

# TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST



## CRADLE OF TEXAS CHAPTER Chapter News – July 2009 Editor, Mary Helen Israel

### Membership, Jerry Eppner

Chapter members have turned in total of 3854 hrs in 2009. Time submissions have been pretty slow, but maybe those summer doldrums have just gotten to a few of us. For July, I would like to recognize the following milestones: New Intern Certification – Howard Allen. 2009 Recertification – James Calvert, Rainbo Johnson, and Kirby Rapstein. Congratulations to all.

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

The following folks signed up to bring refreshments for the June meeting: Ed Barrios, Pam Peltier and Steve Stoops. 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).

### July Meeting Wednesday, July 8, 2009

**8:30 a.m.** - Coffee & Social Time

**9:00 a.m.** - Business Meeting

**9:30 a.m.** – Bill Brown, presenting “Federal Endangered Species Act” and “Texas Animal and Plant Species”

Bill Brown is a retired USDA Forest Service biologist. He served 25 years as the Lead Biologist at the Angeles National Forest in CA. Bill is one of our TMN-COT members!

## Training Chair, Laura Brandes

### New TMN Members:

Howard Allen has completed his Intern Training. He will be recognized at the August meeting due to a conflict in his schedule.

### New Interns:

The Brazos Mall "Volunteer Fair" garnered twelve (12) names of potential Interns. We are in the process of contacting them now with training to start in September.

## "Pilot" Day Camp Report, Laura Brandes

The "pilot" day camp at Camp Mohawk was a "sizzling" success. There were approximately 15 children at each session. The program included some of the DEEP sessions adjusted for the longer time as well as some "testing" of newly designed modules that can be used for DEEP. There was a "theme" for each day--Birds, Water, Creepy Crawlers and Indians. The 1st session had a "Family Day" on that Saturday which included a "graduation" ceremony. It was great to see so many fathers and grandparents attend. Some Dads even got into a casting contest with their children!

"Sizzling" was the word to describe the weather as the temperature crept to 100 degrees every day. (We planned for rain but not sizzle.) We did some last minute rearranging of the modules due to space conflicts (don't put Pond Life next to Fishing!) and canceled the 2nd Saturday because of the heat.

The Instructors learned a lot about presentation differences required to teach 2nd, 3rd, and 4th graders compared to 5th and 6th graders. Everyone really enjoyed getting to know the children since we had them for 4 days straight. The participants were more than a group; they became a person with a name, special skills, interests, etc.

At present we are evaluating the "pilot" and will meet with the County to discuss the findings. The COT will get an edited version of the report and, from here, we will decide the extent of TMN involvement in the future.

## Attachments

Two attachments are included with this Newsletter:

July09-Attach-1.pdf - Minutes of the June General Meeting by Joan Simonsen

July09-Attach-2.pdf - This month's Cultural History column by Neal McLain

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