

Volunteer Management System (VMS)

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Volunteer Login

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Search Login

How do I apply?

Start by first choosing an opportunity or opportunities you are interested in and then apply online.

Find an Opportunity

Volunteer Login

Username

Password

Login

[Forgot your password?](#)

Make sure that the link you are using contains "1353"

VMS Dashboard



Hello, Tracy
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[View your reported hours here](#)

ONLY TMN approved hours

TMN Approved Hours Summary

AT Year	13.5 hours
TMN year	126.25 hours
Lifetime	1724 hours

Edit your profile/
change password here

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Welcome Back, Tracy!

Volunteer since 02/19/2022 2:54 PM

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This month

23.50 hours

This year

126.25 hours

Total

1,724.00 hours

ALL TPWD program hours

Upcoming Schedule

No upcoming schedule shifts. [View your full schedule](#)

Find New Opportunities

ABNC (Armand Bayou Nature Center) - Natural Resource Mgmt

Galveston Bay Area Master Naturalists

You've been placed with this opportunity.

[see details](#) [remove me](#) [Report Service](#)

You have 45 days to enter your hours!

Report Your Hours & Double Check your Logbook

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Select an Opportunity

Select an Opportunity

ALWAYS check
that your entry
is in the
Logbook

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All TPWD Programs Month: 23.5 Year: 126.25 All Time: 1724 [show more details](#)

Recent Service History

(NEW) Chapter Training Class Support

- Date/Time: 03/12/2026
- Hours:

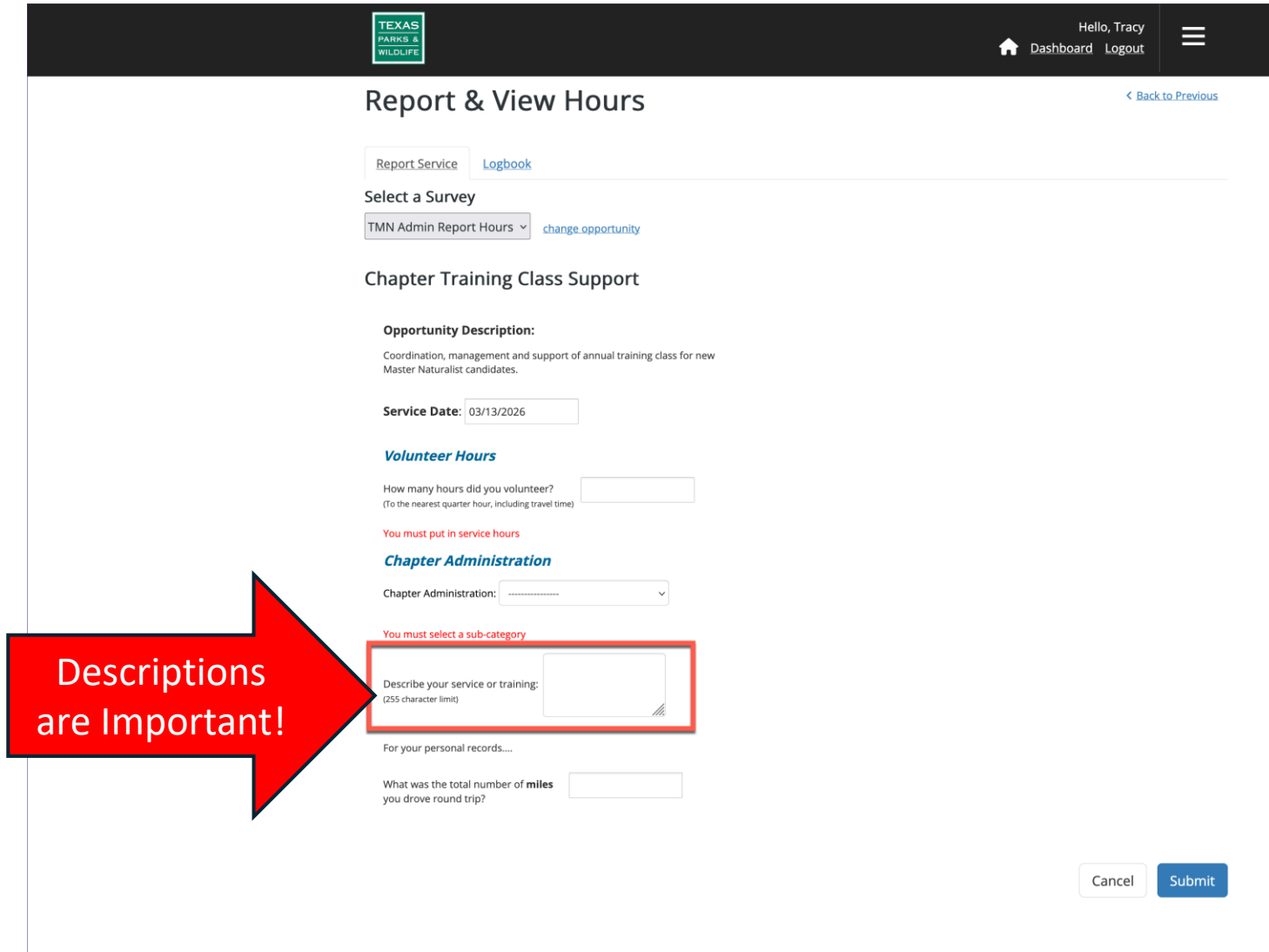
[more details](#) [edit](#) Not Yet Approved

Administrative Work Galveston Bay Area Master Naturalists

- Date/Time: 03/11/2026 6:28 pm - 6:28 pm
- Hours: 2

[more details](#) [edit](#) Approved

Describe Your Training



The screenshot shows the 'Report & View Hours' form. At the top, there's a header with the Texas Parks & Wildlife logo, a user greeting 'Hello, Tracy', and links for 'Dashboard' and 'Logout'. Below the header, the form title 'Report & View Hours' is followed by a 'Back to Previous' link. The form has two tabs: 'Report Service' (active) and 'Logbook'. Under 'Report Service', there's a 'Select a Survey' dropdown menu currently set to 'TMN Admin Report Hours', with a 'change opportunity' link. Below this is the 'Chapter Training Class Support' section. It includes an 'Opportunity Description' field with pre-filled text: 'Coordination, management and support of annual training class for new Master Naturalist candidates.' This is followed by a 'Service Date' field with the value '03/13/2026'. The 'Volunteer Hours' section asks 'How many hours did you volunteer?' with a note '(To the nearest quarter hour, including travel time)' and an input field. A red text prompt 'You must put in service hours' is shown. The 'Chapter Administration' section has a 'Chapter Administration' dropdown menu. Below it, a red text prompt 'You must select a sub-category' is shown. The 'Describe your service or training:' field (255 character limit) is highlighted with a red box and a red arrow pointing to it from the left. Below this is a note 'For your personal records....' and a field for 'What was the total number of miles you drove round trip?'. At the bottom right are 'Cancel' and 'Submit' buttons.

Descriptions are Important!

What makes a good description?

You want to give a location, a short description of what you did or learned, the speaker or leader's name, etc.

Some Examples:

- Sea Turtle Hospital Morning Shift and Sea Turtle Release
- Monthly Tuesday bird survey at Sweetwater Nature Preserve, led by Lisa Hardcastle. We saw 76 species in total!
- TXMN class, week 3. We covered prairie ecology and zooplankton.
- Prairie Friday - potted native plants
- Spring migration - song birds by Kristine Rivers
- Bluebird monitoring at UHCL. 6 houses, no activity

Help us know what you did!

Where are all your logbook entries?

Scroll
Down.....
and click
“View all
Service
History”

Water Quality Monitoring Galveston Bay Area Master Naturalists

- Date/Time: 03/08/2026 12:27 pm - 12:27 pm
 - Hours: 3.5
- [▶ more details](#) | [edit](#)

Approved

Administrative Work Galveston Bay Area Master Naturalists

- Date/Time: 03/06/2026 4:29 pm - 4:29 pm
 - Hours: 3
- [▶ more details](#) | [edit](#)

Approved

Administrative Work Galveston Bay Area Master Naturalists

- Date/Time: 03/04/2026 3:15 pm - 3:15 pm
 - Hours: 4
- [▶ more details](#) | [edit](#)

Approved

Administrative Work Galveston Bay Area Master Naturalists

- Date/Time: 03/03/2026 7:41 pm - 7:41 pm
 - Hours: 1
- [▶ more details](#) | [edit](#)

Approved

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Filtering Your Logbook



Hello, Tracy

[Dashboard](#) [Logout](#)



Report & View Hours

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[Report Service](#) **Logbook**

Sort: Date - Newest First

Filter

Print

Date Range

Start Date

End Date

Opportunity

Status: ☐ Approved ☐ Disapproved ☐ Not Yet Approved

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All TPWD Programs

Month: 23.5 Year: 126.25 All Time: 1724

[show more details](#)

Recent Service History

(NEW) Chapter Training Class Support

Date/Time: 03/12/2026

Hours:

Not Yet Approved

Approved

[more details](#)

[edit](#)

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Hours: 2

[more details](#)

[edit](#)

Hours appear here once approved

NOTE: Until your entry is approved, these hours won't be in the totals on your dashboard

Editing Your Entry

Report & View Hours

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Sort: Date - Newest First | Filter | Print

All TPWD Programs Month: 36 Year: 193.25 All Time: 1791 [show more details >](#)

Recent Service History

(NEW) Administrative Work

- Date/Time: 04/15/2026
- Hours:

[more details](#) [edit](#) 

Editing allows you to update
the date, hours, description...
not the opportunity

GINTC (Galveston Island Nature Tourism Council) - Public Outreach Galveston Bay Area Master Naturalist

- Date/Time: 04/15/2026 8:05 am - 8:05 am
- Hours: 4.5

[more details](#) [edit](#) 

Not Yet Approved

Not Yet Approved

Edit Entry

Opportunity Description:

Chapter Administration WorkSub-category Chapter Administration: e...
include board meetings, hours administrator, officer duties, committee work, etc.
hospitality, web page, facebook, newsletter, etc.

Service Date: 03/13/2026

Volunteer Hours

How many hours did you volunteer?

2

(To the nearest quarter hour, including travel time)

Chapter Administration

Chapter Administration: Board/Committee Work

Describe your service or training:
(255 character limit)

Create a VMS
help guide for
members with
important

For your personal records....

What was the total number of miles
you drove round trip?

They put back
the ability to
delete! WOOO!

Cancel

Save Changes

Important Reminders

- What if you have no idea what opportunity to select?
 - Ask a fellow volunteer or your mentor
 - Look at the list of opportunities on the website
 - Ask Robin Novak (for Advanced Training) - atdirector@gbactmn.org
 - Ask Sharon Tirpak (for Volunteer Service) - volunteerservicedirector@gbactmn.org
- You have 45 days from the day of service to enter your hours
- Enter hours in .25 increments (1.25, .75, etc.)
- Advanced training – does not include travel time
- Volunteer Service – includes travel time
- If you are getting paid to be at an event, you can not claim volunteer service hours

To remain ACTIVE – log at least 1 HOUR a year into VMS!

One Last Thing...

- The response time is slower so be patient and wait for the system to process completely
- It's highly recommended to enter hours by the week. Due to the slow response time, you might time out.
- Use the filters to view your logbook in smaller snippets instead of all hours

Please be patient, they are still working out issues.