

**ATTACHMENT 1 TO AUGUST 2006 NEWSLETTER
ADVANCED TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES
AUGUST - SEPTEMBER 2006**

The TMN-COT Advanced Training Committee has reviewed AT opportunities listed on nearby TMN Chapter websites and has approved the advanced training opportunities listed below. If you find other opportunities not listed that you would like to attend, please submit an *Approval Form for Advanced Training*. This form can be downloaded from the FORMS page of the COT website.

DATE/TIME	CHAPTER	CONTACT	AT HOURS
Galveston Bay Chapter			
August 16, 10 AM - noon at Galveston County Extension Center on Highway 3 in Dickinson.	Introduction to wetland restoration efforts of the past four years, current projects, and future projects. Meet with project leaders Marissa Sipocz and Charriss York. Other members of the WRT will be present also. View a power point presentation and have the opportunity to ask questions.	Contact Dick Benoit Rbenoit@aol.com John Thayer for more info/possible carpooling	2 hrs
August 19 9:00-11:30am ABNC	Taxonomy for Dummies (Is Taxonomy Really That Taxing?) Enjoy a cool August (air-conditioned) day of activities and information on the often-threatening use of scientific names. This workshop will familiarize members with the mechanics of why science names things and how to navigate through plants and animals. By the end of the workshop you will not have to say things like <i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i> , but you might be tempted to. It is hoped you will be able to tell an awn from an umbo. A Tenner Test will be optional. Presented by Nathan Veatch and Dick Benoit. Join us for a Dutch treat lunch after the workshop.	Nathan Veatch e-mail or 281-480-6985	2.5 hrs.
	The Galveston Bay Area Wetland Restoration Team is offering a series of classes for experienced and inexperienced persons on wetland restoration. Master Naturalist can receive advanced training hours and volunteer hours for attending individual classes. The hope is to make you more informed about the local wetlands and create a desire to be a member of the team. Class size 12-15.	Contact Dick Benoit Rbenoit@aol.com	
August 23 8:30 AM - Noon at Texas Coastal Watershed Program Office (17000 ElCamino Real, Suite 301,)	We will carpool to Sheldon Lake State park and the San Jacinto Monument to view previous projects.	John Thayer for more info/possible carpooling	2 hrs
August 30 9AM until 11:30 AM at the GCEC	Meet at Texas Coastal Watershed Program Office and carpool to GCEC Wetland Plant Identification Class 1. Sagittaria and associated plants.	John Thayer for more info/possible carpooling	2.5 hrs
September 13 9AM until 11:30 AM at the GCEC	Meet at Texas Coastal Watershed Program Office and carpool to GCEC Wetland Plant Identification Class 2. Sedges, Rushes and associated plants.	John Thayer for more info/possible carpooling	2.5 hrs

Gulf Coast Chapter

Saturday, August 5, 2006 - 1 pm Jesse Jones Park	Totally Turtles Learn about turtles and tortoises native to this area. FREE. For more information, call 281-446-8588.	call 281-446-8588	
Friday, August 11, 2006 - 7:30 - 9 pm	Waugh Bridge Bat Colony Tour Pontoon Boat Tour sponsored by the Buffalo Bayou Partnership. Visit Houston's newly discovered Mexican Free-tailed Bat Colony. Enjoy an amazing view of the bats' dusk emergence from the boats on the bayou's waters. Spend an evening viewing and learning more about these magnificent flying mammals. Cost: \$15 per person. Group limited to 18. For more information and reservations, contact Trudi Smith at tsmith@buffalobayou.org or call 713-752-0314 ext. 3.		
Tuesday, August 15, 2006 - 11:30 - 1:30	Gardening With Nature by Karen Breneman at Mercer Arboretum.		
Saturday, August 19, 2006 - 3:30 - 10:30 pm	Bats at Jesse Jones Park. Meg Goodman and Diana Foss from TPWD will be on hand to teach about bats' natural history, bats found in Houston, and some of the special bat projects going on in the Houston area. Stick around for a night in the field as we use bat detectors and mist-nets to survey the bats at Jesse Jones Park. Training class limited to 30 people (TMNs). Pre-registration is required. FREE. You will NOT be handling live bats. For more information and registration, contact James McNatt at 281-446-8588. Registration begins July 10.		
Friday, September 8, 2006 - 7:30 - 9 pm	Waugh Bridge Bat Colony Tour Pontoon Boat Tour sponsored by the Buffalo Bayou Partnership. Visit Houston's newly discovered Mexican Free-tailed Bat Colony. Enjoy an amazing view of the bats' dusk emergence from the boats on the bayou's waters. Spend an evening viewing and learning more about these magnificent flying mammals. Cost: \$15 per person. Group limited to 18. For more information and reservations, contact Trudi Smith at tsmith@buffalobayou.org or call 713-752-0314 ext. 3.		
Saturday, September 9, 2006 - 9 am - 3 pm	Wildscapes Workshop and Native Plant Sale sponsored by NPSOT. Topics include "Watersmart Landscaping" by Chris LaChance, "Great Plants for a Wildscapes Landscape" by Diane Cabiness, "Butterflies as Botanists" by Gloria and John Tveten, and "Invasive Plants" by Lisa Gonzalez. Location: University of Houston, Central Campus. Cost: \$30 per person (\$25 for NPSOT Members). Box lunch included with registration. Registration deadline is September 1. For more information and registration visit, Wildscapes Registration Flyer .		
Saturday, September 9, 2006 - 9 am - 3pm	Xtreme Hummingbird Xtravaganza at the Gulf Coast Bird Observatory, Lake Jackson. Cost: \$2 per adult, youth free. Programs on hummingbirds and nature at 10:30 am and 1 pm; Hummingbird banding 9 am to 11 am. For more information or to volunteer, call 979-480-0999 or email criley@gcbo.org .		
Mid Coast Chapter - Aransas Pass			
	No listings for June or July		
Coastal Bend Chapter - Fort Bend County			
September ???	Grass Identification with Flo Hannah (this date is NOT definite) Evening Check their website for updates on final date for training		
September 28	Winterizing With Birds, Mercer Arboretum noon to 3 pm		