

## WHAT'S IN A NAME?

El Camino Real, or King's Highway, was a series of pathways that were used to connect Texas with Mexico and northwestern Louisiana in the 1600 and 1700's. As the road developed, it had a tremendous impact on the people who traveled it and who lived out their lives near it. It was truly an agent for cultural diffusion. Traveling along this national historic trail, one can trace the history of Texas and northwestern Louisiana and gain a new appreciation of the rich heritage which is ours.

Much of this part of Milam County looks much as it did in 1691 as our ancestors traveled the Trail. As we study our county as naturalists, how appropriate that we also recognize the heritage which is a part of it as well!

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The Green Tree Frog is the El Camino Real Chapter Logo.



## New Master Naturalist Class

Starts April 1, 2010

# Sign Up Now!

Deadline March 15!

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*For more information, or to register for the next class:*

*Contact us at:*

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Cameron, Texas 76520  
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<http://grovesite.com/tmn/ecrnmn>



Milam County



Look



Learn



Teach



Conserve

*Through the Master Naturalist volunteer program you can learn to examine nature and teach adults and youths how to conserve our resources.*



Field Trips / Lectures

On top of Sugarloaf Mountain

## \* Become a Certified Texas Master Naturalist \*

### APPLICATION PROCESS

- Complete and mail application form available from our website or Cameron AgriLife Extension Office.
- Pay \$150 initial registration fee — used primarily for the curriculum
- Pass background check
- 2010 Classes 1st Thurs. start 4/1.

### MEMBER & CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

- 40 hours minimum of initial class-room training / field trips.
- 40 hours of volunteer service each year
- 8 hours of advanced training each year
- \$20 annual fee for membership
- Attend Chapter Meetings / Programs



Nature Cruising on the Brazos River  
Friends, Fauna and Fish

### TRAINING TOPICS

*Classroom training and field trips by experts in the areas of:*

- Plants
- Grasses
- Fauna
- Forests
- Wetlands
- Geology
- Soils
- Archeology
- Birds
- Insects
- Reptiles
- Fish
- Mammals
- Ecological habitat management



Learning bird banding from the experts.

### VOLUNTEERING

*Volunteer hours are spent in studying and experiencing nature and then teaching others about nature and how to conserve our resources.*

#### POSSIBLE VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES:

- Horned Lizard Watch
- Amphibian Watch
- Milam County Nature Festival
- Millennium Seed Bank collections
- Bluebird House and Bird Feeder Building
- Annual State 3 day Conventions
- Many Advanced Training Sessions
- School nature and science projects
- 4-H Youth Angler Education Class Support
- **And many, many more ....**



Our booth at the Dewberry Festival