



Good Water Master Naturalist

2017 Fall Training Class Application

Classes Start – September 5, 2017

Apply only if you will be able to attend 17 classes mostly from 6:00 – 9:30 PM. There will be a few Saturday field trips. Classes will be held at the Williamson County Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Meeting Room, 3151 SE Inner Loop, Georgetown, Texas and Williamson County Jester Annex, 1801 Old Settlers Blvd, Ste 110, Round Rock, Texas. We have attempted to schedule most of the classes on Tuesdays but some will be on Saturday. Please check the training agenda document on the web site to determine which classes are held on different days and plan your schedule accordingly. **Missed classes must be made up. Do not apply if you will miss more than two classes!** Some classes are held at field sites and require moderate walking. **You must also submit and pass a criminal background check to attend the class. The background form is attached to this application. We will take the first 30 applicants.**

Cost for the class is \$150.00 per person. Two connected people taking the class together will be offered a combined discount of \$30 if they elect to receive only one Master Naturalist Manual.

A 100% refund will be granted to anyone who elects to withdraw from the program **before** the start of the first class. **Cutoff date for acceptance in this class is August 30, 2017.**

Applicant Information

Name: First/Last		
Street Address		
City, State, ZIP Code		
Home Phone/Cell Phone		
E-Mail Address		

Interests

Rate your interest in the following subjects covered in our classes from 1 (some) to 5 (strong)

Native Plants	
Ornithology/Birds	
Entomology/Insects	
Mammals	
Herpetology - Reptiles/Amphibians	
Paleontology	
Aquatics (fish, wetlands, etc.	
Rangeland Mgmt.	
Archeology	
Geology	

Explain why you are interested in becoming a Master Naturalist and what you expect to get out of this course

Special skills

List any special skills or knowledge that you have acquired from employment, previous volunteer work, or other activities, including hobbies and education that could benefit our chapter. These do not have to be nature related – examples include wood working, computer skills and graphic design.

Type of volunteer work that would most interest you

The goal of the Master Naturalist program is to create a pool of knowledgeable citizens to educate the public on the natural world and promote environmental stewardship. Which of these areas would you most enjoy working in to fulfill these objectives? Check all of interest.

Educational Programs for children (Junior Master Naturalist, Day Camp Nature Programming, Preschool, Early Elementary)	
Educational Programs for adults	
Volunteering at Berry Springs Nature Park and Preserve	
Assistance with nature programs in local parks (leading nature walks, improving trails, assisting with children's fishing programs, wildlife habitat improvement)	
Media Communication (write articles for local papers, help with our web site)	
Stream Team Monitoring	
McNeil Bridge Bat Interpretation	
Volunteering at Balcones Canyonlands National Wildlife refuge	
Environmental surveys (bird counts, amphibian watch, Odonata research)	
Other nature related activities which you feel might qualify for volunteer hours' credit. Please describe below.	

Person to notify in Case of Emergency

Name –First/Last	
Street Address	
City, State, ZIP Code	
Contact Phone	
Cell Phone	

How did you hear about the Good Water Class? Please check Box

Texas Master Naturalist State Website	<input type="checkbox"/>	Newspaper Article	<input type="checkbox"/>
County Library	<input type="checkbox"/>	Facebook, Twitter or other Social Media	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other			

Fee

Course fee is \$150 per person or \$270 for a couple receiving only one manual. Checks should be made payable **to Good Water Chapter TX MN**. Fill out the application and background check form (attached) (for both applicants if applying as a couple) and mail along with your check to:

**Attention: Good Water Master Naturalist Chapter
c/o Nancy Phillips
100 Klein Court
Georgetown, TX 78626**

Name of 2nd Person taking Course:

Please note: Registration is not complete until payment has been received and the Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Criminal Background Check has been received.

Agreement and Signature

By submitting this application, I understand that if I am accepted for the training class, I will be expected to complete the training class program for the Certificate of Graduation. **Then, in order to achieve my Initial Certification as a Master Naturalist, I will be expected to contribute a minimum of 40 hours of approved Master Naturalist volunteer work, and I will also further my knowledge by completing at least 8 hours of approved advanced educational training within a one-year period of the completion of the class.**

Signature	
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Date	
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Volunteer Application Form

And consent for criminal background history check authorization/ waiver

To be completed by Extension program volunteers (EFNEP, BLT, etc.) and Master Volunteers only.

4-H volunteers must register via 4-H CONNECT or by completing the 4-H Adult Volunteer Application (4-H 2-1.056)

Please Print:

1. APPLICANT'S FULL, LEGAL NAME _____ 2. COUNTY _____
3. ADDRESS _____ 4. CITY _____ ZIP _____
5. FIRST 5 DIGITS OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER _____ 6. DATE OF BIRTH (Month/Date/Year) _____
7. DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER (optional) _____ 8 GENDER (circle one) Male / Female
9. Are you of Hispanic ethnicity? Yes / No _____ 10. VOLUNTEER PROGRAM AREA _____

RACE (circle one) White / Black / Asian / American Indian

Alaskan Native / Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander

Previously Screened

11. I verify that I have been screened including a criminal background check and PASSED. Yes No
- If yes, by who? _____ When (Year) _____
- For what purpose? _____

Did you pass? If not, what restrictions were imposed? _____

If you have been screened and passed a criminal background check through and Extension-approved entity, a letter/proof must be submitted.

Please sign at the bottom of the form.

12. I hereby authorize veriFYI and/or its Service Provider and the Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service to request and receive any and all background information about or concerning me, including, but not limited to, my Criminal History, Driving Record, Employment History, Military Background, Civil Listings, Educational Background, Professional License from any Individual, Corporation, Partnership, Law Enforcement Agency, and other entities including my Present and Past Employers. I authorize the Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service or any of its components to make reference checks relating to my volunteer service. I understand that this information will be used to determine my eligibility as a volunteer/employee with the Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service.

The criminal history, as received from the reporting agencies, may include arrest and conviction data, as well as plea bargains and deferred adjudications and delinquent conduct committed as a juvenile. I understand that the information will be used, in part, to determine my eligibility for an employment/volunteer position with this organization. I also understand that as long as I remain an employee or volunteer here, the criminal history check may be repeated at any time. I understand that I will have an opportunity to review the criminal history as received by client/agency and a procedure is available for clarification, if I dispute the record as received. I also understand that the criminal history could contain information presumed to be expunged.

I further release and discharge veriFYI and their Service Provider and all of their Subsidiaries, Affiliates, Officer, Employees, Contract Personnel, or Associates, from any and all claims and liability arising out of any request for information or records pursuant to this authorization and/or procurement of an investigative consumer report and understand that it may contain information about my character, general reputation, personal characteristics, and mode of living, whichever are applicable.

13. DATE _____ 14. APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE _____