

Guadalupe Chapter

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***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.*

Guadalupe Master Naturalists Monthly Program and Meeting

Date: Monday, January 23, 2023

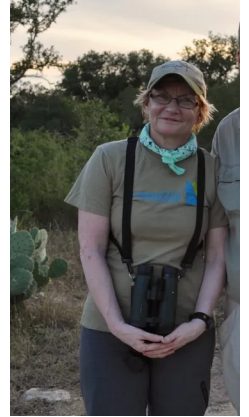
Time: 7:00 PM Program;

8:00 PM Business Meeting

Location: AgriLife Extension Bldg., 210 E. Live Oak, Seguin

Program: Coco Brennan, BCI volunteer at Bracken Bat Cave, will speak on her favorite topic, bats! Brennan, an active member of the Lindheimer Chapter, Texas Master Naturalists, has contributed thousands of volunteer hours on various nature projects.

- **Have a favorite topic you would like to learn more about?**
- **Have you heard an exceptional speaker we should invite to present a program for our Chapter?**



Please share your ideas and/or speaker contacts with Laura Griffith, our new Program Coordinator, at ljgriffith523@gmail.com

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

NATURE EDUCATION

Announcing the 2023 Discovery Series

Now is the time to get the dates on your calendars! The plan is to use an on-line sign-up mechanism again for volunteers for the individual events. As the dates get closer, the sign-up link will be provided.

Jennifer Ehlers, Nature Education Chair
ehlers@gvec.net

Discover Recycling and Preserving Water

Saturday, February 11th @ Crescent Bend

Monday, February 13th @ Seguin Public Library

Discover Rocks

Saturday, March 11th @ Crescent Bend

Monday, March 13th @ Seguin Public Library

Discover What's Flying

Saturday, April 8 @ Crescent Bend

Monday, April 10 @ Seguin Public Library

Discover What's Swimming

Monday, May 8th @ Seguin Public Library

Saturday, May 13th @ Crescent Bend

Discover the Forest

Saturday, June 10th @ Crescent Bend

Monday, June 12th @ Park West

Discover Clues and Traces

Saturday, July 8th @ Crescent Bend

Monday, July 10th @ Park West

Discover the World of Insects

Saturday, September 9th @ Crescent Bend

Monday, September 11th @ Seguin Public Library

Discover Early Texans

Monday, October 9th @ Seguin Public Library

Saturday, October 14th @ Crescent Bend

Discover Horns and Thorns

Saturday, November 11th @ Crescent Bend

Monday, November 13th @ Seguin Public Library

An exciting line-up of children's programs are planned for Crescent Bend and the Seguin Public Library. Your help is needed in order for these programs to be successful. When the Sign-up Genius becomes available, please fill the slots.



Walk With a Naturalist at Park West

Planning for future plans/dates will be decided in January.

Contact: Jim Dyess jnd16123@gmail.com 713/206-6218



Walk With a Naturalist at Crescent Bend

Date:

Time:

Description: Come experience this fun adventure, discovering the wealth of nature and much more! Master Naturalists will lead a one-mile hike through Crescent Bend, sharing information about the park and its natural environment.

Contact: Carolyn Wolfer, Crescent Bend coordinator, wolfercdat@mac.com

Fisher Park Nature Education Center

Dates: Vary; contact Center supervisor

Time: Vary; activities require 2-3 hour commitment

Location: Fisher Park Nature Education Center, 1946 Monarch Way, New Braunfels, TX

Description: Volunteers are needed to assist with various activities such as archery, birdwatching, fishing, gardening, kayaking and night hikes. They also host children's birthday parties and school group field trips.

Contact: Call 830-221-4378 for information or Bruce Bebow

FOREST HEALTH

Park West Happenings

Date: Thursdays, January 5, 12, 19, 26, 2023

Time: 8:30 – 11:30 AM

Location: Meet at the Park West Parking Lot/Splash Pad, 601 N. Vaughan Ave. Seguin

Wear: Long sleeves, long pants, hat, closed-toe shoes and work gloves.

Bring: Drinking water; BYO Tools - lopping shears, small saws, pruners.

Description: Master Naturalists will resume volunteer workdays in Park West every Thursday. Meet in the parking lot by the Splash Pad, sign-in, and review safety protocols. Once in the forest you will cut, herbicide and carry invasive plants to designated pick-up areas. Bring tools, water and dress for outdoor work.

The **2023 goals** include allowing the Thirteen Oaks section to rest and restore a native understory, return to Oak Motte View area, and choose a new location for a City pick-up pile near the Large Pavilion.

January is also a Master Naturalist traditional month to walk the First Forest area, first cleared of invasives in 2014, and pull any emerging invasive sprouts. John Barrington will be the leader.

Join the Park West Citizen Science team!

Contact: John Barrington (830-237-3544 or freedom516@yahoo.com) for further information

CITIZEN SCIENCE

M. O. Neasloney Wildlife Management Area

Dates: Thursdays

Time: 9:00 AM

Location: 20700 SH 80 North, Gonzales, TX 78629 [halfway between Seguin and Gonzales]

Description: Craig Wagner and Nick Franzen invite Chapter members to join them at Neasloney WMA every Thursday. There are many, many jobs to be done to help our TPWD biologist Trent Teinert. If you are interested, **please contact Craig** at craigwagner31@aol.com or call Craig at 847-226-4375 for information. If not familiar with Neasloney, it is 100 acres located in Gonzales County, south of Luling, midway between Luling and Gonzales. The WMA is used primarily for wildlife ecology field tours by public school groups. Outdoor recreational opportunities include wildlife viewing, hiking and an interpretive nature trail.

Contact: Nick Franzen, nhfranz204@gmail.com

Craig Wagner, craigwagner31@aol.com or 847-226-4375

Trent Teinert, trent.teinert@tpwd.texas.gov or (830) 424-3407



Nick Franzen waters newly transplanted native grass, Little Bluestem.



Craig Wagner, Neasloney WMA volunteer, transplanting Little Bluestem.

Warbler Woods Bird Sanctuary



Dates/Times: Vary

Description: Assist with filling feeders, clearing brush, building owl boxes, general maintenance, golf cart repairs/maintenance

Location: Warbler Woods, 19349 Old Wiederstein Rd, Cibolo, TX

Contact: Sandi Wheeler at wheels5683@gmail.com for current opportunities

Kirchoff Prairie Restoration Workday

Date: Saturday, December 17, 2022

Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Location: Kirchoff Family Farm, 1444 County Road 210, Floresville, TX

Description: Work and learn at the ongoing prairie restoration project at the Kirchoff Family Farm. Come when you can, leave when you're ready. Tools and LUNCH are provided by the Kirchoffs.

Contact: Don Kirchoff, 713-562-7681 donkirchoff@earthlink.com

Citizen Science Chair Tom Hardaway encourages all Master Naturalists to become involved in a Citizen Science project. Contact him if you want information on the various projects available.

Texas Stream Team Training Standard Core Water Quality Citizen Scientist

Date: Saturday, January 14, 2023

Time: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Location: Meadows Center Picnic Tables closest to the cul-de-sac,
201 San Marcos Springs Dr, San Marcos, TX 78666

Description: Standard Core monitoring involves performing tests for parameters such as conductivity, dissolved oxygen, pH, total depth, water and air temperature, and water transparency using a chemical Standard Core kit. In addition to these parameters, Standard Core citizen scientists also conduct various field observations.


















Contact: Adam Berglund (San Marcos River Rangers volunteer citizen scientist coordinator) at riverrangers@sanmarcosriver.org to find out more information or reserve a spot.

Website for information: <https://teamup.com/ksos37y3n9acgt5pk5>



You will receive Advanced Training hours for taking the Stream Team training. Find a water source where you can monitor the water quality and receive volunteer time for collecting data on the quality of the water. A win-win opportunity!!

January 2023 Public Programs At Palmetto SP

Hikes/Walks		Art in the Park	Ranger Talks	Junior Ranger	Outdoor Skills
 1 - 1.5 hrs		 1 hour	 1 hour	 1 - 2 hrs	 1 - 2 hrs
Dress for the weather. Wear sturdy shoes, bring water.		Nature inspired art program, fun for all ages!	Hands-on presentation about nature or history.	Designed for kids 12 and under, all ages welcome.	Learn a new skill or outdoor activity.
Date:	Time:	Location:	Program:		
Sun. January 1st	7:00AM	Meet in front of CCC Group Pavilion		First Day Hike Sunrise Birding: Calling all early birds! Come with us to find some birds!	
	9:00AM	Meet in front of CCC Group Pavilion		First Day Hike: Take a step into the New Year with this leisure walk as we explore the park.	
	10:00AM	Meet in front of CCC Group Pavilion		First Day Hike Tremendous Trees: Learn about the trees found here in the park that give us so much.	
Fri. January 6th	6:00PM	Meet in front of CCC Group Pavilion		Full Moon Hike: Guided by moon light, what will we find? Werewolves, wererabbits, oh my!	
Sat. January 7th	9:00AM	Meet at fishing pier at Oxbow Lake		Fishing with a Ranger: Join us to try your hand at catching some Rainbow Trout	
	2:00PM	Meet in front of boat shed at Oxbow Lake		Herbology 101: On this guided hike learn about what your backyard plants provide for you.	
Sat. January 14th	10:00AM	Meet in front of CCC Group Pavilion		Outgoing Outdoors (Leave No Trace): Learn about the LNT principles, and put your new found knowledge to the test!	
	2:30PM	Meet in front of CCC Group Pavilion		Outgoing Outdoors (S'more camping fun): Learn about campfire safety while making some delicious snacks.	
Sat. January 21st	9:00AM	Meet in front of CCC Group Pavilion		Birding Stroll 101: Curious about what birds can be found at Palmetto SP? Binoculars are provided if needed!	
	11:00AM	Meet in front of CCC Group Pavilion		Discovery Table (Animals of the Park): This come and go event showcases skins and skulls of animals found here at Palmetto SP!	
	2:30PM	Meet in front of Artesian Well		Wonderful Watercolors: Let nature inspire you to create some beautiful art pieces.	
Sat. Jan. 28th	9:00AM	Meet in front of CCC Group Pavilion		Birding Stroll 101: Curious about what birds can be found at Palmetto SP? Binoculars are provided if needed!	

Contact: Samantha Gonzalez, Park Interpreter, if you would like to assist with programs.
(830) 672-3266 samantha.gonzalez@tpwd.texas.gov

Palmetto Centennial Plan – 100 Years/100 Species Challenge

Date: Saturday, April 1, 2023

Time: TBD

Location: Palmetto State Park

Description: This is an invitation to join us here at the park to lead programs and assist park guest IDing plants and wildlife in the park.

This will be fun; more information to come as the date nears.

Contact: Jason E. True, Assistant Park Superintendent, Palmetto State Park (830) 203-8922
Samantha Gonzales, Park Interpreter (830) 672-3266, samantha.gonzalez@tpwd.texas.gov



ADVANCED TRAINING

TMN Tuesdays

Date: Tuesday, January 10, 2023

Time: 12:00 – 1:00 PM

Description: January program information not yet available. Check website.

Website for information: <https://txmn.tamu.edu/tmntuesdays/>

Guadalupe County Chapter, Native Plant Society

Transitioning to Native Turf Grass

Date: Tuesday, January 10, 2023

Time: Social – 6:30; Program – 7:00

Description: Presented by Michelle Gorham from the Native American Seed Company. Want a beautiful, hardy, drought tolerant, easy to care for lawn? Tired of paying enormous water bills? Learn about replacing thirsty lawns with pollinator and habitat friendly native turf grass, techniques of soil preparation, seed dispersal and maintenance. Come and get all the information you need in time for Spring. Gorham has degrees in Landscape Horticulture and Master of Agricultural Education. She has held positions in retail nursery management and ran her own design/build landscape company, focused on native plants.

Location: St. John's Lutheran Church, 600 South Center Street, Marion, TX.
From FM 78 turn south on FM 465. The church is just past Marion Middle School on the right.
From IH 10 go north on FM 465 toward Marion; the church is on the left.





Lindheimer Chapter
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Monthly Chapter Meeting

When: Thursday, January 19, 2023 at 5:45 pm

What: "The Use of Canines in Conservation – From Horny Toads to Unicorns"

Who: Paul Bunker, Owner & President
Chiron K9 LLC www.chiron-k9.com

Where: In person: Tye Preston Memorial Library

Online: www.txmn.org/lindheimer/chapter-info/next-meeting

Mr. Bunker is the owner and Principal of Chiron K9 LLC, a canine consultancy company specializing in detection. He served over 22 years in the British Army as a Canine Trainer/Instructor/Assessor deploying on high-threat counter-terrorist operations worldwide.



During his time in the British Army, he was the Senior Instructor and Trainer of Specialized Search Dog and Explosive Detection Dog/Handler Training for both the UK and US Military. He created and implemented the Explosive Detection Dog



Program, which required developing new training techniques and methodologies. He was awarded the NATO Joint-Commanders Commendation for Distinguished Service to support operations in the Balkans.

In 2017 he formed Chiron K9 to concentrate on detection dog research & conservation/environmental detection. He has developed unique programs to support conservation and environmental canine detection programs and deployed with the teams. He has

provided canines and training support to detection research with universities and Government organizations. He is a co-author of several published papers and the author of "Imprint Your Detection Dog in 15 Days".

Join us for an interesting & intriguing program on January 19, 2023!

CONGRATULATIONS

Initial Certification for December

Romy Gomez
Class of 2021



It's time to pay your Chapter dues for the 2023 year.
The annual fee is \$25.00 and payable to
Treasurer Craig Sagebiel.

You may mail to:
Craig Sagebiel
4567 Luther Rd., Seguin, TX 78155

NEXT NEWSLETTER

Send announcements and news items for distribution in the newsletter to Marilyn Anderson,
MarilynA@access4less.net. by Friday, January 27 for the February 2023 issue

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