

Good Water Master Naturalist Training Class Application

The Texas Master Naturalist Program's mission is 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.



Classes Start – Tuesday, March 2, 2027

Thank you for your interest in becoming a member of the Good Water Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalist.

We believe everyone with an interest in nature deserves to learn, grow, and share their passion as a member of the Good Water Master Naturalist Chapter.

The Good Water Chapter holds two training series each year, in spring and fall. Spring training runs from March through May, on Tuesday afternoons from 1:00-5:00 p.m. Fall training runs September through mid-December, on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 pm to 9:00 p.m. Classes meet at 100 Wilco Way, Georgetown, Texas. Seven or more in-person field sessions will be offered at off-site locations on Saturdays which will include moderate walking. Classes cover subjects that include, but are not limited to, amphibians, reptiles, bats, geology, forests, trees, wildflowers, mammals, birds, archaeology, habitat—all taught by experts in their fields with an emphasis on Central Texas.

The 2027 Spring Training Class will begin on Tuesday, March 2 and will meet on Tuesday afternoons from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. through Tuesday, May 18. The 2027 Fall Training Class will begin on Tuesday evenings from 6:00-9:00 p.m. September 1 through December 14.

Participants are strongly encouraged to attend all classes and field trips, but in the case of absences makeups are arranged on an individual basis.

Requirements:

- You must pass a background check.
- You are required to complete 40 hours of initial training, 40 hours of volunteer service and 8 hours of advanced training to become certified as a Texas Master Naturalist. You have 1 year from the date of your first class to complete these hours. **Cutoff date for acceptance in the Spring class is February 26.**

Registration fee is \$150 per person, or \$270 for couples/partners sharing a book. This fee covers the curriculum book, name tags, handouts, background check, admission fees for field sessions, certificates. The fee also includes chapter membership fees for one year. Partial scholarships are available. Acceptance is on a first come first serve basis for the 32 participants.

If you have questions, contact:

Mary Ann Melton Email: mammelon50@mac.com Phone: 512-740-1133

Contact Information

Name:		
Name for Nametag		
Preferred Pronoun		
Street Address		
City, State, ZIP Code		
Home Phone/Cell Phone		
E-Mail Address		
Birthdate (*Required for Background check)		

Explain why you are interested in becoming a Master Naturalist and what you expect to get out of this course.

Special skills

List any special skills or knowledge that you have acquired from employment, previous volunteer work, or other activities, including hobbies and education that could benefit our chapter. These do not have to be nature related – examples include wood working, computer skills and graphic design.

Type of volunteer work that would most interest you

The goal of the Master Naturalist program is to create a pool of knowledgeable citizens to educate the public on the natural world and promote environmental stewardship. Which of these areas would you most enjoy working in to fulfill these objectives? Check all of interest.

Educational Programs for children (Junior Master Naturalist, Day Camp Nature Programming, Preschool, Early Elementary)	
Educational Programs for adults (presentations to local organizations, working with new landowners, manning nature related booths at local events, etc.)	
Volunteering at Berry Springs Park and Preserve	
Assistance with nature programs in local parks (leading nature walks, improving trails, assisting with children's fishing programs, wildlife habitat improvement)	
Media Communication (write articles for local papers, help with our web site)	
Stream Team Monitoring	
McNeil Bridge Bat Interpretation	
Volunteering at Balcones Canyonlands National Wildlife Refuge	
Environmental surveys (bird counts, amphibian watch, Odonata research)	
Other Nature Activities (Describe Below)	
Undecided	

Please describe below other Nature related activities you enjoy.

Person to notify in Case of Emergency:

Name	
Street Address	
City, State, ZIP Code	
Home Phone	
Work Phone	

Agreement and Signature

By submitting this application, I understand that if I am accepted for the training class, I will be expected to complete the training class program for the Certificate of Graduation. **Then, to achieve my Initial Certification as a Master Naturalist, I will be expected to contribute a minimum of 40 hours of approved Master Naturalist volunteer work, and I will also further my knowledge by completing at least 8 hours of approved advanced educational training within a one-year period of the starting date of the class.**

Signature	
Date	

Partial Scholarship Request

Check here if you wish to apply for the partial scholarship.	
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Fee

Checks should be made payable to **Good Water Chapter TX MN**. (Fill out the application for both applicants if two are applying) and mail along with your check to:

**GWMN Treasurer Bob Waring
6910 N. Lakewood Dr.
Georgetown, TX 78633**