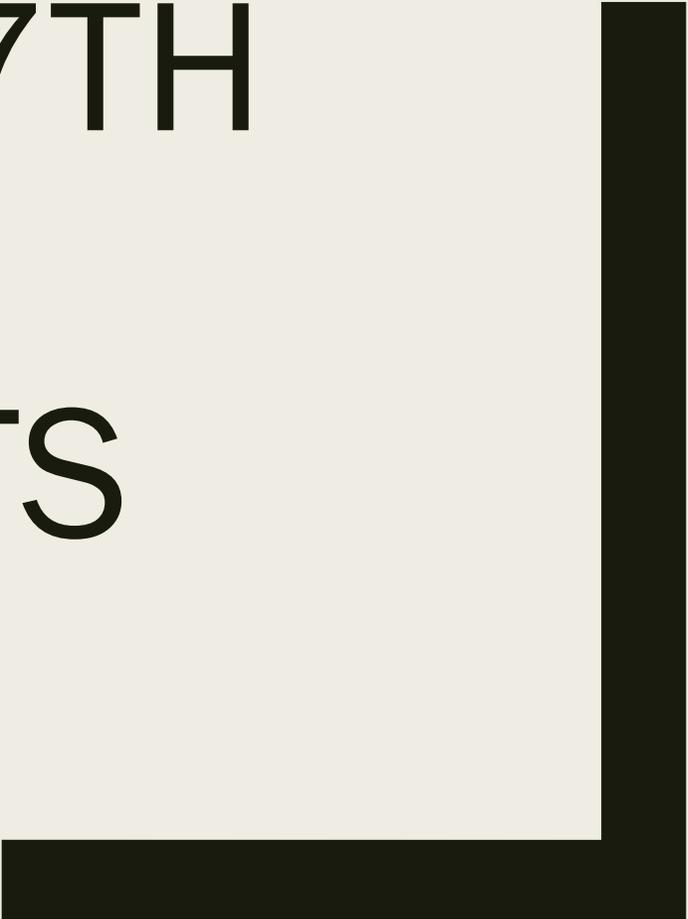


December 7th Chapter Presidents Meeting

- Introduce yourself & your chapter in the Chat Room
 - Share video (if your bandwidth allows)
 - Michelle will be monitoring the chat room
 - Will share slides, chat room and notes
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- We'll get started at **1:00pm**
 - Volunteer Note Taker - _____



DECEMBER 7TH
CHAPTER
PRESIDENTS
MEETING



Agenda

- Monthly Presidents Meeting Outline
- Return to Service
- Preparing for 2021
- Temporary Basic & Advanced Training Policies 2021
- Volunteer Service Guides for 2021
- Virtual Volunteer Fair 2021
- TMN Tuesdays
- Pin Update
- COVID/GRIT Pin
- Looking Ahead

Chapter Presidents Monthly Meetings

- Will be announced monthly & Zoom link shared a week to two weeks in advance
- Will solicit agenda items as needed
- Will be recorded & recording posted afterwards
- Notes, Chat & Slides will be posted afterwards

- Follow up items will be covered in post-meeting email if needed

Monthly Presidents Meetings

- 2021 Monthly Chapter Presidents Meeting – last Monday of Month
- January 25th
- February 22nd
- March 29th
- April 26th
- May 24th
- June 28th
- August 9th (summer meeting)
- September 27th
- October - @Annual Meeting
- **November 15th
- **December 13th

Return to Service Guidelines

Effective through December 8th

NEW UPDATE – November 25th

NOTE: Face coverings are required at all events. All facilities of The Texas A&M University System require the use of facial coverings.

Red Level: Counties with two of three factors of positivity rate of 8% or more, or a rapid rise in cases or a hot spot (indicated in pink/red)

- *No face-to-face Extension-hosted or Extension-sponsored events.*
- *No guest speaking or presenting at other entities' events.*
- *No overnight events.*
- *No travel is approved to these counties.*
- *Essential training related to continuing education and emergency response may be approved by the executive associate director on a case-by-case basis*

Yellow Level: Counties with a positivity rate of 8% or more, OR a rapid rise in cases OR a hotspot (indicated in yellow/orange)

- *Group meetings with a limit of 10 people at 75% capacity of space or less are allowed only if social distancing can be practiced.*
- *No overnight events.*
- *Seek alternative methods to deliver face-to-face meetings and educational programs.*
- *Essential training related to continuing education and emergency response may be approved by the executive associate director on a case-by-case basis.*

Green Level: Counties not listed at the Yellow or Red Level

- *Group meetings with a limit of 50 people at 75% capacity or less are allowed only if social distancing can be practiced. If greater than 50 attendees, a preparedness plan must be submitted and approved by the supervisor. (Employees in large offices do not count against this max if they are not part of the meeting and remain socially distanced.)*
- *All overnight events require a submission of a preparedness plan that is approved by the supervisor.*
- *AgriLife Extension requires a screening form for each participant at day youth events and all overnight events and programs.*
- *Daily temperature checks are required at all overnight events.*

New Return to Service Guidance

Return to Service Guidelines

- Operations for **December 9-23rd.** 
- Will be updated again on December 11th. County list updated once a week based on cases from the previous week, so the county list will change from week to week, but the wording of the guidance is not expected to change before the 23rd.
- **Red, Yellow, Green** County Rating
- Face coverings are required at all events, unless the county hosting the event is exempt per the Governor's Resolution GA-29 on July 2, 2020.
- Outdoors, masks are required when a six-foot social distancing radius cannot be maintained.
- Applies to BOTH Indoor & Outdoor Programming.
- <https://txmn.tamu.edu/welcome/covid-19-response/> 



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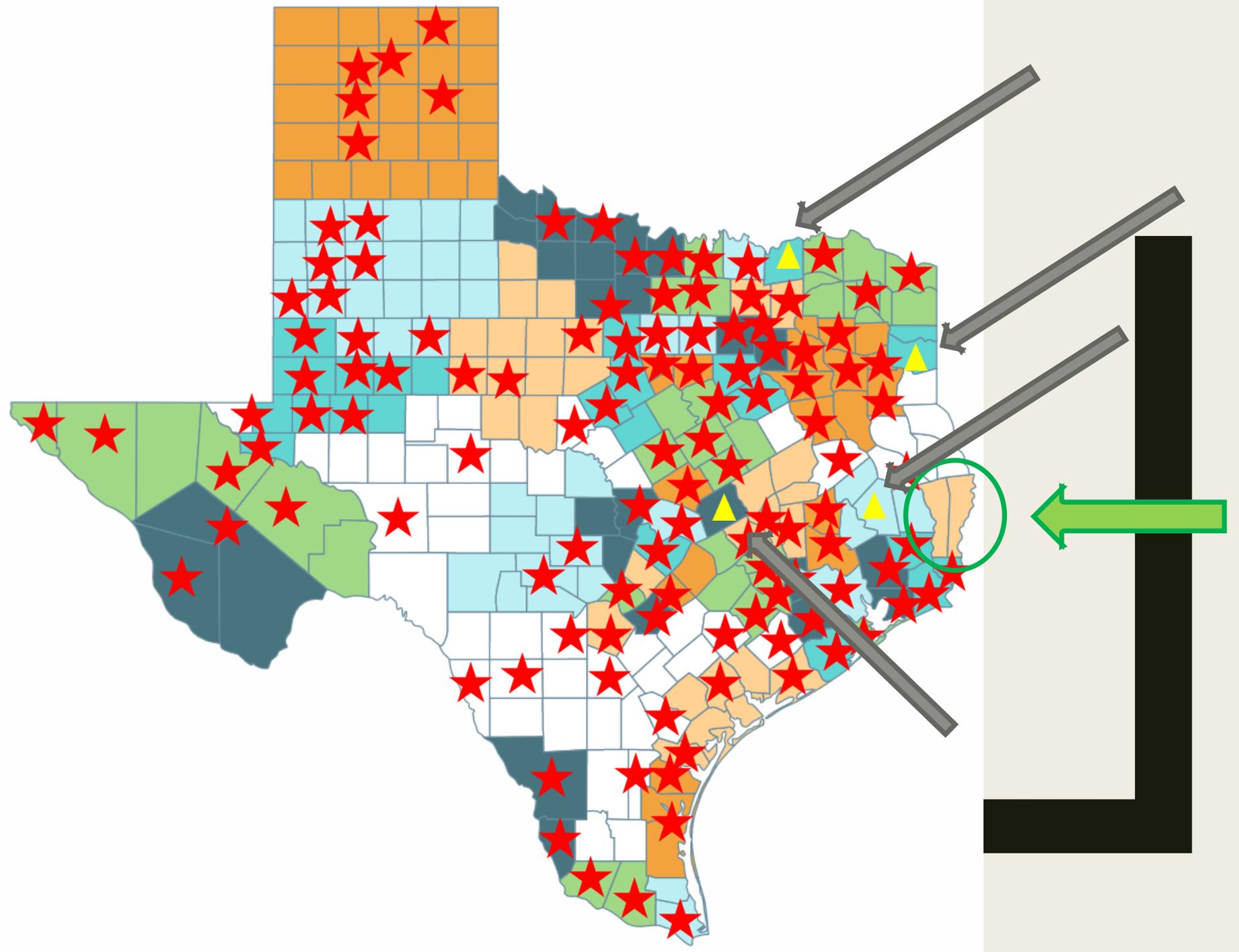
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Return to Service Message from AgriLife

- With the recent rise in COVID 19 cases, we are very focused on the best practices and guidance that will not only keep our employees safe but our volunteers and clientele also. We began recently to track specifically some key factors by each county. In the past, we have not developed face to face programming guidance related to local positivity rates. We feel like with the current surge in positive cases in communities and our employees, the overwhelming effects on health care systems and the need for community response to the pandemic, we must change the way we look at agency guidance.
- The attached guidance will take into effect December 9 and run through December 23rd, unless factors significantly change.
- AgriLife Extension will be assembling an advisory group to assist the agency in making future decisions. This group will consist of our experts and specialists in public health and agency response. Our data source for decision making is the Community Profile Report distributed by the Department of Health and Human Services (USA) and the US Department of Homeland Security. When making decisions we are looking at positivity rates over a seven day average. This advisory group will take into account the latest data and science available, enabling our agency to make the most informed decision for our employees and stakeholders. Updated guidance should come again on December 11.

TMN Program Policy for Return to Service Guidelines

- The Texas Master Naturalist Program has issued the additional statewide policy effective immediately:
 - *All multi-county TMN Chapters will follow the STRICTEST level of guidance for the counties in their chapter territory.*
 - i.e in a chapter with three counties – one green, one yellow and one red – that chapter will follow the RED level county guidance issued by AgriLife.
 - *TMN Chapters MUST follow AgriLife’s weekly county level updates & color coded county lists only*
 - County designation may differ by other municipalities/local/federal maps
 - IF Local City/County restrictions are more strict – those supersede AgriLife’s guidelines
 - *TMN Program/Chapter operations are NOT considered Agency Mission Critical under these Return to Service Guidelines*



Return to Service Guidelines

- **Red** Level: Counties with two of three factors pertaining to positivity rate of greater than 8% or more, OR a rapid rise in cases OR a hot spot
 - No face to face Extension-hosted or Extension-sponsored events.
 - No guest speaking or presenting at other entities' events.
 - No overnight events.
 - ~~[Agency] mission critical events may be considered on a case by case basis. Requests should be made through direct supervisor.~~
 - No travel to or from a Red Level County unless mission critical.
 - Essential training related to continuing education and emergency response may be approved by the executive associate director on a case by case basis.

- **Yellow** County Rating
- **Green** County Rating



Return to Service Guidelines

- **Yellow Level: Counties with a positivity rate of greater than 8% or more, OR a rapid rise in cases OR a hotspot**
 - Group meetings **with a limit of 10 people** at 75% capacity of space or less are allowed only if social distancing can be practiced.
 - No overnight events.
 - AgriLife Extension requires a screening form for each participant at day youth events.
 - Seek alternative methods to deliver face to face meetings and educational programs.
 - ~~Mission critical events may be considered on a case by case basis. Requests should be made through direct supervisor.~~
 - Essential training related to continuing education and emergency response may be approved by the executive associate director on a case by case basis.

- **Green County Rating**



Return to Service Guidelines

■ Green Level:

- Group meetings **with a limit of 50 people** at 75% capacity or less are allowed only if social distancing can be practiced. If greater than 50 attendees, a preparedness plan must be submitted and approved by the supervisor. (Employees in large offices do not count against this max if they are not part of the meeting and remain socially distanced.)
- All overnight events require a submission of a preparedness plan that is approved by the supervisor.
- AgriLife Extension requires a screening form for each participant at day youth events and all overnight events and programs.
- Daily temperature checks are required at all overnight events.
- For individuals seeking alternative methods of delivery for traditional face-to-face meetings and educational programs, the Digital Education unit has put together a resource on best practices and tools that are currently supported by AgriLife.

The logo for Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, featuring the text "TEXAS A&M" in a small serif font above "AGRI LIFE" in a large, bold, serif font, with "EXTENSION" in a smaller, bold, serif font below it. The logo is set against a white background with maroon and grey geometric shapes.

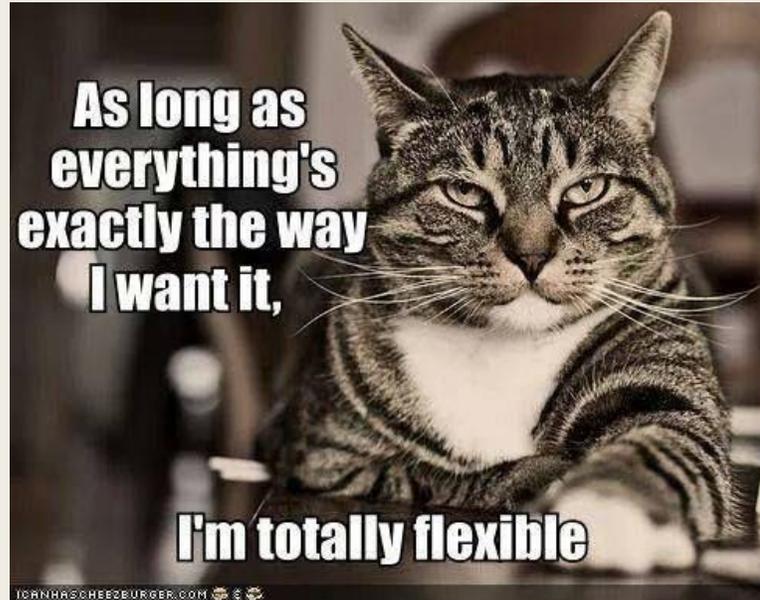
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PREPARING FOR 2021



Preparing for 2021



Adaptation is the key to survival.

-Lailah Gifty Akita

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Earning 2021 Certification

Slide from
November 2020
Ch Pres Meeting

- **2021 Certification Requirements we do not anticipate changing**
 - *Together let's further plan for and adapt for the situation we're in.*
 - *Anticipate the shifts, adaptations & innovations to obtaining these required certification hours.*
 - *Examples include:*
 - *Virtual Volunteer Fair, TMN Tuesdays*
- Other innovative ways to shift volunteer service projects to meet changing health and safety guidelines.
- Through 2021 we'll be highlighting innovations of chapters
 - *Share your chapters adaptations on*
 - *Social Media! Through the Listserv! In Chapter Presidents Meetings! TMN Tuesdays!*

Temporary Basic Training Guidelines for 2021

- Temporary Policy Timeframe – **Jan 1 – Dec 31 2021**
- Conditions: All basic training classes occurring in CY 2021
 - *“Class” – individual training session(s) offered as part of a basic training course/series*
- TEMP POLICY: Allow for pre-recorded basic training sessions – with **required** follow up live Q&A with/by the same speaker(s)
 - *Will allow for all (40) planned basic training hours scheduled to be done in this manner*
 - *Encourage this to be used minimally or only as needed*
 - *Encourage regional/neighboring chapter basic training collaborative before going to this model*

Temporary Basic Training Guidelines for 2021

- Options to Consider for Basic Training Field Sessions:

- FIRST - PLEASE discuss this with your chapter leadership AND new trainees to see where they are comfortable. . . .
 - *small group meet ups with physical distancing where possible with state/local health restrictions & audience comfort*
 - *individual at home hands-on field sessions as possible (i.e. science at home)*
 - **set time limits for basic training hours done at home*
 - *individual field sessions to local outdoor spaces (i.e state parks or natural areas) with physical distancing where possible & state/local health restrictions & audience comfort*
 - **non conditional for certification*
 - *virtual field sessions (State Office has 3 camera kits for loan – contact MP to schedule)*
 - **other options/suggestions?*

Temporary Basic Training Guidelines for 2021

- Suggestions from Chapters to consider for Basic Training field sessions:
- *Pending review from state office

Basic Training GOALS for 2021

- State Office is investigating a shared calendar for New Training class coordinators to see other chapters training schedules easily.
- Only visible to new training class coordinators scheduling events . . .
 - *Password protected page for new training class directors on website?*
 - *Slack? Can add a calendar option here.*
 - *Private Facebook Group?*
 - **DISCUSSION – which ONE would be the best option? No need for more than one . . .*
- Idea here is to encourage regional chapter collaboration for basic training classes for the subjects that allow for it. . . .

Temporary Advanced Training Guidelines for 2021

- Temporary Policy Timeframe – **Jan 1 – Dec 31 2021**
- **For ALL TMNs** (not just new trainees)
- CURRENT 2020 POLICY: All 8 hours can be earned through LIVE virtual training sessions where there is a live speaker and open chat/Q&A for student-presenter interactions
 - *This Policy will continue for 2021 Calendar Year*
- TEMP POLICY: Will allow for pre-recorded AT sessions with follow up live Q&A with Speakers by the same speaker – hours for both watching & interaction with speaker will count
- NOT ALLOWED: NO fully recorded videos with NO speaker interaction
- GOAL here is to allow group discussion with speakers where Q&A happens in group setting/audience for group learning

Volunteer Service Guidelines for 2021

- Volunteer Service requirements NOT changing for 2021
- DISCUSSION - ways your chapter has adapted Service Projects in 2020:
- *highlight* 2020 Project Fair Entries!
 - <https://txmn.tamu.edu/2020-chapter-project-fair-entries/>



STATE OFFICE
PROGRAMS 2021



Virtual Volunteer Fair – 2021 Plans

- Open Call for Proposals – due December 15th
- Help us find great projects!
- Save the Date – February 3rd & 4th
 - *Will be Recorded*
 - *Watching will count for Volunteer Service*
 - <https://txmn.tamu.edu/virtual-volunteer-fair-february-2021/>



TMN Tuesdays

- Second Tuesday of Month - Virtual Advanced Training
- Featured Speakers/Groups hosted once a month **via WebEx**
 - *January 12th*
 - *February 9th – Doug Tallamy!*
 - *March 9th*
 - *April 13th*
 - *May 11th*
 - *June 8th*
 - *July 13th*
 - *August 10th*
 - *September 14th*
 - *October 21st – 24th – Annual Meeting (No TMN Tuesday)*
 - *November 9th*
 - *December 14th*

Drop other
idea
suggestions
in Chat!

Idea List:

Doug Tallamy!
Highlight Chapter Project innovations
Diversity, Equity & Inclusion
JMN Panel presentation
Board Leadership Retreats
New Training Class Ideas
Online Virtual Service Project
Regional Coordinators

Save the Dates for #TMNTuesdays

January 12
February 9
March 9
April 13

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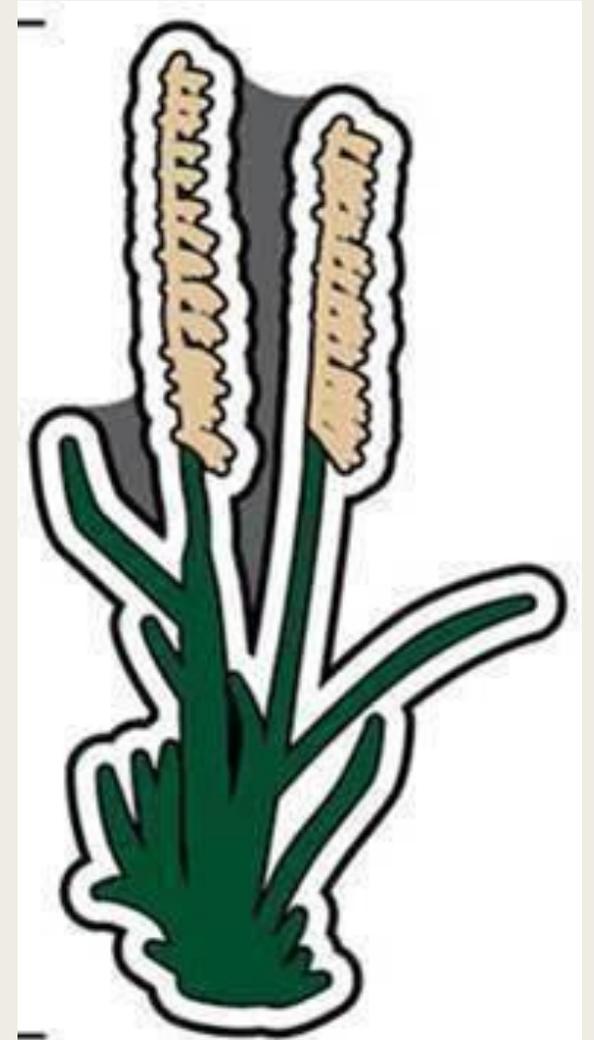


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Pins Update

- Presidential Volunteer Service Pin update - (4,000 hr)
 - *Shipping delays*
 - *New certification training & process . . .*
- 2021 Recertification Pin
 - *Available at the end of January*
- 2020 Against All Odds Pin



2020 Against All Odds PIN

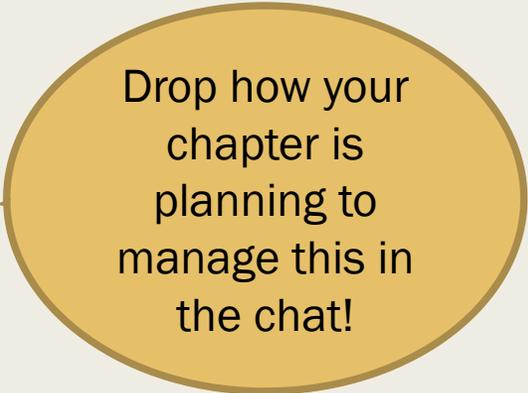


- **Recertification Requirements** will not be changing this year (2020)
- **Initial Certification Requirements** will not be changing this year (2020)
 - *However, you may have new trainees that will need an extension to complete their full initial certification requirement hours.*
- **NEW 2020 PIN: Service Against All Odds – Through Grit & Distance**
 - *Your Hustle, Passion and Perseverance have not gone unnoticed!*
 - *For members who have logged:*
 - *8 Hours AT - AND -*
 - *At LEAST 1 Hour of Volunteer Service*
- **Will be mailed to all chapters January 2021**



What's Next?

- With updates from today (and a constant ebb & flow of changes) – what may change with your training schedule?
- Consider ways to build community when virtual & hands on when distanced
 - *Virtual but Together*
 - Mentorships
 - Social Time built into Schedule
 - *In Person & Distanced*
 - Individual kits/tools
 - Indoor & Outdoor capacities (*updated Nov 30th)
 - Health & safety gear (i.e sanitizer & masks) <- TMN bulk order masks!



Drop how your chapter is planning to manage this in the chat!

The End

THANK YOU ALL!!!

You ROCK!

