

EVENTS

AUGUST MEETING

Date: 8/19/10
Social: 10:00 a.m.
Meeting: 10:30 a.m.
Location: Ben E. Keith Beverages Hospitality Room

SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING

Date: 9/9/10
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Location: Extension
Office Conference Room
Board meetings are open to members

2010 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Elected

President: George Kragle
Past President: Dave Rowley
Vice President: Rob Roy
Secretary: Marian Kester
Treasurer: Amanda Cowan
2009 Class Rep: Doug Chadwick
Member-at-Large: Sue Pohlen

Appointed Chairs/Other

Training: Shirley Holland
Publicity: Wanda Odum
Projects: Russell Gaddie
Communications: Monica Chaffin
Webmaster: Sharon Barr
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WHEP Wins It All

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August Meeting

It's Roundup Time for Prospects

Roundup for our 2010 Fall Class is August 19, 2010 at the Ben E. Keith Beverages Hospitality Room, 2801 North I-35, Denton, Texas 76207. Social time will begin at 10:00 a.m. and the program at 10:30 a.m. But we will need members to help set up the room beginning at 8:30 a.m. and members will also be needed to clean up and leave the room like we find it. We have to be out of the room/facility by 1:00 p.m.

A luncheon will be served to the attendees after the meeting. Please let Betty Mullenweg know what you will bring for lunch. Also contact her if you have questions about the luncheon. Her email is bmullenweg@aol.com.

This is perhaps the most important meeting of the chapter year as we tell those visitors who we are, what we do, and invite them to join with us in our volunteer work. So please invite any and everyone you know who might want to join our chapter. Interested parties can contact Shirley Holland, Sherrill Campbell or Amanda Cowan for more information about the class at:

Shirley: hlls75diver@solbroadband.com
Sherrill: sherrillcampbell@verizon.net
Amanda: arcowan@sbcglobal.net

DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO ROUNDUP

The building is at 2801 North I-35, Denton 76207 for those with GPS or Googling the map. On the front south end of the building is the BEN E. KEITH sign. On the front north end of the building is the BUDWEISER sign. Please DO NOT park in any area and/or spot where there is a 'name'. Additional parking is available in the south parking lot.

Coming in on Hwy 380 from east or west turn south on North I-35 and stay on the service road. After passing Oak Street, the building will be on your right.

Coming in on I-35E or I-35W go north all the way to the Hwy 380 exit. After exiting there, make the u-turn back to the south under the bridge. Stay on the service road. After passing Oak Street, the building will be on your right. This is a bit out of the way, but offers the least opportunity for getting lost.

Calling All Project Managers for Roundup

Roundup is an excellent opportunity for project managers to showcase their project - to prospective members of course but also to current members as well.

So update your displays, or make new ones, to show what your project is, what's involved, how someone can become a project team member, etc.

Plan to have someone available to explain the project before and after the program.

Contact George at gkragle1@verizon.net

Down the Road



Upcoming Topics & Speakers

We have some very interesting and diverse topics and speakers for upcoming general meetings. Mark your calendars and plan on attending. You don't want to miss any of them.

September 16th - Dr. Pete Gunter will present "The Big Thicket and Texas' Rivers/Streams." Dr. Gunter is Regents Professor in the Department of Philosophy and Religion at UNT.

October 21st - "Murderous Plants and Poisonous Herbs" will be the topic of Barney Lipscomb of BRIT. He fills the Leonhardt Chair of Botany at the Botanical Research Institute of Texas.

November 18th - "Amphibians and Reptiles" will be the subject of Steve Campbell, Aquatic Education Specialist, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Steve taught our fishing class earlier this year.

WHEP wins it All

Elm Fork Chapter member Susan Kilpatrick's WHEP team has won the national competition held in New Mexico at the Valles Caldera National Preserve in late July. Making headline news in the Denton Record Chronicle on August 9 was Susan's team of Karina Bickert, Sam Hatch, Elizabeth Raabe and Shelby Kilpatrick. The four claimed the championship and Raabe, Hatch and Kilpatrick earned high-point honors in individual categories.

The WHEP program (Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program) was approved as a project in September of 2007 by member Susan Kilpatrick. The program is a 4-H youth natural resource program dedicated to teaching wildlife and fisheries habitat management to youths ages 8-19. The young naturalists use a scientific-based manual and beside wildlife habitat practices they learn teamwork, communication skills, critical thinking, confidence building, career guidance and outdoor activities.

Susan, who was assisted at nationals by Diana Hatch, is quoted in the DRC saying "A national win for those kids is huge." There are very few 4-H contests at the national level, and they worked really hard for it"

The EFCTMN congratulates Susan and her team for their hard earned title and if any member is interested in volunteering with Susan, she can be contacted by e-mail: s_kilpatrick@verizon.net

Heartiest congratulations to all who were involved!!!

Upcoming Service Opportunities

Ray Roberts Interpretive Center

The Interpretive Center will open again Saturday, September 4th, and will remain open through November. The Interpretive Center is a reliable service opportunity for our members and offers the greatest amount of flexibility in meeting member expectations. It can also be a lot of fun and rewarding! There are only three shifts remaining open for the month of September, but multiple shifts are open in October and November. If you would like to know more about the Interpretive Center, or want to sign up for a shift, and cannot make the monthly meetings, please contact Susan Pohlen at (940) 686-5739 or spohlen@verizon.net.

Trinity Trash Bash at LLELA

In honor of National Public Lands Day, the Lewisville Lake Environmental Learning Area (LLELA) is participating in the bash on Saturday, September 18, from 8:00 a.m. to noon. There are two ways to volunteer. A cleanup team will work along the river from LLELA's access points, picking up trash, helping promote environmental responsibility and improved water quality. There also will be a volunteer project planting aquatic vegetation in and along the river at LLELA in an effort to stabilize the banks and improve the habitat.

River cleanup contact: Keep Lewisville Beautiful at 972-436-5100; or email them at info@keeplewisvillebeautiful.org
Plant restoration: Lisa Cole, 972-219-3930 or email to lisacole@unt.edu.

*Major Milestones
Reached*

The following members reached major milestones as a Master Naturalist during the first half of 2010.

2,500 service hours

Ron Fellows

1,500 service hours

Joanne Fellows

Betty Zajac

1,000 service hours

Sherrill Campbell

500 service hours

Adelaide Bodnar

John Bodnar

Jean Chaka

Susan Pohlen

Rob Roy

250 service hours

Karolina Blaha-Black

Sandra Cavanaugh

Amanda Cowan

Kay Crowe

Judi Elliott

Van Elliott

Susan Kilpatrick

Socie Lemke

Carolyn Richard

Owen Richards

Certified in 2010

Congratulations to the following members who certified as a Master Naturalist for 2010 in the first half of the year.

Russell Bilyeu

Sherrill Campbell

Sandra Cavanaugh

Doug Chadwick

Amanda Cowan

Hilton Dickerson

Judi Elliott

Van Elliott

Joanne Fellows

Ron Fellows

Russell Gaddie

Janet Gershenfeld

Bill Hammon

Katy Jo Hammon

Mary Hooser

Richard Johnson

Marian Kester

Susan Kilpatrick

George Kragle

Jan Marie LaPine

Socie Lemke

Alex Lieban

Beverly Lyttaker

Wanda Odum

Theresa Page

Susan Pohlen

Owen Richards

Dave Rowley

Rob Roy

Karen Schoeve

Joan Stanley

Betty Zajac

In Memory

Robert D. Judy, Jr., a member of our 2007 class, passed away on July 26th. He was 56 years old and a resident of Corinth. He was born in Lahore, Pakistan, graduated from Denton High School, attended NTSU (now UNT), and graduated from Colorado State University with a B.S. in Limnology. He was a contributing author to several publications on the topics of water, fish, and conservation while working in Colorado.

Source: *Denton Record Chronicle*

caught up and stay current. Also, everyone please sign each sheet of yours in the book. This is another new state requirement to substantiate the hours the chapter reports.



News from the State Office

Due to a new funding source, the Texas Master Naturalist Program is required to report our volunteer service hours to their agencies **each quarter**. Our Elm Fork Chapter reported the following hours for the first half of this year.

Jan	1,044.0
Feb	1,078.5
Mar	<u>1,389.5</u>
Q1	3,512.0
Apr	1,688.5
May	1,382.5
Jun	741.0
Q2	<u>3,812.0</u>
1H	<u>7,324.0</u>

But, we have several members who are slow in reporting their volunteer time. So if you are one of those folks, please get

Another Service Opportunity

Fall 2010 City Nature Hike Schedule

Three hikes are scheduled and members are encouraged to participate and help.

Saturday, Sep 11, at Cross Timbers Park, 10 - noon ('Fotographing Fall Foliage')

Saturday, Oct 2, at Clear Creek, 8-10 a.m. ('Birding with Keith Lockhart')

Saturday, Nov 13, at Clear Creek, 1-3 p.m. ('Down in the Quarry' with Don Morrison)

Articles/Items for the Newsletter

We are looking for articles and items for future editions of the EFCMN Newsletter. If you have an article or item you would like published, please email it to EFCNews99@msn.com.