

# GBAC-TMN Programs

## Explore...

-  Wetlands
-  Marshes
-  Prairies
-  Beach/Bay
-  Your neighborhood






## Conserve/Preserve...

-  Restore Ecosystems
-  Monitor/Collect Scientific Data



## Teach...

-  Family and Friends
-  Students and Visitors
-  Nature Centers



# Texas Master Naturalist Program

### Mission:

To develop a corps of well-informed volunteers to provide education, outreach, and service dedicated to the beneficial management of natural resources and natural areas within their communities for the State of Texas.

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Who are the  
Galveston Bay Area  
Master Naturalists?





## Discover

The Galveston Bay Area Chapter Texas Master Naturalist Program (GBAC-TMN), through coursework, fieldtrips, volunteer opportunities, and advanced training, allows individuals to increase their knowledge and appreciation of the natural world while helping their communities and the environment. Training is offered in a broad range of specialties in the fields of environmental education and natural history of the Galveston Bay ecosystems.

### Who can participate?

Anyone over 18 years of age with an interest in Galveston Bay ecosystems is welcome.



## Learn

Master Naturalists learn the best ways to enhance wildlife habitat and most importantly, how to apply this knowledge and share with others. They also help restore and preserve local natural areas, lead interpretive walks in parks, give presentations to school groups and organizations, and assist agencies with monitoring activities (water, birds, insects, invasive plants, preserve and protect ecosystems).

### How can I become a certified Texas Master Naturalist?

You must complete an 11 week program of classroom and field training. You must also complete 40 hours of volunteer service and 8 hours of advanced training to qualify each year for certification as a GBAC-TMN.



## Share

### How can I receive training?

**GBAC Master Naturalist classes are conducted annually. Core classes may include:**

- Coastal marshes/wetlands
- Bayou ecosystems
- Mammals and animals of Upper Coast
- Freshwater ecology of Galveston Bay
- Freshwater wetlands/soils
- Plant identification
- Prairie ecosystems/restoration
- Geology and ecology of shorelines
- Insects
- Wetlands restoration
- Fish identification
- Oysters
- Birds - Colonial and migratory

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