

Good Water Master Naturalist Training Class Application

We believe everyone with an interest in nature deserves to learn, grow, and share their passion as a member of the Good Water Master Naturalist Chapter.



Classes Start – Tuesday, September 2, 2025

Thank you for your interest in becoming a member of the Good Water Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalist.

The Good Water Chapter holds 2 training series each year. One in the Spring, from March until May, on Tuesday afternoons from 1:00-5:00 p.m. and 2 or 3 field trips usually on Saturdays. The second training is in the fall, from September until December, on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 pm to 9:30 p.m. and 2 or 3 field trips on Saturdays. In person field trips include moderate walking.

The fee is \$150 a person. The cost for two people registering together is \$270 if they want one curriculum book to share. Partial scholarships are available. This fee covers the curriculum book, name tags, handouts, background check, journals, and certificates.

The 2025 Fall Training Class will be in person. The Fall Training Class will begin on Tuesday, September 2 and will meet on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 – 9:30 p.m. and will end Tuesday, December 16 with a few Saturday classes and field trips.

Classes cover amphibians, bats, geology, forests, trees, wildflowers, habitat and much more. The emphasis is on Central Texas. Our classes are taught by experts in each of these subjects. It is important that you attend all classes and field trips. Classes that are missed will need to be made up. Makeups are arranged on an individual basis. We will take the first 25 applicants.

Requirements:

1. You must pass a background check which is conducted online during the first class. Results are usually received within a few days.
2. Once you have passed your background check you may start volunteering. You must complete 40 hours of volunteer service and 8 hours of advanced training to become certified. You have 1 year from the date of your first class to complete these hours. You will have many opportunities for volunteering and advanced training. **Cutoff date for acceptance in this class is August 29, 2025.**

If you have questions, contact Mary Ann Melton:

Email: mammilton50@mac.com

Phone: 512-740-1133

Contact Information

Name:		
Name for Nametag		
Preferred Pronoun		
Street Address		
City, State, ZIP Code		
Home Phone/Cell Phone		
E-Mail Address		
Birthdate (*Required for Background check)		

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

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Special skills

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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.

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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 (presentations to local organizations, working with new landowners, manning nature related booths at local events, etc.)	
Volunteering at Berry Springs 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 Activities (Describe Below)	
Undecided	

Please describe below other Nature related activities you enjoy.

Person to notify in Case of Emergency:

Name	
Street Address	
City, State, ZIP Code	
Home Phone	
Work Phone	

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, 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 starting date of the class.**

Signature	
Date	

Partial Scholarship Request

Check here if you wish to apply for the partial scholarship.	
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Fee

Checks should be made payable to **Good Water Chapter TX MN**. (Fill out the application for both applicants if two are applying) and mail along with your check to:

**GWMN Treasurer Bob Waring
6910 N. Lakewood Dr.
Georgetown, TX 78633**