



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

NATURE EDUCATION

Discover Nature Touch Tables

Date: Saturday, June 1, 2024

Time: staggered start times 9:30 – 10:00 AM until 11:00

Volunteers, please arrive at 8:30 A.M.

Location: Park West, Vaughn St., Seguin

Description: Children will participate in experiential learning by observation and hands-on activities with nature materials.

Contact: Jennifer Ehlers at ehlers@gvec.net to volunteer

Discover Program: My Home, My Habitat

Date: Saturday, June 8, 2024

Time: staggered start times 9:30 – 10:00 AM, group rotation until 11:30

Volunteers, please arrive at 8:30 A.M.

Location: Crescent Bend Nature Park, 12805 Schaefer Rd., Schertz

Description: Participants will learn what is required for a frog to survive non-point source pollution.

Contact: Laura Griffith at lgriffith528@gmail.com to volunteer



Fischer Park Summer Nature Camp

Dates: May 28 – August 16, 2024

Time: 3:00 – 6:00 PM

For consistency, we would ask that volunteers commit to at least 2 days in a week – e.g., Tuesday/Thursday or Mon/Wed.

Description: Leading or assisting Fischer Park Staff in leading kids ages 6-10 in nature-based activities as part of Fischer Park's Nature Camp this summer. We have up to 28 campers in our program each week. Our camp is not just a childcare program – we want to engage kids in nature and outdoor exploration.



Contact: Holly Platz at hplatz@newbraunfels.gov

Owl Prowl at Crescent Bend Nature Park

Date: Sunday, June 23, 2024

Time: 8:30 – 9:30 pm (volunteers meet at 8:00 pm at the picnic tables next to the restrooms)

Location: Crescent Bend Nature Park, Schertz

Description: Join this fun event by sharing your knowledge with community members who come to learn about what creeps at night. Master Naturalists lead small groups using UV lights [see what glows for you!] and flashlights. **A large number of individuals have already signed up, indication the popularity of this program. Carolyn can really use help, so call her to volunteer.**



Contact Carolyn Wolfer, wolfercdat@mac.com to volunteer.

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT



Park West Forest Restoration

The team has hung up their tools for the summer.
When cooler days return, so shall they!

Pollinator Garden at Park West

Dates: Mondays, May 6, 13, 20, 2024

Time: 8:30 – 10:30 AM

Location: Park West, 623 N. Vaughn, Seguin

Description: Please contact Liz Romero for what's happening in the garden.



Contact: Liz Romero, fleurromero@gamil.com

Texas Stream Team Training

Texas Stream Team at The Meadows Center for Water and the Environment is a statewide environmental education and volunteer-based water quality monitoring program. Citizen scientists are trained to collect and submit surface water and environmental quality data that can then be used to promote and protect the 191,000 miles of Texas waterways.

Training sessions are available several times this year.

To find out more information or reserve a spot, you must contact:
Adam Berglund (Coordinator - San Marcos River Rangers)
email: RiverRangers@SanMarcosRiver.Org

2024 Water Quality Monitoring training schedule:

Standard Core:

- Jun. 09, 2024 (SUN) 10AM-2PM - Standard Core @ San Marcos
- Jul. 13, 2024 (SAT) 11AM-3PM - Standard Core @ San Marcos
- Aug. 11, 2024 (SUN) 10AM-2PM - Standard Core @ San Marcos
- Sep. 07, 2024 (SAT) 10AM-2PM - Standard Core @ San Marcos

- Oct. 13, 2024 (SUN) 10AM-2PM - Standard Core @ San Marcos
- Nov. 09, 2024 (SAT) 10AM-2PM - Standard Core @ San Marcos
- Dec. 08, 2024 (SUN) 10AM-2PM - Standard Core @ San Marcos

Riparian Evaluation:

- May 12, 2024 (SUN) 10AM-2PM - Riparian Eval @ San Marcos
- Jun. 08, 2024 (SAT) 11AM-3PM - Riparian Eval @ San Marcos
- Jul. 14, 2024 (SUN) 10AM-2PM - Riparian Eval @ San Marcos
- Aug. 10, 2024 (SAT) 10AM-2PM - Riparian Eval @ San Marcos
- Nov. 10, 2024 (SUN) 10AM-2PM - Riparian Eval @ San Marcos
- Dec. 07, 2024 (SAT) 10AM-2PM - Riparian Eval @ San Marcos

For more information go to the Texas Stream Team website,
<https://www.meadowscenter.txst.edu/leadership/texasstreamteam/about.html>

Warbler Woods Bird Sanctuary



Dates/Times: Vary

Description: Assist with filling feeders, clearing brush, building owl boxes, general maintenance, golf cart repairs/maintenance Page 2

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

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

New Volunteer Opportunity: Warbler Woods receives donated bird seed from a facility in Navasota, TX. Ken Harvey has been the volunteer diving to Navasota every 4-6 weeks to pick up the load of seed. If you have a truck and would like to earn volunteer hours, contact Susan Schaezler at susan@schaezler.net or 210-862-0314.

Bracken Legacy Tree Survey

Date: Tuesday, June 4, 2024

Time: 8:00 – 10:30 AM

Location: Bracken Cave Preserve, 7515 Bracken Cave Rd, San Antonio, TX 78266

Description: Contact Kryster Miner, Bracken Cave Preserve Project Coordinator at kminer@batcon.org to RSVP and receive more information

ADVANCED TRAINING

TPWD Angler Education Instructor Workshop

Date: Wednesday, June 5, 2024

Time: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Location: Seguin Outdoor Learning Center, 1865 E. Hwy 90, Seguin

Description: **Become a TPWD Certified Angler Education Instructor**

This free workshop is open to anyone 18 or older interested in learning and teaching fishing skills in their communities. All equipment and materials are provided for the workshop. After certification, the program provides the curriculum, equipment (where available), materials and support to help volunteers successfully introduce others to fishing.

Participants should wear comfortable clothing and footwear appropriate for outdoor activities.

Pre-registration is required and is limited to 25 attendees.



Contact: Adam Comer, TPWD Aquatic Education Manager, (512) 389-4732; Cell: (512) 647-8420
adam.comer@tpwd.texas.gov

Register:

<https://tpwd.texas.gov/calendar/education/angler-ed/angler-education-instructor-training-workshop-5>

TMNTuesday – Volunteer Safety in the Field

Date: Tuesday, June 11, 2024

Time: 12:00 – 1:00 PM

Location: WebEx

Description: Presenter will be Kathy Granillo, Refuge Manager – Seville National Wildlife Refuge, USFWS. Being outdoors and conducting fieldwork can be a wonderful, satisfying experience. But only if everyone stays safe. What does that mean? And how can we best accomplish a safe outdoor experience? This presentation and discussion will answer those questions and will be relevant for all experience levels. We will discuss both physical and social safety, resources to help keep us safe, and more. Bring your experiences and questions as we delve into outdoor safety for all.

Register: <https://txmn.tamu.edu/tmntuesdays/>

Guadalupe Chapter of Native Plant Society of Texas Saving Our Prairies, Part II



Date: Tuesday, June 11, 2024

Time: 6:30 PM – Refreshments/Social Time
7:00 PM – Program

Location: St. John Lutheran Church, 600 S. Center St [FM 465], Marion, TX

Description: David Will will speak on high quality prairies which can contain hundreds of types of native Texas plants, but they are disappearing fast. This is the second of a two-part program on how to help preserve this important ecosystem.

Website: <https://npsot.org/chapters/guadalupe>

Birds, Birds and More Birds

All events are sponsored by San Antonio Audubon Society and are approved for AT and Vol hours.

Beginners Bird Walk at Judson Nature Trails

Saturday, June 8, 2024 at 8am

Meet leader Barbara Sykes at the Judson Nature Trails. From the 5900 block of Broadway, turn west on Ogden Street and drive to the stop sign at Greeley Street. You'll see a sign to Judson Nature Trails. Turn left, go one block and turn right on Viesca, then into parking lot on left. Bring water.

Please RSVP to Barbara at jntbirding@gmail.com to let her know you'll be attending.

Address is 246 Viesca Street, San Antonio, TX.

Warbler Woods Bird Sanctuary

Saturday, June 15 at 7pm

Please note this is an **evening field trip**.

Warbler Woods covers 124 acres of varied habitat covering Pecan Gap sediments with gently rolling topography located near the convergence of three Ecological Regions: South Texas Plains, Blackland Prairie and Edwards Plateau. All participants must RSVP to Sandi Wheeler at Wheels5683@gmail.com

Crescent Bend Nature Park

Sunday, June 23, 2024 at 7:30am (early start time)

Meet Sandi Wheeler (wheels5683@gmail.com) in the 1st parking lot. The park address is 12780 W Schaefer Rd, Cibolo, TX 78108. Bring water, sunscreen, and insect repellent

CHAPTER CHAT

Chapter Calendar



- Visit our chapter calendar at txmn.org/guadalupe/calendar for volunteer or advanced training opportunities.
- Check back often---new items are added as we hear about them.
- Need to add an event or report a change? Please send information to gmncal@guadm.org.

2024 Training Class News

It's that time of the year to begin planning for our next **Training Class**. It's one of the most joyous programs we sponsor as we bring new Naturalists into our organization.

Our new class will begin on Tuesday, August 6 and continue until November 16. Lecture classes will be held at the Schertz Area Senior Center, 608 Schertz Parkway in Schertz.

Rebeca Lininger will be leading the class with several supporting Master Naturalists. We need our total membership to get on board and begin spreading the word and recruiting class members.

For information and forms, go to our Chapter website at <https://txmn.org/guadalupe/gmn-training/>

Where it All Began – Class 1 Celebrates Tenth Anniversary



Row 1: Liz Romero, Pam Turner, Craig Wagner, Patty Taylor-White, Nancy Masterson;
Row 2: Daryl Styblo; Marilyn Anderson, Chris Dyess, Sharon Frels, Jennifer Ehlers, Jeff Hanselka;
Row 3: Jim Dyess, Larry White

Ten original members of Guadalupe Master Naturalists inaugural class of 2014 gathered on Friday May 3 to reminisce and enjoy ten years of friendships, impact and activity. Their luncheon included original sponsor Jeff Hanselka from Texas A&M Agrilife Extension, some previously certified members and a few spouses. Nancy's Masterson's barn was decorated with poster displays, scrapbooks and project photographs from the last decade. First president Craig Wagner opened the celebration.

The naturalists also recorded their remembrances with a professional videographer. Texas Master Naturalists headquarters' staff provided a list of scripted questions for an Oral History project that only a few chapters have attempted. The questions ranged from "Why did you become a Master Naturalist?" to "What impact has your chapter had on the community?" Naturalists were given ten questions in advance, and asked to choose only 2 or 3 to answer on film. Two of our chapter's founders sent in recordings from out of state.

By summer's end, the compiled film will be completed. With it, we hope to enthuse the new 2024 class, celebrate our ten-year history with all our current Naturalists, and show our accomplishments to our TMN state leadership.



10 Year Anniversary Celebration – Part II

Our Chapter will continue celebrating our many accomplishments in the Fall with an iNaturalist BioBlitz at Park West. Vice-president Susan Hanks is serving as organizer for the event and she is looking for helpers.

Volunteer by contacting Susan at depositemailhere@gmail.com

Want to get it all – Advanced Training and Volunteer Time??
Block these dates on your calendar **NOW**



Get excited for our Texas Master Naturalist 2024 Annual Meeting – to be held Thursday, October 24th through Sunday, October 27th in San Marcos, Texas.

The Texas Master Naturalist Annual Meeting provides an opportunity for the Texas Master Naturalist volunteers from around the state to gather, participate in hands-on educational seminars, and receive all their Advanced Training requirements for the year in one weekend. It's also an opportunity for program participants and supporters to network, share new ideas, and to learn from chapters in different regions of the state

Our Chapter will provide support by members volunteering to help with the meeting. Use this document to sign up to help.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1vhtwcnZ1OpH99uCtuoC4Qt34HolcQ31_XRCcPVuc/edit#gid=1571308030

Congratulations!



Our members have been working like busy bee's. These members have completed their 40 hours of volunteer work and at least 8 hours of Advanced Training, which means they have recertified for 2024

May

Jennifer Ehlers

Jim Dyess

Renee Harvey

Craig Wagner

Bobby Cowley

We would especially like to thank these members for going above and beyond, completing crazy amounts of hours of volunteer work.

250 Hours

David Benbow
Kim Lewis
Renee Harvey

500 Hours

Janet Magee

1000 Hours

Sandi Wheeler

We also have two more members from the Class of 2023 who have reached their goal of a Double Certification.

Dawn Durain

Rhonda Florez

Be in the know! Want to get the latest information on Texas Master Naturalists?

Sign up for regular emails from the Texas Master Naturalist Listserv. It is designed to provide a means of quickly distributing news, announcements, notification of events, grant opportunities, and other items pertinent to Texas Master Naturalist members across the state. To sign up for this free service (you may unsubscribe at any time), please complete and submit the [Texas Master Naturalist Listserv Sign-up](#) form hosted by Texas A&M.

NEXT NEWSLETTER

Send announcements and news items for distribution in the newsletter to Marilyn Anderson, MarilynA@access4less.net by **Monday, May 27, 2024** for the **June 2024 issue**

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