

**ATTACHMENT 1 TO MAY 2007 NEWSLETTER  
ADVANCED TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES  
MAY - JUNE 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.

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**Southeast Phytoplankton Monitoring Network**

<b>May 5, 2007</b>	<p>Texas is in need of a year-round volunteer red tide monitoring program. These classes are being conducted under a NOAA-sponsored program called the Southeast Phytoplankton Monitoring Network (SEPMN.) This program has instituted volunteer HAB monitoring along the southeastern coast of the U.S. and they are looking to expand to the Gulf coast this year. More information can be found on their website: <a href="http://www.chbr.noaa.gov/PMN/">http://www.chbr.noaa.gov/PMN/</a>. I would love to partner with SEPMN to get some volunteer monitoring started here in Texas. This weekend's volunteer trainings will be held as follows. Links to directions are provided.</p> <p><b>8:00 am Saturday May 5: Sea Center Texas, Lake Jackson</b>  4:00 pm Saturday May 5: UT Marine Science Institute, Port Aransas  2:00 pm Sunday May 6: UT-Pan Am Coastal Studies Lab, South Padre Island</p> <p>Each training will take about 3 hours depending on the size of the group. <b>Contact: <a href="mailto:meridith.byrd@tpwd.state.tx.us">meridith.byrd@tpwd.state.tx.us</a></b></p>	<b>Meredith Byrd</b> 800-792-1112, ext. 7068 (or see e-mail address at left) to let her know to expect you.	3 hours.
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**Galveston Bay Chapter**

<b>First Monday of the month</b> 10am-Noon Carbide Park	<p><b>Historical Perspectives of Naturalists Study Group</b>  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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Undaunted Courage: Meriwether Lewis Thomas Jefferson and the Opening of the American West</i>, (paperback) by Stephen Ambrose (Simon &amp; Schuster, reprint 1997)</li> <li>• <i>Walden, Or Life in the Woods</i>, by H. Thoreau (Dover Thrift Editions unabridged 1995)</li> <li>• <i>Voice of the Coyote</i>, by J. Frank Dobie</li> <li>• <i>Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children from Nature-Deficit Disorder</i>, by Richard Louv (Algonquin 2006)</li> </ul> <p><b>Contact: <a href="mailto:ojoyojoy@swbell.net">ojoyojoy@swbell.net</a></b>  <b>See COT Website LINKS page for map to Carbide Park</b></p>	Joy Gilcrease See e-mail address at left.	2 hours
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<b>Gulf Coast Chapter</b>			
May 15, 2007	<p><b>Houston Audubon Society - Sanctuary Seminars</b> - NOTE: Monthly seminars rotate on an every-other-month basis between Edith L. Moore Nature Sanctuary (ELMNS) and Sims Bayou Urban Nature Center (SBUNC). Social time: 7 pm. Program: 7:30 pm. Fee: \$5 donation requested.</p> <p>***May 15, 2007 - Horseshoe Marsh Birding with Stennie Meadours at ELMNS</p> <p><b>Information:</b> <b><a href="http://www.houstonaudubon.org">http://www.houstonaudubon.org</a> or 713-932-1639</b></p>	Contact information at left.	
Saturday, May 12, 2007 - 9 am - 12 pm	<p><b>Prairie Preserve Tours</b> at the Katy Prairie. Join a hike led by guides who interpret the animal and plant life, history and importance of the Katy Prairie. FREE. <b>For more information, contact Jaime Gonzalez at <a href="mailto:jaime@katyprairie.org">jaime@katyprairie.org</a> or 713-523-6135</b></p>	Contact information at left.	
May 17, 2007 And future dates	<p><b>Native Plant Society of Texas Houston Chapter</b> - Houston Arboretum and Nature Center, 4501 Woodway Meetings are third Thursdays; February-November. Meeting Time: 7 pm - 8:45 pm</p> <p>***May 17, 2007 - Texas Viticulture by Fritz Westover ***July 19, 2007 - Plants of the Katy Prairie by Jaime Gonzalez ***August 16, 2007 - Burning the Prairie by Mark Kramer ***September 20, 2007 - The Quiet Beauty of our Coastal Prairie by Carolyn Fannon ***October 18, 2007 - Prairie Assessment and Restoration at Brazos Bend State Park by Al Childs</p> <p><b>Information: Glenn Olsen</b> <b><a href="mailto:Houston@npsot.org">Houston@npsot.org</a> or 281-345-4151</b></p>	Contact information at left.	