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Blackland Prairie Texas Master Naturalist **2019 Application**

NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

Street/Apt. # _____

City _____ County _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-MAIL: _____

Telephone() _____ (day) () _____ (night)

Emergency Contact Information: _____

Place of Employment _____

(If we may call you at work, please include your office phone number.)

1. Please tell us a little about yourself – occupation, interests, education, special skills, how long have you lived in the area – any or all of the above.

2. How did you learn about the Texas Master Naturalist program?

3. What aspects of the Texas Master Naturalist volunteer program and local chapter most interests you?

4. Do you have any particular areas of interest that you hope to learn more about in the training class?

5. How do you like to interact with nature? For example: camping at the state parks, bird watching, walks at the Heard, volunteering.

6. Tell us a little about your prior experience with volunteer organizations. If this is your first volunteer experience, what made you decide to get started now with Texas Master Naturalists?

7. What qualities, skills and abilities do you feel you would bring to the Blackland Prairie Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalist program?

8. Is there anything that you are aware of that would keep you from completing 40 hours of volunteer service and 8 hours of advanced training to fulfill your requirements for certification by May 15, 2020?

9. What would you like to tell us about yourself related to the opportunity of training to become a certified Texas Master Naturalist and becoming a member of the Blackland Prairie Master Naturalist Chapter?

Deadline for applications is January 11, 2019. The training classes will be limited to 32 participants. Selection will be based on the date we receive your application. Payment must accompany application. A limited number of financial need-based partial scholarships are available, please contact education@bptmn.org. A wait list will be established once the class is filled.

YES, I affirm that I will be 18 years or older at the time of the first class. I will be available for classes beginning February 13, 2019. I understand that to become a Certified Texas Master Naturalist, I must attend 13 scheduled classes and 3 field trips, complete 40 hours of acceptable volunteer service and 8 hours advanced training by May15, 2020.

All class members are required to undergo a Criminal Background Check through the Texas Parks and Wildlife Departments' Volunteer Management System prior to acceptance and to sign a Waiver of Liability upon acceptance into the program.

Signature

Date

Your "Application Packet" should include the following:

1. **\$150 Course Fee –*check made payable to Blackland Prairie Texas Master Naturalist***
Your Fee Includes the Textbook, Texas Master Naturalist
 2. **Application (above)**
 3. **Volunteer Service Agreement**
 4. **Volunteer Waiver**
- ***Volunteers must adhere to Youth Protection Standards established by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and participating organizations.***

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McKinney, TX 75069
Attn: Maureen Metcalf
972-548-4232**

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