



Texas Master Naturalist Brazos Valley Chapter
Meeting Agenda for July 11, 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 June 2013 meeting minutes
 - D. Treasurer – Amanda Chau – As of July 9th, we have **\$3345.56** in our bank. We have **47 paid members**. I already updated this information on our web page.
 - 1. New BVTMN assets: our chapter now has two 6 foot tables, a canopy, and a set of canopy weights. (Thanks Olivia for purchasing these equipment for our chapter).
 - 2. Here is a quick report on our June 29 Invaders of Texas workshop:
We have 24 people attended the workshop, 17 of them are from our own chapter, 3 from other TMN chapters, and 4 were not affiliated with TMN. Our workshop trainer was Jessica Strickland from the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center. Our local expert, Monique Reed, gave a talk on invasive plants and their identification. Our chapter member, Mike Conner, also gave a talk on eradication of invasive plants. Our chapter spent \$89.28 in support of this workshop. I would like to thank
 - 1) Joyce Conner for her help in organizing food, lunch, and drink for us throughout the day
 - 2) Heather Prestridge for allowing us to use the BRTC facility
 - 3) our chapter members who brought food and drinks to the workshop
 - 4) our chapter members who volunteered their time at the workshop
 - 5) Copy Stop Print and Postal at Blinn College and USDA Forest Service for contributing workshop materials
- Click the link below to the Picasa Web album for this workshop:
https://plus.google.com/photos/102956140998253694839/albums/5895258077749449777?banner=pwa&authkey=CMvPx-2S_aiQxQE
- E. Outreach – Dwight Bohlmeier, Chair – Junior Naturalist outing to Millican Reserve was small but a good first start. We had 6 adults (3 chapter members) and 3 kids in attendance.
 - 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 –
 - J. Host/Social – Joyce Conner, Chair –
 - K. Historian – Terry Junek, Chair –
 - L. Web – Amanda Chau, Chair –
 - M. Program – Jim Balthrop, Chair –

II. Old Business

- A. Purchasing table(s) for outreach activities

III. New Business

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IV. Announcements

Upcoming Programs Dates/Calendar Items

1. **TMN Spring, Summer, Fall Meeting Schedule:** (Second Thursdays at 6:30 PM, BVMNH)
August 8, September 12, October 10, November 14
2. **Monthly Meeting speakers** (each monthly meeting counts for one hour of AT credit)
July 11-Dr. Gabe Hamer, Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Entomology,
TAMU-Texas mosquitoes
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. **Trinity River webinars focus on water and land management.** The webinars (AT approved), all scheduled from noon-1 p.m., are:
 - Turning Your Land into a Sponge, Aug. 8.
 - Meeting the Water Needs for Texans and Wildlife, Sept. 12.
4. **North American Butterfly Association (V approved)** July 13th.
5. **NABA Butterfly Count-** Lick Creek Park 8:30 AM July 13th (AT approved)
6. **TPWD Wildlife Diversity Program grants to support “shovel-ready” conservation-related projects.** Proposals will be accepted through July 14th, 2013.
http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/huntwild/wild/wildlife_diversity/grants/horned-lizard/
7. **TPWD Texas Bumblebee Watch Workshop** - Saturday, July 20, 2013
8. **Distant - Regional meeting (northern Coastal Area) - July 20 (AT approved)**
9. **Southeast Texas Regional MN Meeting July 20th** (AT credit approved)
10. **July 20: NPSOT State Board Meeting** in Brenham! 10 am-3:30 pm at Blinn College
11. **Restoration Roundup** July 26, 2013 9 am - 3 pm Texas City Preserve (Nature Conservancy of Texas) (AT approved)
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. **Saturday Sept 7-Wildscapes Workshop & Native Plant Sale at Houston Zoo**
16. **Fall Field Trips**
Sunday, October 6: **Baytown Nature Center.**

Sunday, October 20: **Barker Cypress Trail**

Sunday, November 3: **Deer Park (College Park) Prairie.**

17. NPSOT State Symposium in Corpus Christi, Oct. 17-20

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

19. 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

20. Angler Ed Instructor Workshops in your local area

21. Iola Nature Trail (V credit approved)

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

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

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

25. Water quality monitoring (AT approved)

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