

**ATTACHMENT 1 TO FEBRUARY 2007 NEWSLETTER
ADVANCED TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES
FEBRUARY - MARCH 2007**

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			
February 10 8:30am-Noon Armond Bayou Nature Center	Cold Blooded Critters 2 Snakes and Fish.	Mel Measeles measeles@swbell.net	3 hours
First Monday of the month 10am-Noon Carbide Park	Historical Perspectives of Naturalists Study Group The Master Naturalist Book Study Group has chosen its slate of books to read in 2007! The first book we are going to read is: Galveston Bay by Sally Antrobus. This is a short and very informative book about items of interest to Master Naturalists in and around Galveston Bay. Since the first Monday in January is New Years Day, we will meet on January 8th. Subsequent books we have chosen to read in 2007 are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Undaunted Courage: Meriwether Lewis Thomas Jefferson and the Opening of the American West</i>, (paperback) by Stephen Ambrose (Simon & Schuster, reprint 1997) • <i>Walden, Or Life in the Woods</i>, by H. Thoreau (Dover Thrift Editions unabridged 1995) • <i>Voice of the Coyote</i>, by J. Frank Dobie • <i>Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children from Nature-Deficit Disorder</i>, by Richard Louv (Algonquin 2006) 	Joy Gilcrease ojoyojoy@swbell.net	2 hours

Gulf Coast Chapter

Saturday, February 3, 2007 - 9 am - 2 pm	Managing Your Land for Wildlife Workshop Part I: Practical First Steps sponsored by TPWD, TCE, TMN-GC, and TMN-HW at the Texas Cooperative Extension Office, 3033 Bear Creek Dr, Houston. Cost: \$20. For schedule and registration visit http://gcmn.tamu.edu/Wildlife-Wkshps.pdf or call 281-456-7029.		
Saturday, February 10, 2007 - 10 am	Raptor Rhapsody at Jesse Jones Park. See live birds of prey up close as Mary Ann Weber of the Houston Audubon Society discusses the special adaptations raptors have developed to play and important role in the balance of nature. FREE. For more information, all 281-446-8588.	281-446-8588.	
Saturday, February 17, 2007 - 9 am - 3 pm	Green Home & Garden Workshop at the Harris County Extension Office, 3033 Bear Creek Dr., Houston, TX. Highlights include: cost saving strategies, selecting low maintenance plants, choosing watersmart plants, gardening in times of high and low precipitation, gardening smart with native plants, identifying invasive plants, and composting. Cost: \$20 per person. Registration deadline is Feb. 10, 2007. For more information and registration form, visit http://gcmn.tamu.edu/TMNGHGWorkshop2007.pdf .		
Thursday - Sunday, February 22 - 25, 2007	Celebration of Whooping Cranes & Other Birds in Port Aransas. Seminars, workshops, and speakers. Boat tours include trips in bay and harbor, trips to view endangered Whooping Cranes, and nature boat excursions to watch marine life. For more information, call 800-45COAST.		
Saturday, March 3, 2007	Nature Celebration at Sea Center Texas, Lake Jackson. For more information, contact Connie Stolte at 979-292-0100		
Saturday, March 3, 2007 - 9:30 am - 4 pm	NatureFest at Jesse Jones Park. Enjoy a fun educational day as noted speakers discuss birds, butterflies, reptiles, native plants, and more. Take a guided nature walk and pontoon boat tour. FREE. For more information, call 281-446-8588 or for a schedule of events, visit http://www.hcp4.net/jones/pdf/NatureFest.pdf		
Saturday, March 10, 2007 - 9 am - 12 pm	Prairie Preserve Tours at the Katy Prairie. Join a hike led by guides who interpret the animal and plant life, history and importance of the Katy Prairie. For more information, contact Jaime Gonzalez at jaime@katyprairie.org or 713-523-6135. FREE		
Saturday, March 24, 2007 - 9 am - 3 pm	Managing Your Land for Wildlife Workshop Part II: Successful Management Techniques sponsored by TPWD, TCE, TMN-GC, and TMN-HW at the Texas Cooperative Extension Office, 3033 Bear Creek Dr, Houston. Cost: \$20. For schedule and registration visit http://gcmn.tamu.edu/Wildlife-Wkshps.pdf or call 281-456-7029.		
Thursday - Sunday, March 29, 2007 - April 1, 2007	Galveston Island FeatherFest in Galveston. Timed to coincide with the annual spring migration, FeatherFest participants could see as many as 300 species as they travel through the area. For more information visit http://www.galvestonfeatherfest.com/ or call 409-392-0841.		

Mid-Coast Chapter - Aransas Pass

No listings for February or March

Coastal Prairie Chapter - Fort Bend County

No listings for February or March

Armand Bayou Nature Center

Check ABNC.org for current schedule	Guided Canoe Tours - A morning of education and adventure paddling canoes on a guided tour down the backwaters of Armand Bayou. Meet at Bay Area Park for a leisurely morning of wildlife watching, wetland education, relaxation and fun. Observe numerous birds, reptiles, deer and other residents at the water's edge. Beginning and experienced canoers welcome. Life jackets provided. Cost: \$20 members; \$25 non-members	281-474-2551 8500 Bay Area Blvd., Pasadena, TX	
	Owl Prowl - Enjoy a moonlit walk through the woods as we look for owls and listen for fascinating night sounds. Bring a flashlight. Cost: Members - \$2 adults, \$1 children & seniors; Non-members - \$5 adults, \$3 children & seniors	281-474-2551 8500 Bay Area Blvd., Pasadena, TX	