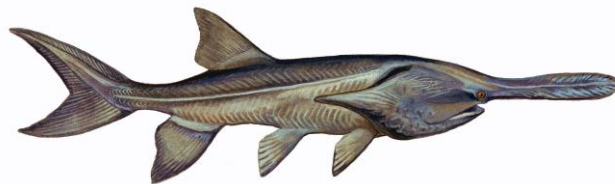




THE PADDLEFISH



Briefings from Becky

Welcome back to another year of learning about and loving nature AND sharing that love and knowledge with others. Even if you prefer not to teach, host field days, or lead hikes; if your preference is boots on the ground with hands in the dirt (or hands distributing weevils!) you are still sharing your love and knowledge with others. Others who witness or hear about our efforts are enlightened and even encouraged that Master Naturalists care about what happens to this beautiful earth we share!

Speaking of those who respond to our efforts, we have a training class of about 10 this year. Our great Training Director, Jill Wright, will report at our next chapter meeting on Monday, Jan 14 6:30pm at the Transportation Visitor Center in Jefferson and offer you opportunities to earn Volunteer Time (VT) by serving as hosts for the trainees.

Our board met Tuesday, January 8. We have some exciting and interesting information to share with you at the next chapter meeting. Also, Tammi White is producing this newsletter and will be joined by Rayla Dickinson as our newsletter/publicity team. We thank Angela Ledger for all her hard work for the past 2 years.

At our quarterly potlucks this year, Advance Training (AT) presentations will be limited to 45-60 minutes including question/answer time. Our theme is "Mammals".

Laura Speight will offer us some fun, different VT activities with Morely Hudson Weevil House and the Caddo Biocontrol Alliance's efforts to fight Giant Salvinia! Vanessa Neace-Adams will be sharing information about an exciting project related to the history of Caddo Lake. We are also planning volunteer opportunities at Caddo Lake National Wildlife Refuge, Caddo Lake Wildlife Management Area and possibly activities at the Caddo Lake State Park.

Stella Barrow, our ace Flotilla chairperson, will be reporting on the volunteer opportunities leading up to and during the Flotilla.

Looking forward to seeing everyone.

Becky

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Upcoming Events:

- Jan 14 Monthly Meeting
- Jan 19 Work Day
- TMN Trainee Training Days: Jan 25-26, Feb 22-23, Mar 22-23, Apr 12-13
- Feb 11 Monthly Meeting
- Feb 16 Work Day
- April 27 Annual Flotilla

**CYPRESS BASIN TEXAS MASTER NATURALISTS CHAPTER
2018 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT**

JANUARY 1, 2018 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2018

*"It is time to pay
2019 dues -
\$25 per
individual or
\$40 per couple.*

*You can mail
dues to Charles
Gillis, 709 Lovely
Road Marshall,
TX 75672 or pay
at monthly
meeting.*

*Checks can be
made to
CBTMN."*

Beginning Balance, January 1, 2018		
	\$ 6,590.50	
Add: Receipts		
Dues, 2018	\$ 1,625.00	
Dues, 2019	50.00	
New Class, 2019 Registration	260.00	
Amazon Smile	44.60	
Member Supplies Reimbursement	293.04	
Grant Expense Reimbursement	1,910.61	
Flotilla 2018		
Sales	3,146.84	
Donations	2,625.55	
Auction	1,670.00	
Petty Cash Deposit	<u>740.00</u>	
Total Receipts		\$12,365.64
Deduct: Expenses		
Moonvie	\$ 107.05	
Grant Expense	1,938.96	
Monthly Meetings	126.34	
Wild & Free	200.00	
Supplies for Members	293.51	
Festivals – Booth	34.56	
Refuge Support, Open House	135.60	
Checking & Postage	46.65	
New Class Expense – 2018	950.92	
Flotilla 2018 Expense	2,778.48	
Flotilla 2019 Expense	717.50	
Flotilla Trails	153.45	
Flotilla Petty Cash Withdrawal	<u>740.00</u>	
Total Expenses		<u>\$ -8,223.02</u>
Ending Balance, December 31, 2018		<u>\$ 10,733.12</u>
General Funds	\$2,174.69	
Flotilla Funds	<u>8,558.43</u>	
	<u>\$10,733.12</u>	

~ Submitted Charles Gillis, Treasurer

Presenters Schedule – 2019 CBTMN Training Class

- Friday, January 25 6-9 pm Collins Academy – Jefferson Orientation/Program Overview**
 -Intro to TMN Program – Jill Wright, Chapter Training Dir./Becky Gullette, Chapter President
 -VMS System and How It Works – Linda Richtsmeier, Chapter VMS Manager
 Taxonomy, the Nature of Naming (Unit 10) – Becky Gullette, Chapter President
 -Ethics and TMN Code of Conduct
- Saturday, January 26 8:30-5pm Caddo Lake National Wildlife Refuge – Admin. Bldg.****
 9am-12pm Ecological Regions/Concepts/Ecosyst (Units 4-6) – Penny Wilkerson, TPWD
 1-5pm Herpetology (Unit 15) – Micha Petty, President, Louisiana Exotic Animal Resource Network
- Friday, February 22 6-9pm Caddo Lake National Wildlife Refuge – Admin. Bldg.****
 6-8:30 pm Ornithology (Unit 12), Land Stewardship (Unit 1) – Vanessa Neace, TPWD
 8:30-9 pm Trainee Informational Tidbits
- Saturday, February 23 8:30am-5pm Caddo Lake National Wildlife Refuge – Admin. Bldg.****
 9am-12pm Laws & Ethics/Volunteers as Teachers/Citizen Science (Units 22-24) – Boyd Sanders, TPWD, Tyler State Park
 1-5pm Archaeology (Unit 2)/Geology & Soils (Unit 7) – Todd McMakin, Sr. Archaeologist and owner, StonePointServices, Inc. Tyler, TX
- Friday, March 22 6-9 pm Caddo Lake National Wildlife Refuge – Admin. Bldg.****
 6-8:30 Mammalogy (Unit 16) – Ricky Maxey, Army Corps of Engineers, Lake O' the Pines
 8:30-9pm Trainee Informational Tidbits
- Saturday, March 23 8:30am-5pm Caddo Lake National Wildlife Refuge – Admin. Bldg.****
 9am-12pm Ichthyology (Unit 14) – Tim Bister, TPWD, Fisheries Div.
 1-5pm Entomology (Unit 13) – Dr. Tony Bosworth, Ret. Professor, TX State University
- Friday, April 12 6-9pm Caddo Lake National Wildlife Refuge – Admin. Bldg.****
 6-8:30pm Water Resources of Texas (Unit 9) – Dr. Roy Darville, Professor, ETBU
 8:30-9pm Trainee Informational Tidbits
- Saturday, April 13 8:30am-5pm Caddo Lake National Wildlife Refuge – Admin. Bldg.****
 9am-12pm Forest Ecology/Mgmt; Wetland Ecology/Mgmt (Units 17,19) – Dr. Marnie Erin, CEO – EcoVerdant, Inc. Tyler, TX, Research Asst. Professor, UT/Tyler
 12-1:15pm Picnic at Visitor Center
 1:15-3:45 Plants (Unit 11) – Dr. Vanessa Corriher-Olson, Professor, TX A&M AgriLife Research
 4-5pm Weather & Climate (Unit 8)

***Be prepared for outside field study (closed-toe shoes/comfortable clothing/hat/gloves/coat). We will provide sunscreen and bug repellent when needed. Please bring sack lunch for all Saturdays, except on April 13th.**

Caddo Lake National Wildlife Refuge Address: 15600 Hwy 134 Karnack, TX

****This location may change-we will update as necessary**

**We need hosts and members to bring food items for training days!
 Signup Sheets will be circulating at monthly meeting.**

Can be counted as Volunteer Time!

THE PADDLEFISH

OFFICERS:

Becky Gullette
President

Susan Sedberry
Vice President

Kristi Thomas
Secretary

Charles Gillis
Treasurer

Jill Wright
New Class Director

Barry & Caroline
Hughes
2018 Class Rep.

Linda Richtsmeier
Membership Director

Vanessa Adams Neace
Advisor

Doug Weir
Advisor



L-R: Cal Witt, Hattie Hackler, Jason Bean, Jennifer Bean, Caroline Hughes, Barry Hughes

Friends of Caddo Lake National Wildlife Refuge

Are you interested in what happens at Caddo Lake? Come join and be an active part in the future of Caddo Lake. The Friends are people like you who love Caddo Lake and recognize the importance and value of the Caddo Lake NWR. Their purpose is to promote awareness and appreciation. Of the National Wildlife Refuge. In particular, Friends take care of outreach, special events and operating needs for which the US Fish and Wildlife Service may not be budgeted. For more information contact Charles Gillis.



L-R Back Row: Steve Sedberry, Todd Dickinson, Linda Richtsmeier, Ted Barrow, Herman Hazard, Susan Sedberry, David Gilliland, Roger Geiger, Lisa Egner, Pete Wright, Charles Gillis
Front Row: Pam Adams, Kim Deloney, Pam Watts, Mickie Moore, Becky Gullette, Kristi Thomas, Phyllis Wilson