

Biweekly Newsletter



September 16, 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: 5:30 – Board of Directors meeting

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@ag.tamu.edu) 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

Riparian Planting – Irma Lewis Seguin Outdoor Learning Center

Date: Friday, September 21

Time: 9:00 AM – early PM

Location: Irma Lewis Seguin Outdoor Learning Center

Description: We want to do a little more planting along Geronimo Creek, specifically in the area around the stairs. That area lost a lot of plants during that big storm right after we planted the first time. We will also plant 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.

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

210-277-0292, x. 205 210-277-0378 clare.entwistle@ag.tamu.edu

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, 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

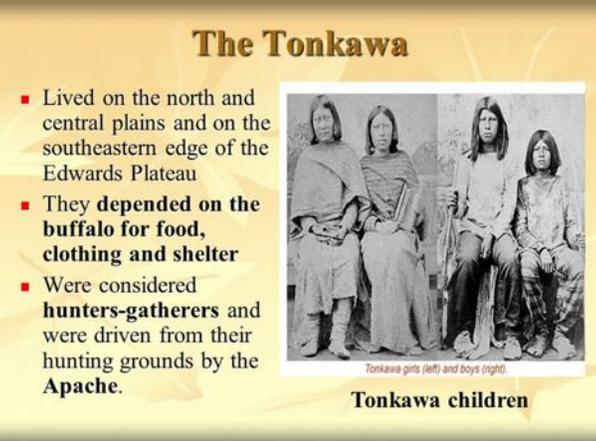
Location: Crescent Bend Nature Park, Schertz

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

[This session is in need of helpers! Please contact Larry to help.](#)

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The Tonkawa

- Lived on the north and central plains and on the southeastern edge of the Edwards Plateau
- They **depended on the buffalo for food, clothing and shelter**
- Were considered **hunters-gatherers** and were driven from their hunting grounds by the Apache.

Tonkawa girls (left) and boys (right).

Tonkawa children

Palmetto State Park – Victoria High School classes

Dates: to be finalized [late October]

Time: 10:00 AM – 2:30 PM

Location: Palmetto State Park

Description: GBRA and TPWD are hosting two Victoria High Schools at Palmetto State Park. There are opportunities for Texas Master Naturalists to volunteer at two stations: **Bird watching** and **Water Quality**.

Contact: Cinde Thomas-Jimenez at GBRA
cthomas-jimenez@gbra.org; 830-660-9036.

ADVANCED TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Ecosystems of Costa Rica / Guadalupe Master Gardeners

Date: Thursday, September 20

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: AgriLife Extension bldg., 210 E. Live Oak, Seguin

Description: TLU Biology professor Dr. Mark Gustafson will speak on his experiences exploring the various ecosystems of Costa Rica.

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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October 26-28, 2018

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 whats included or needed for each session.

Registration is **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

Guadalupe Master Naturalists help area children
Discover Insects at the Seguin Public Library.



Betty Hughes has their attention!



Tom Hardaway shows how to use the "critter cage" to get an up close look.



The children are interested in what Janet Magee and Liz Romero have to share.

Hot Dog Days



Texas Lutheran University students team up with the Guadalupe Master Naturalists to eradicate invasive bamboo at Park West. Guadalupe Master Naturalists are: far left – Chris Dyess; second from right – Craig Wagner; far right – Sharon Frels; photographer – Tom Hardaway



Holiday Social

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

FYI

Fall Native Plant Sale – San Antonio Chapter, Native Plant Society

Date: Saturday, September 29

Time: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Location: Phil Hardberger Park East, 13203 Blanco Road, San Antonio, TX

Description: See listing of available plants at <https://npsot.org/wp/sanantonio/bexar-roots-sale-list/>



Texas Red Yucca



American Beautyberry



For a water-wise landscape that requires minimal attention, plant Texas natives!

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, October 5 for the October 7, 2018 newsletter.



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