



Texas Master Naturalist Brazos Valley Chapter
Meeting Agenda for June 13, 2013
Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History

I. Officer and Committee Reports

- A. President – Olivia Ash –
- B. Vice President – Jim Balthrop –
- C. Secretary – Amanda Schwede - Sign in; approval of May 2013 meeting minutes
- D. Treasurer – Amanda Chau – I deposited all the remaining donations to Chris Northcliffe Memorial Fund today. Here is a summary of the donations given to our Chapter for Chris Northcliffe's memorial bench. Dec. 10, 2012- A total of \$1795.00 was collected for the memorial bench Dec. 08, 2012- Paid Victor Stanley Inc. \$1735.00 for the memorial bench Dec. 17, 2012- Received \$200 additional donation Jan. 10, 2013- Received \$390.00 additional donation April 11, 2013- \$116.20 was used to purchase plants and mulch for landscaping around the bench May 31, 2013- The left over fund \$533.80 was deposited in the "Chris Northcliffe Memorial Fund" account at Brazos Valley Schools Credit Union, College Station
- E. Outreach – Dwight Bohlmeier, Chair – Upcoming Jr. Naturalist outing at Millican Reserve and a proposal by College Station Parks and Rec to start a Jr. Naturalist program
- F. Training – Bruce Neville, Chair –
- G. Membership – Betty Vermeire, Chair –
- H. Advanced Training –Mike and Joyce Conner, Co-Chairs –
- I. Volunteer Service Project – Mike Conner, Chair – need volunteers to help with our BVTMN Outreach First Fridays table in Downtown Bryan (next one, July 5, we think will be on Texas water issues) from 5 - 8 pm; need volunteers to help with food on Saturday, June 29, for our Invaders of Texas Workshop which is being held at the A&M Biodiversity Research and Teaching Collections Building, from 9am - 4 pm; participants will be asked to bring \$8.50 for box lunches but morning and afternoon snacks and all drinks will be supplied by volunteers
- J. Host/Social – Joyce Conner, Chair – Need persons for July and August drinks at our monthly meetings. Updated report on Holiday Party location. Will offer our members milkweed plants for \$1.80 each that are available from our Monarch Watch order
- K. Historian – Terry Junek, Chair –
- L. Web – Amanda Chau, Chair –
- M. Program – Jim Balthrop, Chair –

II. Old Business

- A. Child Protection Training for Master Naturalists! (AT credit)
- B. Lisa and Olivia-report on bench dedication

III. New Business

- A. Olivia-purchasing table(s) for outreach activities

IV. Announcements

Upcoming Programs Dates/Calendar Items

- 1. TMN Spring, Summer, Fall Meeting Schedule:** (Second Thursdays at 6:30 PM, BVMNH)
June 13, July 11, August 8, September 12, October 10, November 14
- 2. Monthly Meeting speakers** (each monthly meeting counts for one hour of AT credit)
June 13-Jan Janecka, TAMU-VIBS, Research Assistant Professor-**Mountain Lions in Texas**
July 11-Bruce Neville, TAMU Science Library-**“What’s in a name....”**
August 8-Kelley Bender, TPWD Urban Biologist-**The Future of Wildlife Conservation Issues in Texas**
Sept 12-Marsha May, TPWD, Texas Nature Tracker Coordinator-**Biological Inventory Team Project**
Oct 10-Pete Smith, Texas A&M Forest Service-**Famous Trees of Texas**
Nov 14-Jaime Gonzales, Katy Prairie Conservancy-**TBA**
- 3. Lake Buchanan - Vanishing Texas Cruises** Bluffton Tour goes through June 2013 (AT approved)
- 4. U of H Clear Lake/Environmental Institute of Houston Presents: *Discovering Nature Camp*** For students entering Grades 3 – 6 June 10-14, 2013 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM (AT approved)
- 5. Water Wise Conference- LCRA McKinney Roughs Nature Park, Cedar Creek, TX - Water Conference 6/15/13** (AT approved)
- 6. Texas Stream Team training June 16th, 1-5pm**
- 7. Invasives Texas Class June 22, 2013** at Hood Cnty Development District #1 Community Room, in Acton TX. Class will start at 9 AM and scheduled to end at 4 PM.
- 8. Invaders of Texas workshop** June 29 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.
- 9. U of H Clear Lake/ Environmental Institute of Houston Introduces: *The Hunger Games Camp*** For boys & girls entering Grades 7 – 9 July 8 – 11, 2013 8:30 AM-12:30 PM (V approved)
- 9. North American Butterfly Association (V approved)** July 13th.
- 10. Southeast Texas Regional MN Meeting July 20th** (AT credit approved)
- 11. Restoration Roundup** July 26, 2013 9 am - 3 pm Texas City Preserve (Nature Conservancy of Texas)
- 12. First Friday Tours-Kerr and Mason Mountain Wildlife Management Areas**
Addressing Resource Concerns in the Edward’s Plateau
 - 12b. Part 1** Fri Aug 2nd **Kerr Wildlife Management Area** 1–5 PM
Fri Aug 9th **Mason Mountain Wildlife Management Area** 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM
“Elements of Habitat”
 - Part 2** Sept 6th **Kerr Wildlife Management Area** 1-5 PM
Sept 7th **Mason Mountain Wildlife Management Area** 8:30 AM–3:30 PM
“Natural Resources: Addressing Critical Issues in the Edward’s Plateau”
 - Part 3** Oct 4th **Kerr Wildlife Management Area** 1-5 PM
Oct 11th **Mason Mountain Wildlife Management Area** 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM
“Ecosystems Approach to Wildlife Management, putting it all together”
- 13. Stream Team Advanced Training August 31,2013** at WACO Wetlands Lab, 1752 Eichelberger Crossing. Training will start at 0900, with a 30 Minute Lunch break, then continue until 3:30. There are no costs for this program. Please register no later than August 10th.
- 14. 2 Day Intro to Wildlife Tracking** August 31-September 1, 2013 (AT approved)
- 15. TMN AT: NAI Certified Interpretive Guide Training** (AT approved)
- 16. Two new “citizen science” projects** will start shortly at the Spring Creek Greenway Nature Center (V credit approved)-1. new Dragonfly Monitoring program for the Xerces

Society 2. will involve collecting wood boring beetles that are the preferred prey of a species of wasp. 1300 Riley Fuzzell Road, Spring, Texas 77386

17. Angler Ed Instructor Workshops in your local area

18. Iola Nature Trail (V credit approved)

19. TMN Project: Biological Inventory Team(s) need your help!!! (V approved)

20. TWA Discovery Trunks Resources for Educators-Will begin spring 2013

21. Texas Archeological Society, Academy Sessions, for Spring 2013 (AT credit)

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

23. Water quality monitoring (AT approved)

24. BVTMN AT Webinars (~60 webinars) <http://www.texas-wildlife.org/resources/webcasts/>

25. March-April issue of the Reverchon Naturalist newsletter

http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/tx/technical/ecoscience/bio/?cid=nrcs144p2_003087