An open invitation: Please join us in developing a Texas Junior Master Naturalist (TXJMN) Program.

This is a call to invite participation in the development of a Texas Junior Master Naturalist program, as well as to inform you of the current status of this project. Please feel free to share this information with your Texas Master Naturalist (TMN) chapters through your newsletters, email blasts and other avenues.

Over the past years, TMN’s have set the wheels in motion by developing their own Junior MN programs, sharing their experiences and interests at TMN State Meetings and through online discussions, handled through a Google Group page. We welcome you to explore the online group discussions and contribute your own experiences and ideas by joining the group at [https://groups.google.com/group/TexasJuniorNaturalist](https://groups.google.com/group/TexasJuniorNaturalist). A broad base of input from across the state is invaluable at this stage of development!

A current project focus is the creation of teams to take on different aspects of program development. There are volunteer spaces to be filled in each of these areas, and we welcome you to join a team or teams that are a good match for your skills and interests:

- Administrative/ Legal
- Curriculum & Reading Material Development
- Computer/Graphic
- Outreach/Training
- Grant Writers
- Cross-teamers.

We will continue to coordinate our efforts through the online Google Group page, and teams will begin communicating more through email about their specific portions of the program. Cross-teamers will be included in all teams’ discussions to help everyone stay on the same track. There is the possibility of online and/or face-to-face meetings in the future.

Volunteer hours given to the development of a TXJMN program may be reported to your chapter after your chapter has approved the project at your local level. The suggested code for this projects is: JrMNStateTaskForce.

Thank you for all the wonderful work you’re doing across the state!

For additional information or to enlist your services, please contact:

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