

VMS - Opportunity Naming Conventions

Some Different Names for Your Activities

In order to make our list of Opportunities manageable in the new system, we went through our projects and activities to combine, consolidate and clean up a list that had grown like Topsy through the years. The list went from 201 activities to 73. That does not mean that your particular activity has been eliminated. It just means that your activity may have a new name. We have provided you with a complete cross-reference table of Project/Activities to Opportunities. Most of the names are self-explanatory, but some may need clarification.

Here are a few:

- A **BPTMN:Community Presentation** is a presentation given by you as a Master Naturalist (guest expert) to a group or organization, including but not limited to ISD classrooms, Boy/Girl Scout workshops, AgriLife classes, TMN State Conference seminars.
- A **(partner name): Educational Talk** is a presentation by you as a Master Naturalist representing that organization about interests of that organization. This is especially true for organizations that require special training to prepare you to work with them. Example: the Heard, the Raptor Center, or Holifield.
- Booth staffing is now Public Outreach – **BPTMN: Public Outreach** if manning a BPTMN booth at some event; **(a partner name): Public Outreach** if manning that partner's booth and promoting nature and natural resources.
- For AT from other Master Naturalist chapter meetings; for members attending training class sessions that you have not heard before; and for bird, plant, tree and other nature walks that you use for Advanced Training, use **AT: BPTMN: Other Pre-approved Training**
- If you train for trail guiding for one of our Partners and are leading walks at the Partner site, record it under partner name. EX. **Heard:Trail Guide**
If you are leading a walk for a group somewhere other than at a partner site, record as **BPTMN: Trail Guide**
- For any training required by Partners before you can work at their site, including but not limited to the Heard, the Raptor Center, Holifield Outdoor Learning Center, and LLELA, use **AT: Volunteer Training for Support of Partners.**
- Bird, wildlife, plants, insect surveys, tree ID's, seed collections can all be recorded under **BPTMN: Bird/wildlife/ insect/plant and other surveys.**
- The term '**Facility Maintenance**' includes **construction.**
- Work on any prairie restoration other than with a major partner has been combined in **BPTMN: Other Prairie Restoration.** This includes Frankford, Bethany and other cemeteries.