

**Galveston Bay Area Chapter - Texas Master Naturalist
Training Class Schedule – Spring 2015**

Thursday February 12 Armand Bayou Nature Center 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.	Welcome and Introductions Galveston Bay Area Master Naturalists (GBAC) Galveston Bay Plan - The Big Picture Julie Massey, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service & Texas A&M Sea Grant Naturalist - Past and Present – Who are those Texas Master Naturalists? Diane Humes, GBAC Master Naturalist Field Observations as a Master Naturalist & Explorations Cindy Howard, Dick Benoit and GBAC Master Naturalists
Thursday February 19 Nat'l Marine Fisheries Service Building 216 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.	Sea Turtles and You! Maureen Nolan-Wilde & Carlos Rios, GBAC Master Naturalists Cephalopods! Nathan Veatch, GBAC Master Naturalist and Julie Massey Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary Flower Garden Banks NMS staff
Thursday February 26 Eddie Gray Wetland Center 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.	Watersheds and You! Mary Carol Edwards, Stormwater Wetland Coordinator, Texas A&M Sea Grant Amphibians 101 Eddie Gray Wetland Center Staff Plankton, the Incredibles! Dr. Steve Alexander, GBAC Master Naturalist
Thursday March 5 Sheldon Lake State Park 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.	Geoecology of the Region Dr. John Jacob, Coastal Community Development & Environmental Quality Specialist, Texas A&M Sea Grant College Program Top 10 Wetland Plants! Marissa Sipocz, - Wetland Program Manager, Texas A&M Sea Grant Wetland Identification and Restoration Marissa Sipocz and Diane Humes
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Thursday March 19	Spring Break – No Class! Enjoy!

Thursday
March 26
Texas City
Prairie Preserve
9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Texas City Prairie Preserve
TX Nature Conservancy staff

Prairie Discovery
GBAC Master Naturalists

Prairie Restoration Activities
GBAC Master Naturalists

Thursday
April 2
Galveston County
Texas A&M AgriLife Office
4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Insects and S'more
Emmeline Dodd, GBAC Master Naturalist

Chapter Meeting

Thursday
April 9
Armand Bayou
Nature Center
9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Bayou Ecology
Mark Kramer, Stewardship Manager, Armand Bayou Nature Center

Water Quality Testing
Diane Humes and GBAC Master Naturalists

Let's all Gyotaku!
Julie Massey

Thursday
April 16
Galveston Island
State Park
9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Beach & Bay Explorations!
Beach - Jamie Ashby & Bill Ashby, GBAC Master Naturalists
Bay - Nathan Veatch & Dr. Steve Alexander, GBAC Master Naturalists

Dune Restoration
Dick Benoit and GBAC Master Naturalists

Thursday
April 23
Saint Matthews
United Methodist Church
1308 Weeks Avenue,
High Island 77623
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Birds - Colonial and Migratory
Winnie Burkett, Houston Audubon Society

Birding Field Trip

Thursday
April 30
Armand Bayou
Nature Center
9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Working Together and With the Public
Julie Massey

Can You Canoe?
Vic Madamba, GBAC Master Naturalist and ABNC Volunteer