

**Session II. Community Engagement
Davis Mountains State Park (DMSP)
Saturday, August 24, 2024; 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Please read Chapter III. The Long View prior to this session.

- 8:00 Review of day's activities (Warren Shaul)
- 8:10 Welcome and DMSP overview, volunteer opportunities (Charlie Ewing, Interpretive Ranger, DMSP)
- 8:30 Interpretive walk (Charlie Ewing)
- 11:30 Lunch
- 12:30 Birds of DMSP (Chris Pipes, Texas Master Naturalist)
****Please bring binoculars if you have access to a pair.**
- 2:00 Archeology of Big Bend (Dr. Bryon Schroeder, Director of Center for Big Bend Studies, Sul Ross State University)
- 3:30 Discussion of interpretive walks - connecting to nature
- 3:45 wrap up (VMS: VS and AT opportunities at DMSP)

***Please bring your lunch and water**

**** Dress appropriately (Appendix 1 in Training Manual)**



Volunteer Opportunities for DMSP in the Volunteer Management System (VMS)

Advanced Training (AT) (All advanced training opportunities begin with the letters AT)

AT: TPWD Seminars/Presentations/Field Excursions

Advanced Training you attend as a participant that provides understanding and knowledge potentially valuable in achieving the TMN mission and chapter vision.

Volunteer Service (VS)

DMSP Maintenance Projects

Field-based activities that improve and manage the public's access to natural areas or resources that include creating or maintaining nature trails, wildscapes or interpretive areas; developing new or maintaining or improving existing hiking trails, native species gardens, wildlife viewing blinds, wildscapes/native plant gardens, and other cleanup activities.

DMSP Natural Resource Management

Includes natural resource stewardship and conservation activities that improve the health of a public natural area or resource, natural resource management, restoration, rescue, and rehabilitation - such as: removing foreign debris that improves the health of a public natural area or resource; endangered species rescue; invasive species removal; restoring or improving natural habitat; wildlife/bird houses, towers, swift chimneys; tree planting.

DMSP Training and Educating Others

Formal public training and education that may include leading, organizing, developing, delivering, instructing, or staffing an educational activity related to the TMN mission where participants have a planned learning objective and generally stay for the full event (e.g., planned start and end times).

DMSP Visitor Center (Public Outreach)

Indirect education that may involve leading, organizing, or staffing an educational activity where participants come and go and are able to inquire on a broad set of topics. Examples include being a docent for a nature center; writing an educational article, newsletter or brochure.