

Introduction and Overview

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Tuesday, August 13, 2024; 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Chapter I of the training manual is your source for TMN operations.

6:00 Welcome and introductions - John Kennedy, President

- Handout Training Manuals as members-in-training arrive
- Introductions - **everyone** introduce themselves (name, where you live, interests, skills, most memorable in-nature experience)
- Pre-training survey activity (page 89 in the training manual)

6:30 Review TMN organization and policies

- Mission, history, chapter organization (Chapter 1 in the training manual)
- Review: standards of conduct, volunteer commitment (page 3 in the training manual)
- Review: sessions (schedule on page 88), required hours, making up training hours (all in Chapter 1 of the training manual)
- In addition to the scheduled training sessions, you can now begin volunteer service with our partners and attend advanced training. Volunteer service (VS) and advanced training (AT) hours are reported to applicable categories (we will help you with this).

6:45 Training Session Specifics:

- TMN books and training fees (**\$160 in cash or check made out to Tierra Grande - Texas Master Naturalist**)
- safety - refer to Appendix 1 on page 60 of the training manual
- volunteer **emergency contact form**: please fill out the form. The information is for your safety during the training class and the forms will be destroyed at the end of training.
- carpooling: everyone is encouraged to carpool
- If you will miss a session, please send Warren Shaul an email/text message as soon as you know. Otherwise we will not know to wait for you or to be concerned about your safety.

7:15 Specifics on the first training session: this Saturday, August 17 at the Chihuahuan Desert Nature Center

- review agenda
- bring lunch, water, dress appropriately (Appendix 1 in Training Manual)

7:30 Questions, discussion, etc.

- in preparation for Session I, please read chapter 2 in the Training Manual
- in VMS, please report 2 hours under Initial Training for tonight's meeting
- we will see you on Saturday!