

TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST PROGRAM

Lower Trinity Basin Chapter
501 Palmer St.
Liberty, Texas 77575
936-334-3230
936-336-4565

May 1, 2019

Dear Texas Master Naturalist Program Applicant:

We would like to invite you to become involved in a new and exciting program for the Liberty and Chambers counties area of Southeast Texas – the Lower Trinity Basin Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalist Program. The mission of this program is to develop and certify a group of well informed volunteers to provide education, outreach and service dedicated toward the beneficial management of natural resources and natural areas within our community. This program will furnish participants with essential information and strategies to restore conserve our indigenous species and habitats. Throughout the training class, local experts will cover interesting topics about our natural resources and lead hands-on field trips to local ecosystems. Specific class and field trip topics are listed in the Class Schedule. Texas Master Naturalist trainees may select from a wide variety of approved local projects to volunteer their time. Projects may include habitat restoration, native plant rescues, prairie seed collection, school habitats, educational presentations, or projects of your own design approved by the chapter.

To become a Certified Master Naturalist of the Lower Trinity Basin Chapter, trainees must fulfill the following requirements:

- Attendance at all training classes including 3 field trips
- 40 hours minimum of volunteer service on approved projects within a year.
- 8 hours of advanced training in approved classes within a year.

To maintain active status, Texas Master Naturalists must complete the following annually:

- 40 hours of volunteer service on approved projects.
- 8 hours of advanced training in approved classes.

Training classes will be held at 6 pm on designated Thursdays starting June 6. Classes will be held at the FLNB Corner Room, 1822 Sam Houston St., Liberty, TX 77575. Field trip schedules will be announced at the start of the classes. The fee for this training session is \$150 plus \$25 chapter dues. The class will be limited to 20 participants. Selection criteria include: interest in the program, availability for volunteer service and commitment to stewardship of our natural resources.

Background Check: All members must submit and pass a YPS/CBC background as performed and paid for by the State of Texas.

Please return the completed application to Lower Trinity Basin Chapter of Texas Master Naturalists, c/o Texas A&M Extension Service, 501 Palmer St., Liberty, TX 77575 or fax it to 936-336-4565. The application deadline is May 9, 2019. **You must mail the \$150 fee and \$25 dues with your application. Please make checks or money order payable to Lower Trinity Basin MN.**

Thank you for your interest in the Texas Master Naturalist Program. We look forward to your participation in this educational and beneficial volunteer program. You will be contacted no later than May 16, 2018 about the class enrollment.

Sincerely,

Karen Morris
Training Class Chair
713-854-4482

Sharon Gunn
New Class Representative

Roy Flora
Extension Agent
Texas A&M Extension Service
936-334-3230

Training Class Committee
Susan Webb
Sandy Brooks
Laurie Gonzales
Shelli Ellerbe

Enclosures:

Application Form
Texas Master Naturalist Volunteer Policy
Training Schedule

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NAME _____
As you wish it to appear on your certificate

NAME _____
As you wish it to appear on your name tag – if different from certificate

Sex Male _____ Female _____

Please Check (Optional) Anglo _____ African American _____ Hispanic _____
Asian or Pacific Islander _____ Native American or Alaskan _____ Other _____

MAILING ADDRESS

Street Address _____

City _____ County _____ State _____

Telephone Day() _____ Evening() _____

Cell Phone() _____

Email Address _____

Occupation (if employed) _____

If retired, what was your former occupation _____

1. Describe why you are interested in the Texas Master Naturalist volunteer program.

2. Please indicate any organization of which you are a member or have volunteered time in the last two years. Indicate the average number of hours you have volunteered for each organization on a monthly basis.

3. Please note your profession and/or skills or interests that might be helpful to the Texas Master Naturalists. (Skills may include computer, photography, typing, graphic arts, public speaking, specific knowledge, etc. If you are retired or work part-time, please include relevant training or education you have received relative to natural resources.

AREAS OF INTEREST (Please indicate high/medium/low/none)

Education/Public Information

- Speakers Bureau (presentations) _____
- Guide or Docent (special projects) _____
- Children's Activities _____
- Other _____

Field Research/Surveys

- Forest Ecosystems _____
- Prairie Ecosystems _____
- Wetland Ecosystems _____
- Plant & Wildlife Census (bird, insect, etc.) _____
- Habitat Restoration Projects _____
- Native Plant/Seed Collection _____
- Other _____

Administration

- Fund Raising _____
- Computer Work _____
- Newsletter _____
- Other _____

Other _____

- YES** I will be available for all of the classes June through October. I understand that I am required to attend the classes and field trips scheduled, complete 40 hours of volunteer service within 12 months of my first training day, and complete 8 hours of advanced training in order to become a Certified Texas Master Naturalist.
- NO** I am not available for the June through October 2109 classes, but I want to be considered in the first group of applicants for the next class. Please send me a copy of the class schedule when it becomes available.
- NO** I am not interested in the Texas Master Naturalist Program. Please delete my name from your mailing list.

LOWER TRINITY BASIN CHAPTER OF THE TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST PROGRAM VOLUNTEER PLEDGE:

I understand that in exchange for the training made possible through the Lower Trinity Basin Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalist Program, I will volunteer at least 40 hours of my time toward approved projects and complete 8 hours of advanced training within one year. I understand that I will become a Certified Texas Master Naturalist when I complete both the training requirements and volunteer work. I also understand that to maintain an active status, I must complete 8 hours of advanced training and 40 hours of volunteer service each year.

TRAINING AGENDA

Classes will be held on Thursday evenings and last 2 to 3 hours, starting at 6:00 pm . Field trips will be held on Saturday. Scheduling for field trips will be announced as the classes start. Classes will be held at the FLNB Corner Room, 1822 Sam Houston St., Liberty, TX 77575.