

Guadalupe Chapter

Texas Master Naturalist

<https://txmn.org/guadalupe/>



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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.*



Chapter meetings will not be held during June and July. Volunteer activities will continue and opportunities for Advanced Training will be available.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Discover Clues and Traces

Date: Saturday, July 8, 2023

Time: Volunteers at 8:30

Staggered start from 9:30 – 10:0 AM

Location: Crescent Bend Nature Park, Schertz

Date: Monday, July 10, 2023

Time: Volunteers at 8:30

Staggered start from 9:30 – 10:00 AM

Location: Park West, 623 N. Vaughn, Seguin

Leader: Nancy Masterson

Description: Children learn how wildlife is all around you, hidden in plain sight. Most animals stay hidden, but they leave behind traces and clues [tracks, nests, scat, damaged foliage] to their presence, identity and lives. They also use camouflage to hide in plain site



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040A4DA8A723A13-discover3>

Above is the link to the Sign-up Genius for the July Discovery Program. Hopefully, by then, the heat wave will have calmed down a bit. It is great that both programs are in the morning. If you have trouble accessing the sign-up, please let me know.

I will be out-of-town for both of these, so will not be available to help. Nancy Masterson has already volunteered to lead the Seguin event. (thanks, Nancy!). **We need a leader at Crested Bend and volunteers at both sites.**

Stay cool everyone.

Contact: Jennifer Ehlers 830-305-1352

Pollinator Garden at Park West

Date: Monday, July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 2023

Time: 8:30 – 10:30 AM

Location: Park West, 623 N. Vaughn, Seguin

Description: Our Pollinator Garden is a Citizen Science Monarch Observation site for Master Naturalists, adopted by the Guadalupe Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas, and an approved volunteer garden site for Master Gardeners.

Come dressed for gardening, bring water and your favorite weeding tools. We'll weed, see what's coming up, and make plans for any additions we might need this year.

Contact: Nancy Masterson, 830-305-9104

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. Page 3

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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, July 15, 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

Organizer: San Antonio Chapter of Native Prairies Association of Texas

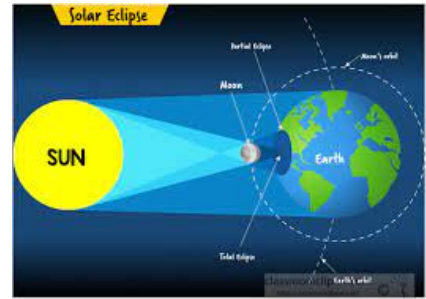
ADVANCED TRAINING

TMNTuesday – NASA, GLOBE, ECLIPSE, oh my!

Date: Tuesday, July 11, 2023

Time: 12:00 – 1:30 PM

Description: Texas is uniquely situated with the crossroads of two major astronomical events crisscrossing the state in the coming year – an Annular Solar Eclipse October 14th, 2023 and a Total Solar Eclipse April 8th, 2024. All Texas Master Naturalist volunteers are welcome to learn about these upcoming natural events, how to safely watch them, and other programs our partners at NASA are hosting. Using your learned naturalist skills to study natural life, master naturalists can apply those same skills to this event and engage the public in learning about the natural world's reaction to eclipses. Join us to also learn about a community science data program trying to understand eclipses and other astronomical events.



Guadalupe Chapter of Native Plant Society of Texas

No Meeting in July



“Hot Stuff”

Williamson County Chapter, Native Plant Society of Texas

Date: Thursday, July 13, 2023

Time: 7:00 – 8:30 PM

Location: ZOOM – Register at <https://npsot-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcsduiqjksGtJBWCUo-vtjag1wLUKDGH9F#/registration>

Chapter website: <https://npsotwilco.org/>

Native Plants for Central Texas Raingardens

Lindheimer Chapter, Native Plant Society of Texas

Date: Tuesday, July 18, 2023

Time: 6:00 – 7:30 PM

Location: ZOOM; <https://npsot.org/event/native-plants-for-central-texas-raingardens/>

Description: Presenter Shannon Brown founded Ecosystem Regeneration Artisans (ERA) Landscaping to unite talented land stewards on projects that realize the vision of creating healthy ecological communities. From residential Rainscapes to wildlife management on large-acreage ranches, Shannon and her team create projects focused on earth care and people care. Their gardens use native plants to provide wildlife habitat for pollinators and birds, incorporate perennial food crops for human consumption, and often involve mechanisms to harvest rainwater to capture it into the soil before it runs off, becomes polluted, and contributes to flooding.



July AT & VT Opportunities

T E X A S



Visit txmn.org/guadalupe/calendar to register or learn more about each opportunity listed below. Check back often---new items added as we hear about them.

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

VT-Volunteer Time

Saturday, July 1

8:00am – 10:00am VT Bioblitz at the Headwaters

Saturday, July 8

8:30am – 11:30am VT Discovery Series

Monday, July 10

8:30am – 12:00pm VT Discovery Series

Thursday, July 13

8:00am – 10:00am VT Native Seed Day

Friday, July 14

8:00am – 10:00am VT Native Tree Care

Saturday, July 15

8:00am – 10:00am VT Bioblitz at the Headwaters

9:00am – 4:00pm AT/VT Kirchoff Prairie Restoration Workday (In person)

Thursday, July 20

8:00am – 10:00am VT Erosion Control Work Day

Friday, July 21

8:00am – 10:00am VT Birding at the Headwaters

Saturday, July 22

8:00am – 10:00am VT Paths and Swales

Sunday, July 23

8:30pm – 9:30pm AT/VT Owl Prowl (In person)

Thursday, July 27

8:00am – 10:00am VT Invasive Species Removal Work Day

Friday, July 28

8:00am – 10:00am VT Restoration Work Day

Saturday, July 29

8:00am – 10:00am VT Restoration Work Day

AT-Advanced Training

Saturday, July 1

9:00am – 12:00pm AT Gault School of
Archeological Research (In person)

9:00am – 11:30am AT Honey Creek Hike (In
person)

Thursday, July 6

9:00am – 10:30am AT Scenic Overlook Nature
Hike (In person)

Saturday, July 8

9:00am – 11:30am AT Honey Creek Hike (In
person)

Tuesday, July 11

12:00pm – 1:30pm AT TMN Tuesday (Webinar)
6:30pm – 7:30pm AT Texas Stream Team
(Virtual)

Thursday, July 13

9:00am – 10:30am AT Scenic Overlook Nature
Hike (In person)

Saturday, July 15

9:00am – 4:00pm AT/VT Kirchoff Prairie
Workday (In person)

9:00am – 11:30am AT Honey Creek Hike (In
person)

Wednesday, July 19

6:30pm – 8:00pm AT Water Safety (Virtual)

Thursday, July 20

9:00am – 10:30am AT Scenic Overlook Nature
Hike (In person)

6:00pm – 7:30pm AT LMN Chapter Meeting (In
person or virtual)

Saturday, July 22

1:00pm – 7:00pm AT From Balconies to
Backyards (In person/virtual)

Sunday, July 23

8:30pm – 9:30pm AT/VT Owl Prowl (In person)

Thursday, July 27

9:00am – 10:30am AT Scenic Overlook Nature
Hike (In person)

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

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



Get excited for our
Texas Master Naturalist 2023 Annual Meeting!

Thursday, October 12th through Sunday, October 15th

At the southernmost point of the South Texas Plains ecoregion, surrounded by mesquite and prickly pear brush country in **McAllen, Texas**.

Registration will open the first week in August.

More information at: <https://txmn.tamu.edu/2023-annual-meeting/>

Training Class News

Meet & Greet

We will welcome potential students and our enrolled students to meet members of our Chapter and learn more about our program. Guadalupe Master Naturalists are invited to attend and meet these individuals who share our vision of conservation of Texas' unique natural resources.

Wednesday, July 12, 2023
6:00 – 7:00 PM
AgriLife Extension Building
210 E. Live Oak, Seguin

Tuesday, July 18, 2023
6:00 – 7:00 PM
Schertz Senior Center
608 Schertz Parkway, Schertz

The Training Class Committee is excited to have ten registered **10 students** for our Fall class. This is a wonderful start to building the class. Each Master Naturalist has the responsibility to grow future Naturalists that will be contributors to our various programs.



Please, reach out to those you know who would make valuable additions to our Chapter.

Applications and information are available on our website at <https://txmn.org/guadalupe/>

Do you receive the Listserv email notices of upcoming events and notices from our State office?

If not, sign up at – <https://txmn.tamu.edu/about/contact/>

Do You Want Master Naturalist Merchandise??

You can order many Master Naturalist items from the AgriLife Learn website:

<https://agrilifelearn.tamu.edu/s/>

On the home page, select the Merchandise drop down and browse through the five pages of items. You can place your order on the website.



NEXT NEWSLETTER

Send announcements and news items for distribution in the newsletter to Marilyn Anderson, MarilynA@access4less.net. by Friday, July 28 for the August 2023 issue

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