comprises the good health of a creek or river. *And, best of all, Ken and Ricky know how to explain all this simply and concisely and make it easy to understand.* Riparian resource materials will be provided to all trainees. This information will be valuable in enhancing your education of riparian areas and functions and using as reference materials at a later date. Additionally, each participant will receive a copy of the 65 page book, **Remarkable Riparian**, published by the Nueces River Authority.

The entire afternoon session of the workshop will be held in the field at two sites along the east branch of Buffalo Creek. We will provide iced, bottled water, but you may bring your own refreshments for the journey.

Be prepared for the possibility of chiggers and/or ticks and other creatures that are also fond of stream edges. Wear long pants, sturdy shoes, sun screen and a hat. Use of sulfur and/or insect repellants is advised. We will be walking adjacent to and in creeks, with some rough ground to cross. A walking stick may be handy for navigating terrain.

We will need to condense into as few vehicles as possible to shorten the time traveling from site to site once we leave the UCS building, so we may ask for volunteers to assist with that logistic.

THIS WORKSHOP IS LIMITED TO 40 PARTICIPANTS. The REGISTRATION DEADLINE is Monday, April 30th. RSVP to this announcement IS REQUIRED so that we may make decisions well in advance for our materials, course books, and food. *First come, first served, according to the receipt of the registration fee.* If we are overwhelmed with requests, we will schedule a second training at a later date to accommodate everyone who desires this critical and timely training.

The cost of the entire workshop and materials is \$11.00 per person. This fee includes a catered barbeque lunch featuring sliced brisket, sausage, sauce and fixings, three sides, bread, cobbler and iced tea. Coffee and juice will also be served at the morning session.

NOTE: the workshop will begin promptly at 8:30 a.m., so plan to arrive in plenty of time to find the building, park, sign in, get your coffee, say hey to your buddies, and not miss a minute.

This workshop is provided by the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), a division of the USDA, in cooperation with the Texas Master Naturalists, Rio Brazos Chapter and the Buffalo Creek Association.

Please make checks payable to, and mail to:

Carrie McLaughlin

Texas Master Naturalist, Rio Brazos Chapter

1160 Lakewood Circle

Alvarado, Texas 76009

Any questions? You may call Carrie at [682-459-1684](tel:682-459-1684) or email her at carrie.mclaughlin58@gmail.com

Task List for the 2012 Milam County Nature Festival

Rockdale Fair Park

April 14, 2012-- 9am - 3pm, park cleanup 2pm - 5pm.

Sponsored by the El Camino Real Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalist Program

Need: (these items can be brought to meetings)

***broken pottery, dishes, fossils, old keys, flint pieces, etc. for Archeology Dig booth.

***pinecones for birds – Barbara Cromwell

***toilet tissue and paper towel rolls (the part the paper is wrapped around) for Michele Fletcher's booth... making binoculars.

Festival official photographer - Paula Engelhardt
ECRC Group pic

Publicity - Don - Flyer
Newspaper articles - in progress
Radio - Cameron – KB
Rockdale - Cindy Bolch

Backpacks - Sandra D.

Patches - Cindy Bolch international Year of the Bat- Completed

Donations – Sandra D (who contacted each donor) she has been talking to the cameron bank about backpacks again.

Will be contacting Wal-Mart, the credit union, and some local groups,

Bugs Charlie Mayer Dorothy to fu to see if he will come
Thank you notes to all donors, etc

No pets sign at entrance

Pre - Friday Tasks

<u>#</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Task</u>	<u>Time Req</u>
	Done	Advertizing – Flair Magazine Article -	
		Presentation to Rockdale City Council -	March 12
		Photo contest – Judges Gary Greisbach, John Cearley, Sidney Vanloh (CTC) Gift Bags – 6 with cards	

Friday Tasks

<u>#</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Task</u>	<u>Time Req</u>
1		Tables and chairs for booths delivered 3pm a. How many students needed b. students to help	3pm

- c. Who is delivering
 - d. Who is determining the number needed
- 2. Keys for the gate, lock gate
- 3. New Salem Building- Susan Hicks
 - a. Obtain Keys from
 - b. open building
 - c. use of their tables and chairs
 - d. AV setup
- 4 City
 - a. Clean out Booths
 - b. Move Picnic tables to New Salem bldg
 - c. No pets
 - d. Ensure electricity is on in booths
 - e. Clean Restrooms
 - f. Move bleachers to (TBA)
 - g. Friday morning cleaning of Booths – pressure washing.
 - h. insurance
- 5. make Signs for inside and outside the park
- 6. Speakers - Clayton Wolf, Flo Oxley, Mark Klym, John Byrd
 - Confirm
 - b. Greet, introduce
 - c. AV setup
- 7.

Tasks for Saturday Pre-Opening

<u>#</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Task</u>	<u>Time Req</u>
1		Unlock Gates	7AM
2		Put up Signs inside and outside of park	7:30 am
3		All booths setup by 8:30am	All
		a. All cars out of festival area	8:30 AM
		b. Establish location for parking area and signage	
4.		Welcome Booth -	
		a. Helpers Janice Johnson, Pat Holley, Jeanette Patschke	
		b. Supplies needed- 1 table	
		c. GS – 6	
		d. Chamber coupons	
		e. Donation Jar for next years NF	
5		New Salem Food	
		a. Breakfast food – Breadfast burritos, coffee,	

b. Lunch - Hot Dogs, Frito Pies, Chips, Desserts, ice Tea, Coffee

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| 6 | Chapter Booth | 8:30am |
| | a. Helpers – Donna Lewis, Katherine | |
| 7 | School Art/Poster Contest – not yet confirmed | |
| 8 | Refreshment booth - soda-water | |
| | c. assistants | |
| 9 | Carts – Gate 1 golf cart - | |
| | Gator – John Pruett | |
| | Roaming – I cart - Paul | |

Tasks for Saturday 9AM Start

<u>#</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Task</u>	<u>Time Req</u>
1			
2		Speakers: a. Greet, Food b. newspaper articles about featured speakers, 1 each week	
3		Photo Contest - a. assistants - CTC b: when is the photos display going to be set up.	

Venues for Saturday 8:30AM until 3PM

<u>#</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Responsibility</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1		Animal Tracts	Sandra Dworaczyk	Tables. Chairs, Assistants
- CTCMN				Supplies – plaster, water, tracks
2		Archeology	Geri Burnett Co: Bob Burnett Ass: CTC, Rich Cromwell	Tables - 2 Chairs - 3
				Supplies Kb and Rich
				Who will be responsible for
				16 bags of sand - needed
		Knapping	Ab Wood ECR: Paul Unger	Tables - 3 Chairs - 10
3		Backyard Wildlife	Mark Klym	Chairs – 4, 2 assistants
		ECR: Don Travis		

4 Katherine	Bees	Clint Walker	Self contained ECR:
5	Prairie Dog	Capital of TX Zoo	ECR: Connie Roddy
6 Supplies needed –	Birds Binoculars	Barbara Cromwell Michele Fletcher	Tables, Chairs, Assistants,
7 Supplies needed –	Bryophytes	Dale Kruse Ann Collins	Tables, Chairs, Assistants,
8	Girl Scout Booth	Susan Youngblood ECR: Debbi Harris	Tables – 4 Chairs 16 \$50
9	ECR Historical Trail	Lucile Estill Joy Graham	Tables 1 Chairs - 2
10 Supplies needed – 1)	Face Painting	Pamela Neeley Phyllis Shuffield	Tables, Chairs, Assistants, Assistants - Debbi H (11-
11 Pruett assisting	Native grasses	Gary McDaniels	Tables - 1, Chairs 2, John
12 Supplies needed –	Pollinators	Lolly Lewis	Tables, Chairs, Assistants,
13	Wild Flowers helpers – Jeannette Patschke	Flo Oxley	ECRC: Cindy McDaniels
14 Critical need – covered area	Houston Toad	Don	Tables - 2 Chairs - 2
	Houston Toad info, a toad maze activity, a native seed ball activity, amphibian sounds, and t-shirts to sell.		
15	Angler Ed	Ursula Nanna CTC - KB	Tables - 4
16 Supplies needed –	CTC Booth - Nature items, bird houses, and Firewise info	Mary Ann Everett CTC - KB	Tables, Chairs, Assistants,
17	Bat Table	Cindy Bolch Rusty Thomas, Lucy Coward, Jan Wise	Tables - 2, Chairs – 9

18 Contained	Organic, Jellies Jams, Eggs ECR: Katherine		Ruby Senior Self
19 Katherine B.	Crawdads	Ken Johnson	Self contained ECR:
20 Supplies needed –	Nature Bracelets	Vickie Braswell	Tables, Chairs, Assistants,
21 Student helpers - 3	Junior Master Gardeners	Renee Sadler	Tables - 2, Chairs - 3,
22	Smokey the Bear	ECRC: Sue Taylor	
23	4-H	Jon Gersbach	2 Tables, 3 chairs

Not yet confirmed

Supplies needed – Hunting and fishing trailer	TPWD Dorothy to confirm	Billy Lambert	Tables, Chairs, Assistants,
School art contest / poster display Supplies needed –	Denise Doss		Tables, Chairs, Assistants,

Tasks for Saturday after 3PM

<u>#</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Responsibility</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1		Scout clean up	Debbi Harris	
		a. Return New Salem to original condition		
		b. Clean Booths		
		c. Police grounds		
		d. Retrieve Public signs		
		e. remove all signage		

Bring your own bucket if you want some free sand

Contact: Connie Roddy, Co-Chair - 512-446-4030 roddyconnie@yahoo.com
Paul Unger, Co-Chair - 512-760-5788 paulunger05@gmail.com

Outreach and Education Information

Event:

Date:

Type of Event:

_____ Direct Event (actual hands-on or active teaching with an audience)

_____ Indirect Event (booth or display)

Attendance:

_____Number of youth present or in attendance for this event (use table below to keep a running tally)

_____Number of adults present or in attendance for this event (use table below to keep a running tally)

Youth	Adults