

**Texas Master Naturalist™ Coastal Prairie Chapter (TMN CPC)
Fall 2026 Training Course**

#	Date, Time	Venue	Hrs	Topic(s)	Presenter(s)	TMN Curriculum
1	Saturday, August 29 9am – 2pm	Fort Bend AgriLife Annex, "The Range," Rosenberg	5	Welcome to Coastal Prairie Chapter Intro to Texas Master Naturalist Program TMN Trainee Introductions Ecoregions of Texas Herpetology	Jan Poscovsky, President, TMN CPC Mary Pearl Mueth, Texas Master Naturalist Program Clint Faas, TPWD Amber Leung, TMN CPC Riki Miller, Riki's Reptile Relocations	Introduction to the Texas Master Naturalist Program Unit 4 Ecological Regions of Texas Unit 15 Herpetology
2	Tuesday, September 1 6pm – 9pm	Zoom	3	Coastal Prairie Story Intro to VMS/VS/Slack	Jaime González, UH Institute For Ecological Resilience Sari Garfinkle, TMN CPC Becky Jones, TMN CPC Bert Stipelcovich, TMN CPC	Unit 5 Ecological Concepts Unit 6 Ecosystems Concepts & Mgmt
Saturday, September 5 NO CLASS - Labor Day Weekend						
3	Tuesday, September 8 6pm – 9pm	Houston Museum of Natural Science, Sugar Land	3	HMNS-SL Orientation & Docent Training Introduction to WOWs	Kavita Self, HMNS Katie Sallean, TMN CPC	Unit 23 Volunteers as Teachers
4	Saturday, September 12 9am – 2pm	Brazos Bend State Park, Needville	5	Columbia Bottomland Ecosystem Creekfield Hike Mammalogy Archeology	David Heinicke, BBSP Volunteer Eleanor Stoddart, TPWD	Unit 2 Archaeology Unit 16 Mammalogy Unit 17 Forest Ecology & Mgmt
5	Tuesday, September 15 6pm – 9pm	Zoom	3	Geology Urban Ecosystems & Citizen Science	Randy Bissell, Geoscientist, TMN South TX Chapter Sam Kieschnick, TPWD	Unit 7 Geology and Soils Unit 21 Urban Ecosystems Unit 24 Citizen Science
6	Saturday, September 19 9am – 2pm	JBH Long Point Ranch, Richmond	5	Birds and Urban Ecosystems Birding Basics iNaturalist	Erik Wolf, TMN CPC Deb McMullen, TMN CPC Joyce Tipton, TMN CPC Kerry Padilla, TMN CPC	Unit 12 Ornithology Unit 21 Urban Ecosystems Unit 24 Citizen Science
Tuesday, September 22 NO CLASS						
Saturday, September 26 NO CLASS						
	Tuesday, September 29	Zoom	3	OPTIONAL: VMS, VS & Slack (AT credit)	Sari Garfinkle, TMN CPC Becky Jones, TMN CPC Bert Stipelcovich, TMN CPC	
7	Saturday, October 3 9am – 2pm	Hesed House, Wharton	5	Nature of Naming, Botany History of Seabourne Creek Nature Park Houston SPCA Wildlife Center	Susie Doe, TMN CPC Randolph Watson, TMNCPC Jean Watson, TMN CPC Monica Taylor, TMN CPC	Unit 10 The Nature of Naming Unit 11 Plants
8	Tuesday, October 6 6pm – 9pm	Zoom	3	Entomology The Grassland Story	Wizzie Brown, Texas A&M AgriLife Morgan Treadwell, TAMU	Unit 13 Entomology Unit 1 Land Stewardship Unit 20 Rangeland Ecology & Mgmt
9	Saturday, October 10 9am – 2pm	Seabourne Creek Nature Park, Rosenberg	5	7 Habitats & Volunteer Service Dip Netting & Aquatic Invertebrates Field Botany & Plant Identification	Randolph Watson, TMN CPC & SCNP Team Leads Kerry Padilla, TMN CPC Susie Doe, TMN CPC	Unit 1 Land Stewardship Unit 11 Plants Unit 13 Entomology Unit 23 Volunteers as Teachers
Tuesday, October 13 NO CLASS						
10	Saturday, October 17 9am – 2pm	Attwater Prairie Chicken NWR, Eagle Lake	5	Introduction to APC NWR Land Management and Fire Tour of APC NWR	Jaide Cooper, FWS Barron Rector, Texas A&M AgriLife Ext. Service	Unit 5 Ecological Concepts/Fire Unit 20 Rangeland Ecology & Management

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	Tuesday, October 20			NO CLASS - Texas Pollinator BioBlitz		
	Saturday, October 24			NO CLASS - TMN Annual Meeting (Waco) & Texas Pollinator BioBlitz		
11	Tuesday, October 27 6pm – 9pm	Zoom	3	Conservation & Hunting Ethics Weather	Clint Faas, TPWD Lance Wood, Harris County Flood Control District	Unit 1 Land Stewardship Unit 8 Weather and Climate
12	Saturday, October 31 9am – 2pm	Coastal Prairie Conservancy Indiangrass Preserve, Waller	5	Coastal Prairie Conservation & Restoration Native Plant Nursery & Seed Balls Prairie Tour Aquatic Ecosystems & Wetlands Ecology	Iris Poteet, CPC, TMN Gulf Coast Chapter Amy Miller, CPC, TMN CPC Izzy Retiz, CPC, TMN CPC Marissa Llosa, Houston Parks Board	Unit 5 Ecological Concepts Unit 18 Aquatic Systems Ecology & Mgmt Unit 19 Wetland Ecology & Management
13	Tuesday, November 3 6pm – 9pm	Fort Bend AgriLife Annex, “The Range,” Rosenberg	3	Class Project Elect New Class Representative Chapter Orientation & Governing Docs Advanced Training Class Graduation	Vanessa Weidman, TMN CPC Jan Poscovsky, TMN CPC Cindy Peden Chapman, TMN CPC	
	Saturday, November 7			NO CLASS - Nature Day (Seabourne Creek Nature Park, Rosenberg)		

Total Course Hours: 56

This course is intended to offer a unique learning experience using the Texas Master Naturalist™ Volunteer Training curriculum. Course details subject to change as needed or in the event of inclement weather.

Report hours in TPWD Samaritan Volunteer Management System (VMS) as IT: Initial Training. No make-ups for missed classes. Eligibility for all hours earned begins Session 1. Initial certification is achieved when 40 hours of Initial Training (IT), 8 hours of Advanced Training (AT) and 40 hours Volunteer Service (VS) are completed by August 28, 2027.