

# TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST



## CRADLE OF TEXAS CHAPTER Chapter News – September 2008 Editor, Mary Helen Israel

### President's Message, Dave Brandes

You have probably heard that our intern class did not make this year. We had three applications turned in with another intending to show up. This was just not enough to either break even or to ask instructors to show up from as far away as College Station and Dallas. We'll discuss this more at our meeting Wednesday.

Some of our major volunteer efforts are starting another season. DEEP begins the 16<sup>th</sup> at BNWR with some 4<sup>th</sup> graders. Bryan Adams can use all of the help he can get for wonderful program. INEOS begins the 26<sup>th</sup> with Angleton Northside Elementary School students, and will be offering "O Deer", Indians, Seed Balls, and Prairie Grass this session. Please let Carl Dodson know if you can help this session and if you can help eat one of those great lunches.

Finally, I'm sure you have noticed that our agenda for this month's meeting has changed. We will be asking for your input on our outreach efforts and AT for next year. Together, we'll generate a HUGE number of ideas (without comment or judgment) and then have some lunch. For the business portion of the remaining meetings this year, we'll work on pulling out the best opportunities and flesh them out into something we can act on.

In the mean time, give Carl or Bryan a call.

### ITEM OF INTEREST

The following is about a program for our Brazoria County 4-H group which came about after John Boettiger and John Thayer's July program to TMN on GPS. This is a great example of how, unknowingly, we can affect our youth here in Brazoria County.

#### **GIS/GPS Project, By Courtney Latouron, August 27, 2008**

The GIS/GPS project is growing in Texas 4-H. 4-H members are preparing for 21st Century careers. Many of these will be in geospatial technology -- identified by the U.S. Department of Labor as one of the fastest growing job categories in the U.S. Geospatial knowledge will be essential for success in science, engineering and technology careers. Many traditional 4-H programs are beginning to integrate geospatial knowledge, building a strong foundation for future learning. John Boettiger, Master Naturalist, has agreed to

share his knowledge and experience with Brazoria County 4-H. If you are interested in global positioning systems, geospatial information systems, or geocaching technologies this project is for you. There will be a series of six educational experiences beginning at 6 pm at the 4-H office September through November.

### To the Members of the Cradle of Texas Chapter

As you are aware, Advanced Training for the remainder of 2008 was planned in conjunction with the Fall Intern Training Class. We have canceled the Intern Training Class due to lack of interest. Accordingly, I am now searching for new AT for the remainder of 2008 and 2009.

Please complete the attached survey and return it to me by email to [johnb731@comcast.net](mailto:johnb731@comcast.net) or bring to the meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 10.

Feel free to call me if you would like to discuss this topic further: 979-297-5427.

Thanks in advance for your help on this survey!

John Boettiger  
Vice President – Programs  
Texas Master Naturalist Program  
Cradle of Texas Chapter

### September Meeting Wednesday, September 10, 2008

- 8:30 a.m. Social time
- 9:00 a.m. Business Meeting followed by brainstorming session to determine advanced training choices for the rest of 2008
- 11:00 a.m. Pizza

### Treasurer's Report, Jerry Eppner

As of the end of August, the Cradle of Texas Chapter checking account held a balance of \$5130.84. There was one check outstanding for \$125.

## Reminder from Chapter Hosts, Jerry Krampota and Justina Dent

The following folks signed up to bring refreshments for the September meeting: Diane Richmond, Gardner Campbell and Ruby Lewis. If for some reason you have a conflict, please call Jerry Krampota at 281-585-3249 or email at [jkrampota@hotmail.com](mailto:jkrampota@hotmail.com).

### Primary Colors, Part 3 Neal McLain

Attached is Part 3 of a paper on Primary Colors by Neal McLain.

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ADVANCED TRAINING SURVEY

- 1) Do you need more Advanced Training in order to certify or re-certify in 2008?

Yes  No

- 2) If you have already qualified for your 2008 pin, where you get your 8 hours of Advanced Training?

All at COT  Most at COT   
Some at COT  None at COT

- 3) Please identify training three topics that would be of interest to you during the next 18 months.

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- 4) If you have a suggestion for an instructor who might be willing to teach one or more of you topics you identified above, please provide the following information:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Topic \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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