

LEWISVILLE LAKE ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING AREA (LLELA)

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Lewisville Lake Environmental Learning Area (LLELA) is a 2,000-acre wildlife management area located just below the Lewisville Lake Dam, at the corner of Jones and Kealy in Lewisville. LLELA is a major Master Naturalist project including the regular volunteer efforts of over 30 Master Naturalists. Some MN volunteers work weekly, others on an "as needed" basis.

Following are some of the opportunities for Master Naturalist volunteers at LLELA. Whatever your schedule or interests, LLELA is sure to have a project for you. If it's not on the list already, LLELA's management is always open to suggestions for new opportunities.

- **Outdoor Education:** Lead short nature hikes with students and assist staff with school group labs. Can volunteer on a steady basis (weekly, bi-weekly, once a month, etc.)
- **Nature Walks:** Lead nature hikes for the general public; training provided
- **Birding Hikes:** Share your knowledge of birding with the general public; lead hikes or assist in leading bird hikes for adults, children, youth groups
- **Bird Banding:** Assist in banding of birds for study purposes. This is an ongoing commitment, due to training required (not a one-shot deal), and it requires early mornings
- **Prairie and Wetland Restoration:** Help in plant nursery at LLELA's Mill St. office (weekly hours, if desired); assist in workdays to plant prairie grasses, seed wildflowers, or plant wetlands plants; process seeds to prepare them for planting (can be an indoor, seated job with weekly hours, if desired)
- **Trail Building and Maintenance:** Help cut new trails and maintain existing trails
- **Angler Education:** Assist in programs to introduce families to responsible fishing
- **Nest Box Maintenance:** Assist in maintaining bluebird boxes, warbler boxes, wood duck boxes, and other nesting boxes; ongoing commitment
- **1870s Homestead:** Give tours of LLELA's log house and homestead area; once a month open house on the weekend; regular school groups during the week; training provided; there is also a training reference guide
- **Bison Herd:** Give interpretive tours of our privately-owned bison herd; once a month tours for general public; youth and other groups on an ad hoc basis; training provided