

Biweekly Newsletter



September 04, 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.*

MEETINGS

Guadalupe Master Naturalists Monthly Program and Meeting

Date: Monday, September 24, 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 and volunteer to help with the refreshments. Contact her at hark210@icloud.com or 210-860-8608.

7:00 - Program – Tom Hardaway will present the program on the Texas State reptile, the Texas Horned Lizard.

Location: AgriLife Extension, 210 E. Live Oak, Seguin, TX 7815



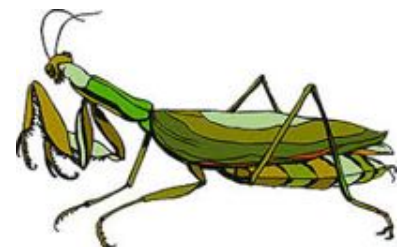
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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.

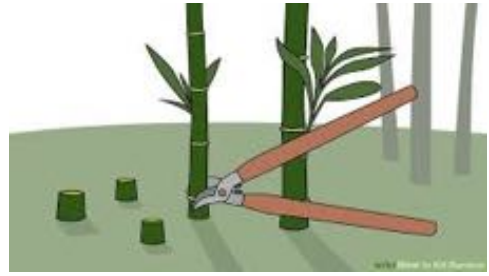


Leader: Gayle Temple; contact information 303-249-3307 or gmarguer@gmail.com

Location: Seguin Public Library, 313 W. Nolte St., Seguin

Hot Dog Days with TLU Students at Park West

Date: Saturday, Sept. 8, 2018
Time: 8:00 AM – 12:00 noon
Location: Meet in Splash Pad parking lot



Description: GMN will host about 15 TLU students volunteering with Hot Dog Day. They will be cutting and hauling the last of the bamboo in the southwest corner of Park West and doing some weeding in the pollinator garden if they are efficient with the bamboo. We need 2 – 5 people to help organize and work with the students.

Bring loppers; if you have extra loppers you would be willing to share please bring them as well. Wear closed-toes shoes or boots. Long sleeves, insect repellent and sunscreen are recommended.
Water will be provided.

Contact: Chris Dyess ced16123@gmail.com

Discover Early Texans

Date: Monday, October 1
Time: 2:00 [Home-schooled children] and 4:00 [After-school children]
Location: Seguin Public Library, 313 W. Nolte St., Seguin

Description: Interpreters follow a typical day in the life of Tonkawa child with food gathering, food preparation and tool-making and creating ceremonial objects.

Training session for those helping with the program will be held toward the end of September.

Contact: Larry White, uhu2you@hotmail.com 830-433-9107

Discover Early Texans

Date: Saturday, October 6
Time: 10:00 AM
Location: Crescent Bend Nature Park, Schertz

Description: Interpreters follow a typical day in the life of Tonkawa child with food gathering, food preparation and tool-making and creating ceremonial objects.

This session is in need of helpers! Please contact Larry to help.

Training session for those helping with the program will be held toward the end of September.

Contact: Larry White, uhu2you@hotmail.com 830-433-9107

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

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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www.hebffoutdoor.org

Riparian Planting / Irma Lewis Seguin Outdoor Learning Center

Date/Time: TBD

Location: Seguin Outdoor Learning Center

Description: Now that the summer is coming to an end, we want to do a little more planting along the Creek. Specifically in the area around the stairs (that lost a lot of plants during that big storm right after we planted the first time) and the areas where we treated the elephant ears (they are almost all gone from where we treated so we want to make sure to plant something in their place).

We are thinking about going out [sometime late in September](#) and wanted to know if y'all had any schools or volunteers who might be looking for some community service hours? We can plan the planting day during the week or on a weekend, whichever may be easier for volunteers.

I don't think we will need that many volunteers since this will be a smaller, more localized planting. Probably only between 5 and 10 people. Let us know if you have any ideas of people we may be able to reach out to.

Contact: Clare Entwistle, Research Associate, Texas Water Resources Institute

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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/>

Congratulations to Daryl Styblo for winning the \$75.00 scholarship given by the state office to offset convention expense

Watershed Protection and Re-Vegetating Geronimo Creek
Guadalupe County Native Plant Society

Date: Tuesday, September 11, 2018
Time: 6:30 PM – Refreshments/Social
7:00 – Program
8:00 – Business Meeting

Description: Cattle production, row crop horticulture, and growing urban areas severely affect our watershed. Even surviving native plants are impacted by excessive nutrient enrichment and elevated nitrates due to rainwater runoff from these areas.

Our watershed must be protected by limiting pollutants, removing invasive plants and wildlife, re-vegetating with natives, and supporting projects like the Irma Lewis Seguin Outdoor Learning Center with its rainwater harvesting, vegetated swales, native grasses, a rain garden, a detention pond, pervious pavement, and educational creek walks.

Our friend **Ward Ling** is an extension program specialist with Texas A&M university, serving as the Geronimo and Alligator Creek Watershed coordinator. He directs the efforts of landowners and local volunteers from NPSOT, Master Naturalists and Master Gardeners. Come and learn more about this essential work, and how we can help, from this devoted expert.



Location: St. John's Lutheran Church, FM 465, Marion, TX

CHAPTER NEWS



Holiday Social

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.

Next deadline is Friday, September 14 for the September 16, 2018 newsletter.



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