

History

After its founding in San Antonio, the Master Naturalist program became a statewide initiative in 1998, and as of 2017 there were 48 recognized local chapters. The Brazos Valley Chapter was chartered in 2005 with nineteen members in its first class.

The Texas Master Naturalist Brazos Valley Chapter, located in Bryan/College Station, has been expanded and now includes Burleson, Robertson, Leon, Madison and Grimes counties. The chapter offers a training class for new members from September through November each year. Since 2005 more than 170 people have completed the basic training and are now providing valuable service related to natural resource community projects and education. They continue to enhance their own knowledge and skills through advanced training hours each year.

Why Become a Member?

As a Texas Master Naturalist, you will:

- enhance and protect our natural resources
- help people appreciate the natural environment
- enhance your own knowledge and skills
- build friendships and working relationships with others who share your love of natural Texas



Brazos Valley Chapter

The mission of the Texas Master Naturalist program is to develop a corps of well-informed volunteers who provide education, outreach, and service dedicated to the beneficial management of natural resources and natural areas within their communities.



For more information about the Brazos Valley Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalist program, please visit www.txmn.org/brazos or contact president@txmnbv.org.

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For statewide information about Texas Master Naturalist™ please visit <http://www.txmn.org>

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

-Margaret Mead

Training

In the Master Naturalist program, you will enhance your love of nature with research based, scientific knowledge. You will receive training in wildlife and natural resource management taught by recognized experts in the field and customized to focus on the native ecosystems of our area.



Training Topics Include:

- Geology and Soils
- TX Ecological Regions
- Climatology
- Botany
- Ornithology
- Ichthyology
- Herpetology
- Mammalogy
- Entomology
- Archeology
- Aquatic Systems



Requirements

- Tuition fee to defer costs
- 40 hours classroom and field training
- 8 hours advanced training each year
- 40 hours volunteer service each year
- Annual dues

Please visit txmn.org/brazos/faq for more information and how to register for the next training session.



Volunteering

Volunteers work in collaboration with our partners to become better stewards of the natural world and to promote stewardship in others.



Volunteer Activities

- **Teaching** - Project WILD, L.A.N.D.S, Junior Master Naturalist Program
- **Monitoring** - Stream Team, Bird and Nesting Surveys, Citizen Science Watch Counts, Invasive Plants
- **Community Event Participation** - Boonville Days, BioBlitz, Earth Day, Keep Brazos Beautiful, Lick Creek Park Nature Center events
- **Field Research and Natural Resource Management**– TX Water Specialist Program, BRTC Garden and S.M. Tracy Herbarium, Native Plant propagation and Land Restoration



Sponsors



Partners

- Biodiversity Research & Teaching Collections
- Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History
- Rio Brazos Audubon Society
- Native Plant Society of Texas Post Oak Chapter
- Millican Reserve