

# Biweekly Newsletter



August 05, 2018

*Mission. 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.*

## **Guadalupe Master Naturalists Monthly Program and Meeting**

**Date:** Monday, August 27, 2018

**Time:** 6:30 - **Social Time:** Bring your favorite treat to share. Drinks will be provided. Earn *volunteer time* by assisting in the pre-meeting room set-up and/or helping with the after meeting clean-up!

Please contact [Tonya Harker](mailto:Tonya.Harker@agrilifeextension.org) and volunteer to help with the refreshments. Contact her at [hark210@icloud.com](mailto:hark210@icloud.com) or 210-860-8608.

7:00 - Program – Lenny Scott from the Irma Lewis Seguin Outdoor Learning will speak on marine and fresh water turtles.

**Location:** AgriLife Extension, 210 E. Live Oak, Seguin, TX 78155



## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Discover a Bugs World**

**Date:** Monday, September 10

**Time:** 2:00 PM – Home-schooled students [pending]  
4:00 PM – After-school children

**Description:** Children will explore concepts on insect structure and life.



**Leader:** Gayle Temple; contact information 303-249-3507 or [gmarguer@gmail.com](mailto:gmarguer@gmail.com)  
**Sign-up opportunity at the August meeting.**

## Park West Update

Our volunteer activities at Park West will be soon be active again under the direction of Chris Dyess and Nancy Masterson.

Thank You  
Chris and Nancy

for assuming the leadership of this important volunteer activity!

## Citizen Science Opportunities

This committee, under the leadership of Tom Hardaway, will be announcing several activities for Chapter members in the weeks to come.

### ADVANCED TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

## Texas Outdoor Education Association Annual Workshop

Date: Friday, Saturday, Sunday , September 28 – 30, 2018

Location: Echo Valley - HE Butt Family Foundation, Leakey, TX

Description: The Texas Outdoor Education Association (TOEA) is a non-profit education community that promotes bringing the outdoors into our classroom and to the world. TOEA offers an annual Fall Workshop where educators from across Texas can share ideas with one another.

Our mission is to be an organization of individuals and groups with a common interest in outdoor education working toward the attainment of an appreciation, understanding and wise use of the total environment by all people.

You can find more information about our organization at [www.toea.org](http://www.toea.org)

We hope you consider attending as a presenter or a participant! Some of the previous workshops have included sessions such as these listed below. We do offer TEEAC credit for sessions that you attend.

-Kayaking

**-Flower pressing and identification**

**-Nature hike and journaling**

**-Aquatic sampling**

-Camp cooking with Dutch ovens-Fly fishing

-Photography

-Ziplining

**-Geology/Fossils**

-Entomology

- Astronomy

You will need to pick and choose those sessions that support the Master Naturalist program goals to satisfy Advanced Training requirements. Submit to Advanced Training Committee for approval.

Cost: \$140.00 + \$20.00 [membership to TOEA]

Registration Deadline: August 15, 2018

Website Information: <https://www.toea.org/2018-workshop-information/>

Contact: **Caity Martin**

Director of Programming; HEBFF Outdoor

The H.E. Butt Family Foundation

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## **Cibolo Nature Center**

**FLYING WILD TRAINING**

**Teachers & Volunteer Educators**

Come learn how to teach almost anything in any setting—indoor or outdoor classroom—using birds to fly the information into hearts and minds.

Bird Education Network bird educators Patsy & Tom Inget will show you HOW as they guide you through the Flying WILD curriculum.

Acquire CEUs and Master Naturalist AT Hours

**Tuesday, August 21**  
9am - 3pm  
\$25 / person, Limit 25  
free for Cibolo Nature Center volunteers  
Register Online: [www.Cibolo.org](http://www.Cibolo.org)

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Join us for our Texas Master Naturalist Program Annual Meeting to gather, learn and celebrate our 20th Anniversary. This year's event will kick off Friday October 26th and run through the weekend to October 28th, and is being hosted at the Sheraton Georgetown Hotel and Conference Center.

This year's agenda is PACKED with over 150+ sessions – more than we've ever had before! The Annual Meeting Agenda is linked below. Please note, all agenda items are tentative at this time, except for meal times. As in years past, registration includes signing up for technical sessions and field session attendance as many of the classrooms and space available on the field sessions is limited. Please prepare before registering with your preferred attendance at sessions. Our field sessions typically fill up very quickly!

As an added BONUS this year, we have 30 – THIRTY – off site field sessions throughout the Georgetown and surrounding county areas. These are all in ADDITION to our typical concurrent technical session happening on site at the Sheraton Georgetown throughout the weekend. These field sessions are scattered from Thursday through Monday and we have developed a "Get Outside Guide" to be used for learning about these unique opportunities. All sessions contained in this guide will require pre-registration through the event registration page once live. Highlight your preferences now! \*Note – not all of the field sessions count for Advanced Training or have transportation provided. Pay special attention to the key on the pages to see what's included or needed for each session.

## Registration is **NOW OPEN!**

Go to the website for information: <https://txmn.org/2018-annual-meeting/>

**Drawing for \$75.00 scholarship** given by the state office will be held at the August Chapter meeting! If you are planning to attend the Annual Meeting, you will want to enter the drawing.

## CHAPTER NEWS

Citizen Science Committee members Clara Mae Marcotte, Donna Bratcher and Tom Hardaway assisted the Environmental Biology summer school class from Seguin High School at Walnut Springs Park. The students have developed a trail which will have identifying information for those visiting the park.



Mayor Don Keil talks to the students about the history of Walnut Springs and the restoration of of the park.



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



# TOM



Monday, December 10, 2018  
St. John's Lutheran Church, Marion

VMS/TIME TRACKING NEWS

Remember to submit your AT and Volunteer hours!

NEXT NEWSLETTER

Please send announcements and news items for distribution in the newsletter to Marilyn Anderson, [MarilynA@access4less.net](mailto:MarilynA@access4less.net).

Next deadline is Friday, August 17 for the August 19, 2018 newsletter.



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