



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, February 27, 2023

Time: 7:00 PM Program;

8:00 PM Business Meeting

Location: Schertz Area Senior Center, 608 Schertz Parkway, Schertz

Program: Guadalupe Master Naturalist David Tripp will speak on iNaturalist, a most valuable tool naturalists can utilize. It is described on the website as “iNaturalist helps you identify the plants and animals around you. Get connected with a community of over a million scientists and naturalists who can help you learn more about nature! What’s more, by recording and sharing your observations, you’ll create research quality data for scientists working to better understand and protect nature.”

- **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

Discover Recycling and Preserving Water

Date: Saturday, February 11, 2023

Time: staggered start times 9:30 – 10:00 AM

Location: Crescent Bend Nature Park, Schertz

Leader:

Volunteers:

Please arrive at 8:30 A.M.

Date: Monday, February 13, 2023

Time: staggered start times 3:30 – 4:00 PM

Location: Seguin Public Library, 313 W. Nolte

Leader:

Volunteers:

Please arrive at 2:30 P.M.

➔ **Contact:** Jennifer Ehlers ehlers@gvec.net to volunteer at either location



Walk With a Naturalist at Crescent Bend

Date: Sunday, February 26, 2023

Time: 3:30 PM

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

Happenings from Nature Education from Jennifer Ehlers

1. The first **Discovery Program** for the year, Discover Recycling & Preserving Water, will be offered in February.

Saturday, February 11th at Crescent Bend Nature Park

Monday, February 13th at Seguin Public Library

The Sign-up Genius registration link for volunteering has been sent to the committee members. If you did not receive the link and would like to volunteer, let me know.

2. **Earth Day 2023** for the City of Seguin will be Saturday, April 29th, in downtown Seguin. A planning committee will be put together to for this important outreach initiative for our chapter. If you would like to be a part of this planning group, let me know.

3. **Training/Information Update** meetings were held for members of the Nature Education committee, one in Marion on Saturday the 28th of January and another on Wednesday, February 1st in Seguin. A folder containing expanded interpretive guides for all nine programs we will be doing this year, a Leader "checklist" and information on several other educational opportunities available. If you did not attend one of these meetings and would like to receive one of these "Informational Folders", let me know.

Jennifer Ehlers

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CITIZEN SCIENCE

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

Forest Health at Park West

Date: Thursdays, February 9, 16, 23, 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.

Weather Alert – No invasive removal will be held this Thursday, February 2, because of adverse weather conditions.

Join the Park West Citizen Science team!

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

Pollinator Garden at Park West

Date:

Time:

Location: Park West, 623 N. Vaughn, Seguin

Description:

Pollinator Garden has been cut and mulched for the winter.

We will resume volunteer days in a few months.



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

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, February 18, 2023

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

Texas Stream Team Training Standard Core Water Quality Citizen Scientist

Date: Sunday, February 12, 2023

Time: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Location: Location will be within the city of San Marcos (determined a week prior)

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!!



2023 Birding Classic registration is now open!

2023 Team Registration

Registration Deadline: April 1, 2023

Tournament Dates: April 15 – May 15, 2023

What is the Birding Classic? Who can join the fun

- All levels and ages of birders are welcome to join this Texas birdwatching event during the amazing spring migration.
- There's a tournament category for everyone - from the beginning backyard birder to the competitive lister!
- Registration fees raise money for Texas bird and birding conservation project grants.
- Gather your team, register, and go birding - it's truly that simple.

Information: <https://tpwd.texas.gov/events/great-texas-birding-classic/>

Annual Board Planning Meeting

Date: Saturday, February 18, 2023

Time: 8:30 am – 12:00 noon















Description: The annual planning meeting for the GMN board is coming soon! The board will meet at AgriLife in Seguin on Saturday, February 18 from 8:30a-12n to set goals and make decisions that will set the course for Guadalupe Chapter for the coming year.

If you have items you would like the board to discuss, please contact Chris Dyess or Mark de Kiewiet by Sunday, February 12, so that your item can be added to the agenda. Chris will email the agenda to the membership on February 13 to give members time to look at the agenda and contact Chris or Mark with questions or concerns.

Members are always welcome at board meetings. Please let Chris or Mark know if you plan to attend so we can have the room set up with enough seating

Location: AgriLife Extention, Seguin

PALMETTO STATE PARK

February 2023 Public Programs At Palmetto SP				
Hikes/Walks	Art in the Park	Ranger Talks	Junior Ranger	Outdoor Skills
 1 - 1.5 hrs Dress for the weather. Wear sturdy shoes, bring water.	 1 hour Nature inspired art program, fun for all ages!	 1 hour Hands-on presentation about nature or history.	 1 - 2 hrs Designed for kids 12 and under, all ages welcome.	 1 - 2 hrs Learn a new skill or outdoor activity.
Date:	Time:	Location:	Program:	
Sat. Feb. 4th	9:00AM	Meet by the Fishing Pier		Herbology 101: On this guided hike learn about what your backyard plants can provide for you.
	2:30PM	Meet in front of CCC Group Pavilion		Junior Ranger Academy: Earn your Jr. Ranger badge on this guided hike
Sat. Feb. 11th	9:00AM	Meet in front of CCC Group Pavilion		Birding Stroll: Curious about what birds call Palmetto home? Binoculars are provided if needed!
Fri. Feb. 17th	6:30PM	Meet in front of CCC Group Pavilion		Nature's Night Show: Experience different sights and sounds that animals have adapted to on this after dark guided hike
Sat. Feb. 18th	9:00AM	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!
	10:30AM	Meet by the Artesian Well		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 at Campsite #2 W/E loop		Outgoing Outdoors (S'more camping fun): Learn about campfire safety while making some delicious snacks.
Sat. Feb. 25th	9:00AM	Meet in front of CCC Group Pavilion		Birding Stroll: Curious about what birds call Palmetto home? Binoculars are provided if needed!
	6:30PM	Meet in front of CCC Group Pavilion		Nature's Night Show: Experience different sights and sounds that animals have adapted to on this after dark guided hike

For more information, visit: bit.ly/3XxP8ev



Need a fishing pole? Ask HQ for more details!
 Or borrow a Junior Ranger Explorer Pack & earn a Junior Ranger badge!



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: 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Location: Palmetto State Park

Food: FREE!!

Description: *“Celebrate 100 years of Texas State Parks at Palmetto State Park by helping us identify 100 different species!”*

Join us with FREE entry at Palmetto State Park as we reach our goal of **identifying 100 different Texas native fauna and flora species here at the park!** Learn the different tips and tricks of identifying; some include sound, sight, and apps such as iNaturalist and SEEK. Staff and volunteers will be stationed around the park with games, activities, species checklist, and how-to tips of identifying what you saw out on the trails.

This event will include a personal or group challenge to identify 100 different species of plants and animals found within Palmetto State Park on iNaturalist.”

This is a call for volunteers! Please send Samantha Gonzalez an email confirming that you intend on volunteering no later than March 1st.

Contact: Samantha Gonzales, Park Interpreter (830) 672-3266, samantha.gonzalez@tpwd.texas.gov



May 2 & 3, 2023

Details for the next Volunteer Fair will be coming soon!

The TMN Virtual Volunteer Fair (VVF) is an opportunity for our partner conservation organizations to present service projects that needed volunteers from a distance or virtually!

Chapter Volunteer Opportunities

At the January Chapter meeting, two areas of need were mentioned:

1. **Chapter Photographer** – Love capturing important events in pictures? If yes, you would be the perfect person to be our chapter photographer. Think of all the activities we should have pictures of – speakers at our monthly meetings, members receiving certification pins/certificates, training class activities and field trips, Discover programs, clearing invasives at Park West, the list goes on and on! Contact President Mark to volunteer for this fun opportunity.



2. **Seguin Meeting Organizer[s]** – We need one or two people to handle these jobs at the Seguin meetings:

A. **Speaker Manager**: In this position, you would greet the presenters as they arrive and help them set up for the meeting. You would introduce them giving short biographical information and present a “speaker’s gift” at the conclusion of the program.

Contact Laura Griffith, ljgriffith528@gmail.com, for more information on specific duties.

B. **Equipment Manager**: Responsibilities include setting up the computer, Owl, A/V equipment for wall-mounted monitors, etc. Bruce Bebow, our digital equipment guru, will train you. Contact Bruce at bbebow@gmail.com to volunteer for this position.

Step up and help our fellow Master Naturalists! Both Laura and Bruce are members who live in Schertz and it would be of great help to them if Seguin members would take over these duties. This would only be four times in 2023 – March, May, September and November!

ADVANCED TRAINING

TMN Tuesdays

Date: Tuesday, February 14, 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 **Flora and Fauna of Riparian Zones**



Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2023

Time: Social – 6:30; Program – 7:00

Description: Who doesn’t love to hear Craig Hensley? Come hear Craig share the variety of native plants of riparian areas, as well as a selection of critters that use them, from turtles and snakes to birds and butterflies.

Location: St. John 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 Texas Master Naturalist Program



Monthly Chapter Meeting

When: Thursday, February 16, 2023 at 6:00 pm

What: History & Exploration of the Longest Cave in Texas – Honey Creek Cave

Who: Michael Cicherski, Texas Cave Management Association

Where: In person: Tye Preston Memorial Library

Online: <https://bann.org/lindheimer/chapter-info/next-meeting/>

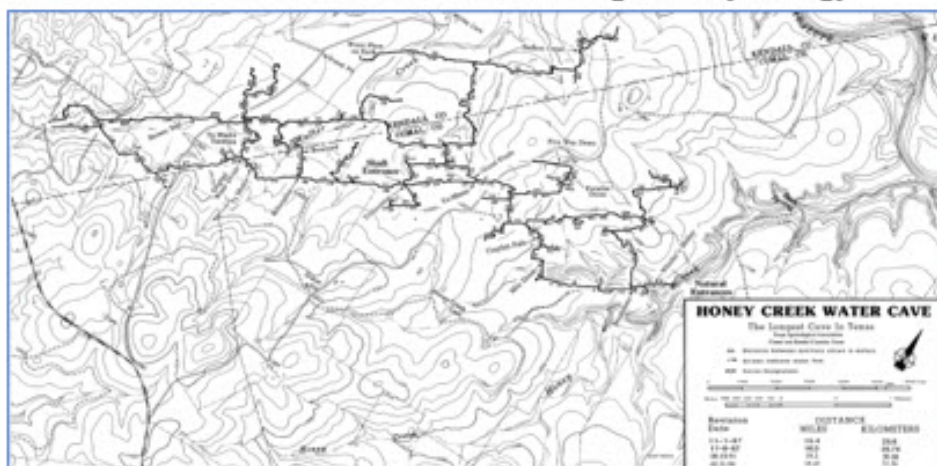


Join us to learn about Honey Creek Cave – the longest known cave in Texas, stretching more than 20 miles. Honey Creek is a tributary of the Guadalupe River. (Tcma Speleological Survey.org)



Michael Cicherski has been caving regularly since the late 80's. He is a Fellow of the National Speleological Society and a recipient of the National Speleological Society Certificate of Merit. Michael has participated in the Honey Creek Cave, Powell's Cave, and other projects here in Texas, as well as projects in Montana, Kentucky and in Mexico. Michael continues to be an active caver, and is the Co-Project Director in two on-going efforts in the Texas Hill Country.

Michael is currently a Board Director of TCMA and has previously held positions of leadership in the TSA, TCMA and in The 15th International Congress of Speleology.



February Opportunities

AT=Advanced Training, VT=Volunteer Time, FLEX=Flexible Schedule VT

VT-Volunteer Time

Go to <https://txmn.org/guadalupe/calendar/> for specific details on events listed.

Wednesday, February 1

9 – 11am VT Restoration Workday

Thursday, February 2

8:30 – 11:30am VT Park West Reforestation

10am – 1pm VT Legacy Tree Survey

Friday, February 3

8am – 12:30pm VT McQueeney 4th grade

9 – 11am VT Paths & Swales Workday

Saturday, February 4

9 – 10:30am VT Herbology 101

2:30 – 4:30pm VT Junior Ranger Academy

Sunday, February 5

All day VT Texas Birding Classic Registration Open

Thursday, February 9

8am – 2pm VT Koennecke 3rd, SOLC

8:30 – 11:30am VT Park West Reforestation

Friday, February 10

8am – 2pm VT Koennecke 4th, SOLC

Saturday, February 11

8:30 – 11:30am VT Discovery Series

9 – 10:30am VT Birding Stroll

12 – 2pm VT BioBlitz at Headwaters

Sunday, February 12

1 – 4pm VT Bracken Monthly BioBlitz

1 – 4pm VT Legacy Tree Survey

Monday, February 13

2 – 5pm VT Discovery Series

Tuesday, February 14

10am – 1pm VT Legacy Tree Survey

Wednesday, February 15

9 – 11am VT Compost Workday

Thursday, February 16

8:30 – 11:30am VT Park West Reforestation

9am – 12pm VT Native Tree Care Workday

Friday, February 17

9 – 10:30am VT Great Backyard Bird Count

6:30 – 8pm VT Nature's Night Show

Saturday, February 18

9 – 11am VT Native Seed Collection

9 – 11am VT Outgoing Outdoors (Leave No Trace)

10:30 – 11:30am VT Discovery Table (Animals)

2:30 – 4:30pm VT Outgoing Outdoors (S'More Fun)

Wednesday, February 22

10am – 12pm VT BioBlitz at Headwaters

Thursday, February 23

8:30 – 11:30am VT Park West Reforestation

9am – 12pm VT Invasive Species Removal

7 – 8:30pm AT Next Level Birding (Webinar)

Friday, February 24

9 – 11am VT Winter Pruning Day

Saturday, February 25

9am – 12pm VT Winter Pruning Day

9 – 10:30am VT Birding Stroll

6:30 – 8pm VT Nature's Night Show

Monday, February 27

8am – 12:30pm VT Patlan 5th, SOLC

7 – 8:30pm CB Chapter Meeting (Schertz)

Thursday, March 2

8:30 – 11:30am VT Park West Reforestation

7 – 8:30pm AT Next Level Birding (Webinar)

February Opportunities

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AT-Advanced Training

Thursday, February 2

7 – 8:30pm AT Next Level Birding (Webinar)

Monday, February 6

7 – 8pm AT Beginner Birding Classes (Webinar)

Thursday, February 9

7 – 8:30pm AT Next Level Birding (Webinar)

Monday, February 13

7 – 8pm AT Beginner Birding Classes (Webinar)

Tuesday, February 14

12 – 1pm AT TMN Tuesday (Webinar)

7 – 8:30pm AT NPSOT Guadalupe Chapter Meeting

Thursday, February 16

6 – 7:30pm AT LMN Chapter Meeting

7 – 8:30pm AT Next Level Birding (Webinar)

Monday, February 20

7 – 8pm AT Beginner Birding Classes (Webinar)

Monday, February 27

7 – 8:30pm CB Chapter Meeting (Schertz)

7 – 8pm AT Beginner Birding Classes (Webinar)

FLEX-Flexible Schedule VT

All month – these opportunities need volunteers for projects throughout the month. Contact the point of contact to arrange a day that fits your schedule.

FLEX Neasloney Wildlife Management Area

FLEX Warbler Woods Bird Sanctuary

Need to add an event or report a change? Please send information to gmnca@guadmn.org.

Visit our chapter calendar to register or
learn more.

txmn.org/guadalupe/calendar

Check back often—new opportunities are added as we hear
about them!!

Advanced Training Update

Congratulations!!

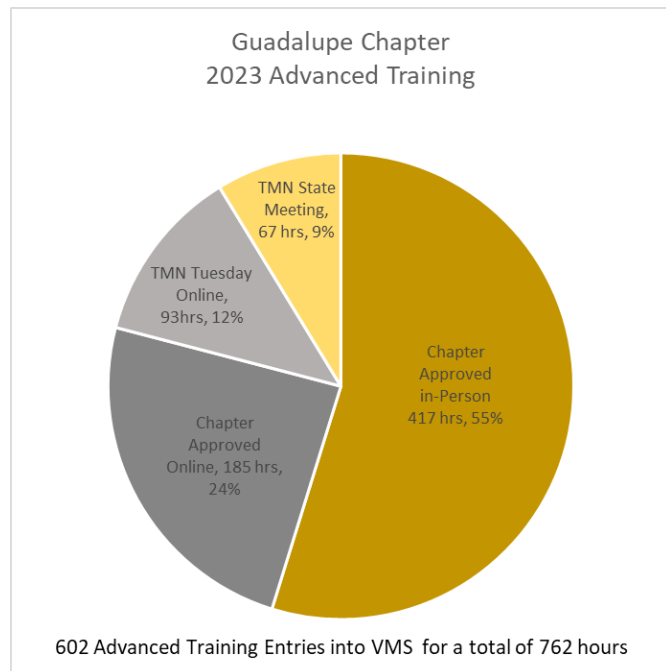
In 2022 there were 762 hours of Advanced Training (AT) by members of the Guadalupe Chapter. Although only 8 hours of AT are required each year to recertify many of you exceed that requirement. I look at Advanced Training as the part of the Master Naturalist program that provides up-to-date practical knowledge and skills that we can apply in our volunteer efforts through continued learning and development as naturalists.

Focusing on the skills that can be directed towards our chapters ongoing or future volunteer activities with an emphasis on our local ecoregion and communities help the chapter achieve its mission to be “well-informed volunteers providing education, outreach, and service dedicated to the beneficial management of natural resources and natural areas within our communities for the State of Texas”.

Continue to follow the guidelines in VMS for submitting hours using the Describe your Training section to list sponsor, speaker, topic, location, and date. This is working well.

This year we’ve set the goal of using the knowledge and skills within the chapter by having more in-house AT opportunities as well as at least four events that are in out in nature such as field trips. Please contact me if you have an interest in organizing in-house AT program or field trip.

Jim Dyess
Advanced Training Committee



Committee's for 2023

Here is the list for the committee sign ups for 2023.
I did not list subcommittee's.

If you do not see your name, please contact your committee chair
and make sure they have you on their list.

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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
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NEXT NEWSLETTER

Send announcements and news items for distribution in the newsletter to Marilyn Anderson, MarilynA@access4less.net. by Friday, February 24 for the March 2023 issue

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