



***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, April 22, 2019

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 at tonyaharker@gmail.com or 210-860-8608 and volunteer to help with the refreshments.

7:00 Program: Dr. Mark Gustafson, Professor of Biology and Director of Environmental Studies at Texas Lutheran University, will speak on “Benthic Invertebrates in Walnut Branch and Geronimo Creek.” If you have assisted with our “Discovery What’s Swimming” or “Bug Pickin’ “ Activity at the Outdoor Learning Center, you have observed the diversity of macroinvertebrates in these two local creeks. Dr. Gustafson will explain why we look at these populations and why that knowledge is important to the health of the aquatic systems.



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

Nature Education – Discover Refresher Training

Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2019

Time: 1:00 – 4:00 PM

Location: Schertz Public Library, 798 Schertz Pkwy, Schertz, TX

Description: Volunteer training covering four Discover programs: What’s Swimming; A Bug’s World; Early Texans; Clues and Traces.

Contact: Nancy Masterson, nsethermasterson@gmail.com or 830-305-9104

NATURE EDUCATION

Walk With a Naturalist

Date: Every Tuesday in April 2019

Time: 9:00 – 10:00 AM

Location: Park West Splash Pad



Description: While leading adults along the trail of Park West, you will introduce the Master Naturalist program to participants. Share with them the activities we perform at Park West and what we do as naturalists. Encourage them to attend our meeting and consider joining our new class. This is a promotional effort to share the Master Naturalist mission with adults and spark their interest in our program.

April Leaders: Nancy Masterson - 2nd John Edson - 9th Kate Schnautz- 16th
Chris Dyess- 23rd Francine Edson - 30th

Discover What's Buzzing and Blooming

Dates/Times: Monday, April 8, 2:00 [home school] and
4:00 PM [after school], Seguin Public Library
Saturday, April 13, 10:00 AM, Crescent Bend Nature Park



Description: Children will discover the connections and interdependence in nature by exploring pollinators and the plants they interact with.

Leaders: Naturalists at **Seguin Library** are Leader Liz Romero with Kate Schnautz, Pam Turner, Janet Magee and Larry White. The leader at **Crescent Bend** will be Mark deKiewiet and Naturalists assisting are Kim Lewis, Gayle Temple and Nancy Masterson.

Forest Health

Date: Wednesdays, April 10 and 24, 2019

Time: 9:00 – 11:30 AM

Location: Park West Outdoor Classroom, across from soccer field

Description: Help improve the native biodiversity of Park West by removing invasive plants that alter the natural ecosystem. Wear long sleeves and pants, hat, closed-toe shoes and work gloves. Bring drinking water and tools [lopping shears, small saws, rakes]

Contact: Chris Dyess



Projects/Contacts

1. Park West:
 - A. Nature Trail – *Chris Dyess*
 - B. Invasive Plant Removal – *Chris Dyess*
2. Frog Watch – *Tom Hardaway*
3. Butterflies:
 - A. Monarch Monitoring – *Liz Romero*
 - B. Pollinator Garden – *Pam Turner*
4. Stream Team / Water Quality Monitoring -
5. BioBlitz:
 - A. Crescent Bend
 - B. Park West
 - C. SOLC
 - D. Walnut Creek Park
6. Stream Biological Surveys – *Tom Hardaway*
 - A. Walnut Creek
 - B. Cibolo Creek
 - C. Geronimo Creek
7. Maintenance Assistance
 - A. Neasloney WMA – *Craig Wagner*
 - B. Palmetto SP – *Craig Sagebiel*
8. Bird Blinds
 - A. Crescent Bend
 - B. Warbler Woods
9. Bluebird Trail

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Pollinator Garden

Dates: Wednesdays April 3 and 17

Time: 8:30 – 10:00 AM

Location: Park West Pollinator Garden

Description: April 3 workday will be for weeding and general clean-up of the garden. The April 17 workday will be for planting. Bring weeding tools for April 3 and digging tool for the 17th. Also remember water, hat, sunscreen, insect spray and appropriate shoes for gardening.

Contact: Pam Turner at mygrandsons@yahoo.com

Irma Lewis Seguin Outdoor Learning Center

The Seguin Outdoor Learning Center is again under a phase of transition. If you want to help with the ongoing educational learning at the Center, please sign up to teach one of the available station lessons below.

Dates/Times/Schools/Lesson Leader Needed

April 3	9:30 AM – 2:00 PM	Vogel Elementary - 2nd	Bird Beaks
April 5	8:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Rodriguez - Kinder	Blue Planet
April 9	8:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Weinert – Kinder	Discover Forest
April 10	10:30 AM – 2:30 PM	Vogel - 1 st	Discover Forest
April 15	8:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Jefferson - 2 nd	Discover Forest
April 16	8:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Koennecke - 5 th	Stream Table - Erosion
April 17	8:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Koennecke - 5 th	Dinosaur Tracks

I helped with the Bird Beaks lesson this past Tuesday and had so much fun! In about 2.5 hours I interacted with 50 children; that's a good return on the time spent.

The lessons are well planned and easy to follow. Please consider volunteering to teach our SISD children about the wonders of nature.

Contact: Michelle Darnell at eesc.solc@gmail.com or text 210.601.8957

Earth Day at Central Park ~ Be A Naturalist!



Booth Training Session

Date: Friday, April 26

Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 noon

Location: AgriLife Extension Bldg.

Description: Preparation time for the Earth

Day event. Materials will be divided and organized for the next day's event.



Earth Day Event

Your help is needed in our booth!

Date: Saturday, April 27, 2019

Time: 10:00 AM– 3:00 PM

Location: West side of Central Park in downtown Seguin

Description: Here's your opportunity to "sell" the Master Naturalist program to others in our community. Our booth will focus on the various aspects of the Master Naturalist program with exhibits focused on learning about botany, geology, insects, birds, rangelands and early Texans.

The day is divided into manageable shifts and the hope is for six volunteers per shift:

8:30 – 10:00 AM – Set-Up - 3 people on schedule but two more would be a big help

10:00 – 11:30 AM – 3 people signed up

11:30 AM – 1:00 pm – Only 1 person signed up; we need at least 2 more

1:00 – 3:00 PM – Two people signed up; at least 1 more needed

3:00 – 4:00 – Tear Down – 3 people signed up, need 2 more



Please Contact: Larry White auhu2you@hotmail.com
or 830-303-0333

Palmetto State Park / Dates and Times Vary

Liz Palfini has provided an assortment of activities Master Naturalists can perform at the park:

1. **Nature walk/bird walk** once a month. Second Saturday of each month either morning or afternoon.
2. **Full moon and New Moon night hike** each month that moon falls on or close to Friday-Sun
Current dates are April 19 Full Moon, May 4 New Moon, May 18 Full Moon, August 16 Full Moon, August 30 New Moon, September 13 Full Moon, September 28 New Moon, October 12 Full Moon,
3. Palmetto offers **field trip opportunities for schools** Tuesday – Thursday year round. Most schools book between the months of March to May.
4. **Summer Camp** help the first 2 weeks of June – specific activities at specific times that would require just one to two people. An example would be one hour programs like a skins and skulls program, an abiotic vs biotic hike, Tree hike, bird hike and binocular 101

We can also propose our own ideas for learning activities. Our Discovery modules would work well at Palmetto. If you have a desire to share outdoor activities with campers and extend their nature experience, contact Liz Palfini at 830-672-3266 xt 223 (office) 830-203-7734 (cell)

liz.palfini@tpwd.texas.gov

ADVANCED TRAINING

Guadalupe Co. Native Plant Society – Chapter Meeting

Date: Tuesday, April 9, 2019

Time: 6:30 – Refreshments

7:00 – Program:

Description: Native Plant Seed Collecting – Presented by “Cleve” Powell, conservation consultant for San Antonio Water System and “Garden Style” author. He is enthusiastic about grass taxonomy and milkweed propagation.

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



Lindheimer Chapter NPSOT Meeting

Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2019

Time: 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Location: GVTC Auditorium, 36101 FM3159, New Braunfels

Description: Window on a Texas Wildscape will be presented by Sheryl Smith-Rodgers

Bracken Bat Cave Docent Training

Date: Tuesday, April 23, 2019

Time: 5:30 – 8:30

Location: Rockwall Ranch Club House, 27407 Felswand Parkway, New Braunfels

Description: Training prepares volunteers for assisting with Bat Cave programs and activities.

Contact: Edith Bergquist donedith@sbcglobal.net for more information

Fall Training Class

The Training Class Committee met on January 28 and completed some of the necessary plans for the class which starts August 13. Student applications are ready for distribution as well as an advertising flier. **Both documents are attached to this newsletter email message.**

Every Chapter member is part of the recruiting team! Please join with the committee by spreading the word. Please print copies of the application and flier to distribute. Without the infusion of new members, our Chapter programs will not prosper.

We Need You to Help Our Chapter Grow

Wildflower Wonder

Thriving in wild prairies and cultivated public spaces, the bluebonnet is an emblem of civic pride in Texas, and a flower of botanic interest. Some species—for example, *L. texensis*—have evolved a visual signifier to pollinators. Younger blossoms have a white center, which is a visual cue to pollinators. After pollination, the center turns purple—a color that pollinators don't see as well.

The bluebonnet is a smart, strong flower, and, thanks to a state's embrace, a true Texan



\$25.00

Treasurer Larry White
134 Indian Trail, Seguin, TX 78155

Chapter Dues are now past due



NEXT NEWSLETTER

Please send announcements and news items for distribution in the newsletter to Marilyn Anderson, MarilynA@access4less.net.

Deadline for next issue – Friday, May 3 for the May 5 edition.

VMS TIME TRACKING

Remember to submit your AT and Volunteer hours!



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