

TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST PROGRAM

Lower Trinity Basin Chapter
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January 6, 2020

Dear Texas Master Naturalist Program Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in Texas Master Naturalist™, Lower Trinity Basin Chapter. The mission of the Texas Master Naturalist program is to develop a corps of well-informed volunteers to provide education, outreach, and service dedicated to the beneficial management of natural resources and natural areas within their communities for the State of Texas. This program will further participants' understanding and appreciation of the natural resources of the state of Texas through interesting presentations by local experts covering a wide range of topics from botany to land stewardship. Classroom learning will be reinforced by hands-on field trips in local ecosystems. Throughout the course, you will find strategies for helping others recognize and appreciate those resources. 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 field research, 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 as a Master Naturalist through the Lower Trinity Basin Chapter, trainees must fulfill the following requirements:

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

To maintain active status, Texas Master Naturalists must annually complete (at minimum) the following:

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

Training classes will be held at 6:15 p.m. on the days designated in the attached schedule. Most classes will be held at First United Methodist Church, 10629 Eagle Drive, Mont Belvieu, Texas 77580. 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 local natural resources.

Background Check: All members must submit and pass a YPS/CBC background check 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. Your application can also be emailed to ltbasinnewclassdirector@gmail.com.

You must mail the \$150 fee and \$25 dues at the same time you submit your application. Please make checks or money order payable to Lower Trinity Basin MN.

The application deadline is January 24, 2020.

Thank you for your interest in the Texas Master Naturalist program. You will be contacted no later than January 29, 2020 about class enrollment.

Sincerely,

Shellie Ellerbe
New Class Director
936-334-2874

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

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

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 _____ Please include area codes.

Email Address _____

Occupation _____

If retired, what was your former occupation? _____

How did you find out about us? _____

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

2. Please list organizations of which you are a member or have volunteered time to 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 Naturalist program. (Skills may include computer, photography, typing, graphic arts, public speaking, specific knowledge, etc. 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 _____

_____ I will be available for all the classes January through May.
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.

_____ I am not available for the January through May 2020 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.

_____ 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 all requirements for training 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.

Trainee signature

TRAINING AGENDA

Most classes will be held on Thursday evenings and last 3 to 3.5 hours, starting at 6:15 p.m. Field trips will be held on Saturday. Scheduling for field trips will be announced as the classes start. Classes, with few exceptions, will be held at First United Methodist Church, 10629 Eagle Drive, Mont Belvieu, Texas 77580