

Monthly Presidents Meeting Online Notes-December 7,2020

- 2021 Monthly Presidents Meeting will be held the last Monday of the Month

Return to Service

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Return to Service:

- Reviewed Return to Service Guidelines effective through December 8th 2020
- Reviewed current AgriLife Extension Service Guidelines effective Dec 9th thru Dec 23th. Guidelines could be updated on Dec 11th but not expected. All dependent on statewide severity.
 - Each county will be rated for severity by the colors Red, Yellow, and Green. With Red being the most severe and Green the least.
 - **Red Level:** Counties two or three factors pertaining to a positivity rate of greater than $\geq 8\%$ or a rapid rise in cases or a hot spot.
 - **Yellow Level:** Counties with a positivity rate of greater than 8% or a rapid rise in cases or a hot spot.
 - **Green Level:** Group meetings with a limit of 50 people at 75% capacity with other requirements listed at the link below. All overnight events require submission of preparedness. Requirements for screening form for participants at day youth events and overnight events.
 - Daily temperature checks for overnight events.
 - Face coverings are required at all events unless exempt per governor's Resolution GA-29.
 - When outdoors masks are required when 6ft cannot be maintained.
 - Applies to both Indoor and Outdoor events.
 - Web site link for farther details:
 - [COVID-19 Response \(tamu.edu\)](https://www.tamu.edu/covid19)

TMN Program Policy for Return to Service Guidelines:

- All multi-county TMN Chapters follow the strictest level of guidance for counties in their chapter territories.
- A chapter with multiple counties will follow the county with the highest level of guidance color. (Red, Yellow or Green)
- County guidance will be reviewed weekly. If levels change per county, the highest-level county will be followed in the chapter's territory.
- If local, city restrictions are stricter those will supersede AgriLife guidelines.
- TMN Program/Chapter operations are not considered Agency Mission Critical.

Preparing for 2021

- Earning 2021 Certification
 - Requirements for 2021 certification are not anticipated to change.
 - Innovate new ways to create volunteer opportunities.
 - Examples: Virtual Volunteer Fair, TMN Tuesday
 - By 2021 we will be sharing other chapter's innovative ways to create volunteer opportunities.

Temporary Basic & Advanced Training Policies 2021

- Temporary Policy Timeframe will be from Jan 1st to Dec 31st.
- Temporary Policy:
 - Allow for Virtual pre-recorded/ live basic training sessions with live Q&A with original speaker/speakers.
 - Encourage interchapter basic training collaboration with similar training sessions.
- Basic Training GOALS for 2021
 - State Office is investigating a shared calendar for new training class coordinators to see other chapter's training schedules easily.
 - Idea is to encourage chapter collaboration for basic training.

Temporary Advanced Training Guidelines for 2021:

- Timeframe Jan 1st to Dec 31st.
- For all Texas Master Naturalists
- Current 2020 Policy-All 8 hours can be earned through live virtual training session live presenter and open chat Q&A with the presenter.
- Temp Policy 2021-Will allow for pre-recorded AT sessions with Q&A with the same presenter/speaker.
- Not Allowed-No fully recorded videos with no speaker interaction.
- The goal is for group discussion with the presenter/speaker for group learning.

Volunteer Service Guides for 2021

- Requirements are not changing for 2021
- Discuss ways your chapter has adapted Service Projects for 2020
- 2020 Project Fair Entries link:
- [2020 Chapter Project Fair: Entries \(tamu.edu\)](#)

Virtual Volunteer Fair 2021

- Open call for Proposals-Due Dec. 15th
- Save the Date Feb 3rd & 4th
- It will be recorded and your participation will count for Volunteer Service.
- 2021 Virtual Fair link:
- [2021 Virtual Volunteer Fair – February 3rd & 4th, 2021 \(tamu.edu\)](#)

TMN Tuesday

- Texas Master Naturalist Tuesdays will be second Tuesday of the month-Virtual Advanced Training
- Featured Speakers/Groups will host via WebEx. Will need the app. Dates on Dec 7 PowerPoint.

Pin Update

- Presidential Volunteer Service Pin (4000hrs) is having shipping delays.
- 2021 Recertification Pin will be available at end of January.

2020 Against All Odds Pin-COVID/GRIT Pin

- New 2020 Pin: Service Against All Odds-Through Grit & Distance
 - Your Hustle, Passion & Perseverance have not gone unnoticed!
 - For members who have:
 - 8 hours AT
 - And at least 1 hour of Volunteer Service
 - Will be mailed to all chapters Jan 2021

Looking Ahead

- There will be constant changes in your training schedules.
- Think for ways to build community with virtual and distanced learning opportunities.
- Virtual but Together
 - Mentorship.
 - Social Time built into schedule
- In-Person & Distanced
 - Individual kits and tools
 - Indoor & Outdoor capacities (Updated Nov 30th)
 - Have health & Safety Gear available.