

## **Texas Master Naturalist – Standards of Conduct**

Texas Master Naturalist Program volunteers shall at all times:

1. Uphold the Commitment made to the Program and the required volunteer and advanced training hours required by the Texas Master Naturalist Program and the Local Chapter.
2. Uphold the dignity and integrity of the Texas Master Naturalist Program. Volunteers shall endeavor to avoid even the suspicion of dishonesty, fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, or unprofessional demeanor.
3. Conduct themselves appropriately to context and setting at all times.
4. Be considerate and respect other's points of view.
5. Keep accurate records of volunteer service, training and research, and monthly (at a minimum) report these records to your local Chapter.
6. Avoid performing service when such service is judged to be contrary to the Code of Ethics or detrimental to the well-being of the Texas Master Naturalist Program and its sponsors, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.
7. Provide maximum possible effort in the best interest of each client and/or volunteer project.
8. Be mindful of their responsibility to society and the Texas Master Naturalist Program.
9. Studiously avoid discrimination in any form, or the abuse of Texas Master Naturalist Program authority, Certification, or Membership for personal satisfaction. Advocacy, lobbying or promoting political issues while performing as a TMN volunteer is strictly prohibited.
10. Cooperate fully with professionals and other Master Naturalist volunteers in the best interest of our natural resources.
11. Refrain from advertising in a self-laudatory manner, beyond statements intended to inform prospective clients or members of qualifications, or in a manner detrimental to the Texas Master Naturalist Program and its volunteers.
12. Avoid all use of alcohol and controlled substances while on duty as a Texas Master Naturalist volunteer. Reporting for service while under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance will result in termination from volunteer service.
13. Accept responsibility for decisions made and actions taken based on these decisions.