

TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST CHAPTER ADVISORS AWARD 2015

Overview and Goals

The Texas Master Naturalist Program presents the **Chapter Advisor Award** to outstanding advisors and/or teams of advisors each year. The goal of the awards program is to encourage and recognize exceptional work and support of local Texas Master Naturalist Chapter advisors. The Chapter Advisor Team category was established to recognize the exceptional support of TMN chapter advisors working in partnership to support a chapter, just as the TMN program is supported by a partnership between Texas Parks & Wildlife Department and the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service at the statewide level.

Prior Chapter Advisor Award Winners have been:

- 2008: Inaugural Award Year: Fred Burrell, Jr., Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, Dallas County, Advisor to the North Texas Chapter
- 2009: Julie Massey, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, Galveston County, Advisor to the Galveston Bay Area Chapter
- 2010: Bernice Blasingame, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, Palo Duro Canyon State Park, Advisor to the Panhandle Chapter
- 2011: Brett Johnson, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, Dallas Urban Wildlife Biologist, Advisor to the North Texas Chapter
- 2011 TEAM Award: Amanda Adair, TPWD and Roy Stanford, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Advisor Team to the Sabine-Neches Chapter
- 2012 Vanessa Adams, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, Wildlife Biologist, Advisor to the Cypress Basin Chapter
- 2012 Keith Crenshaw, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, Urban Wildlife Biologist, Advisor to the Gulf Coast Chapter
- 2013 Lee Ann Linam, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, Wildlife Biologist, Advisor to the Hays County Chapter
- 2013 Tony Reisinger, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, Texas Sea Grant, Advisor to the Rio Grande Valley Chapter
- 2014 Craig Hensley, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, Interpretive Specialist, Advisor to the Lindheimer Chapter
- 2014 Barron Rector, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Rangeland Specialist, Advisor to the Texas Master Naturalist Program

Application Guidelines and Procedures

The **Chapter Advisor(s) Award** may be presented annually to a TMN Chapter Advisor or a team of TMN Chapter Advisors for exemplary contributions to the organization's mission and goals. The winners will receive, at a minimum, a plaque at the TMN Annual Meeting awards ceremony detailing their accomplishments.

Chapters are invited to nominate their advisor(s) for the award(s) by completing the attached application form and submitting it to Michelle Haggerty, TMN Program Coordinator. A single advisor receiving the award in the immediate previous year is not eligible to be selected for the single advisor recognition in the following award year. Advisors receiving a team award in the previous year are still eligible for the single advisor award in the following year.

The recipient(s) of the Chapter Advisor Award may excel in one or several areas of their support for the Chapter or statewide TMN program. The award selection committee will consider the organization's goals, mission and in making a selection. Chapter nominations should provide a complete and concise description of their nominees activity in each of the areas described; new initiatives (rather than ongoing programs or projects) should be emphasized. Nominations must document the level of advisor participation in the various chapter activities/initiatives, chapter accomplishments, along with the advisor(s) resource management knowledge, and their ability to empower chapter members.

In addition to the nomination form below, all other nomination information must fit on a **total of 2 pages**. An electronic file of **at least one picture** of the nominee(s) must be included with a copy of the nomination package. Information provided should cover the previous 12 to 16 months of activities. Nomination package and picture(s) should be submitted electronically to Michelle Haggerty mhaggerty@ag.tamu.edu

THE TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST
CHAPTER ADVISORS AWARD APPLICATION

Application Deadline: September 1st each year.

To be filled out by a TMN Chapter member or officer.

Please provide information only on the previous 12 to 16 months of activities.

Fill in below and/or include this following information along with a maximum of 2 additional pages of information supporting your nomination for the goals described below. Samples, agendas, and/or materials may be attached where appropriate as appendices.

List Advisor(s) Name(s): _____

List Advisor(s) Organization(s) they represent: _____

Chapter Name: _____

Contact Information for individual completing nomination form:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Fax: (____) _____

E-mail Address: _____

GOAL 1: DEVOTION TO TEXAS NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE CHAPTER

- A. Describe nominee's knowledge and passion for Texas' natural resources.
- B. Describe nominee's ability to relay and instill this passion to program volunteers.
- C. Describe nominee's ability to interact with program volunteers.

GOAL 2: ENHANCEMENT OF KNOWLEDGE AND TECHNICAL CAPABILITIES OF THE CHAPTER

- A. Describe nominee's work to accomplish Goal 2. This may include her/his involvement in workshops, outreach, symposia, conferences and/or meetings to accomplish this goal. Describe purpose, program/agenda, and participation for each.
- B. Describe nominee's role in creating or enhancing opportunities for volunteers to become involved in projects, education, and chapter involvement.

Please email/send completed nominations to:
Michelle Haggerty, Email: mhaggerty@ag.tamu.edu