



No Chapter Meetings June & July



NATURE EDUCATION

June Program – Discover a Bug’s World

Dates/Times/Location: -

- 1] Saturday, June 8, 10:00 AM
Schertz Library, 798 Schertz Parkway, Schertz

- 2] Monday, June 10, 2:00 [home school]
4:00 PM
Seguin Public Library, 313 W. Nolte. Seguin



Description: Bugs are a natural, and essential, part of the environment. This lesson teaches children the importance of bugs in the natural world.

Leaders:

The leader at **Crescent Bend** will be Gayle Temple. Sign up to assist her at gmarguer@gmail.com. Please arrive at 9:00 to help set up.

Naturalists at **Seguin Library** are Leader Jennifer Ehlers. Sign up with her at ehlers@gvec.net. Please arrive at 1:00.

July Program - Discover Early Texans

Dates/Times/Location:

1] Monday, July 8, 2:00 [home school]
4:00 PM

Seguin Public Library, 313 W. Nolte. Seguin

2] Saturday, July 13, 10:00 AM

Schertz Library, 798 Schertz Parkway, Schertz



Description: Explore how children of the local Tonkawa tribe learned how to live off the land by using natural resources for basic daily needs like food, shelter tools, clothing and ceremonial objects.

Leaders:

Naturalists at **Seguin Library** are Leader Larry White. Sign up with him at the May 27 Chapter meeting, email at uhu2you@hotmail.com or call 830-466-9107. Please arrive at 1:00.

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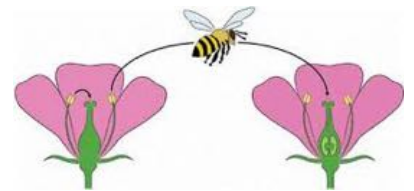


Pollinator Garden

Date: Wednesday, June 5 and 19, 2019

Time: 8:30 – 10:00 AM

Location: Park West Pollinator Garden



Description: Maintenance of the pollinator garden and care of new plants that were put in last month. Bring gardening tools. Also, remember water, hat, sunscreen, insect spray and appropriate shoes for gardening.

Twice monthly work-days [1st and 3rd Wednesdays] will continue all summer.

Contact: Pam Turner, John Edson, Liz Romero, and Clara Mae Marcotte are co-chairs.

Forest Health Invasive Removal

No Park West invasive removal during the summer.
Activity will resume when cooler fall temperatures return.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Palmetto State Park / Dates and Times Vary

Liz Palfini, Park Superintendent, 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

Guadalupe Co. Native Plant Society – Chapter Meeting

Saving Texas Native Bees Native Bee Identification and Conservation



Date: Tuesday, June 11

Time: 6:30 – Refreshments

7:00 – Program: by Dr. Jessica Beckham



Description: Dr. Beckham is a lecturer in the Environmental Science and Ecology Department at UTSA. She earned her PhD in environmental science at UNT in 2016 with research on conserving native bumble bees. Past projects include mapping the distribution of native Texas bee species, and the importance of green spaces for urban bees. She is working to establish the range and status of the Sonoran bumble bee and is a champion of citizen scientists.

Location: St. John's Lutheran Church, 600 S. Center [FM 465] Marion, TX

Website: <https://npsot.org/wp/guadalupe/>

Lindheimer Chapter Master Naturalists

Date: Thursday, June 20, 2019

Time: 5:45 – Refreshments

6:15 – Speaker

Description: Geologist Amy Clark will speak on the topic “Introduction to Karst and it’s Environmental Impact.”

Location: Tye Preston Memorial Library, 16311 S. Access Rd. Canyon Lake, TX

Website: <https://txmn.org/lindheimer/monthly-meetings/>

Healthy Lawns Healthy Waters Program

Date: Tuesday, June 25, 2019

Time: 1:00 – 5:00 PM

Location: Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority William E. West, Jr. Annex located at 905 Nolan Street, Seguin.

Description: This free program aims to improve and protect surface water quality by enhancing awareness and knowledge of best management practices for residential landscape. Attendees will learn about the design and installation of residential rainwater harvesting systems and appropriate turf and landscape species based on local conditions

A free soil sample analysis is available to everyone attending. For soil sample collection information, visit the either the Comal County or Guadalupe County Texas A&M AgriLife Extension office prior to the event to pick up your sample bag. If you bring your soil sample with you to the program and drop it off, lab analysis results will be mailed to you a couple of weeks after the event.

A 50 gallon rain barrel will be given away as a door prize!

For more information or to reserve your spot, go to <https://hlhw.tamu.edu/>

Agaves, Yuccas and Their Kin

Date: Saturday, June 8, 2019

Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Location: San Antonio Botanical Garden, 555 Funston Place, San Antonio

Description: Mary Irish will provide an overview and chief identifying characteristics of agaves, yuccas, nolinias, and similar drought tolerant plants, will have specimens to view, will discuss their use in landscapes and then lead of tour of the Garden. Sponsored by San Antonio Water System.



Instructor: Mary Irish; award-winning horticultural consultant, author of several books on landscaping in the Southwest US, manager of plant sales at the San Antonio Botanical Garden

Fee: \$20

Registration, copy/paste this link to your browser:
<https://22076.blackbaudhosting.com/22076/Agaves-Yuccas-and-Their-Kin>

Nature Box Workshop

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

to lead elementary grade activities in the classroom as part of the Cibolo Nature Center Outreach "Nature Box" program.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1ST

8:30AM-12:30PM | FABRA FARM

39665 Interstate
10W, Boerne, TX

TOPICS:

Worms and Composting
Ecosystems and their Food Webs
Hill Country Woods and Creeks
Coral Reefs

**\$15 PER PERSON,
VOLUNTEERS FREE**

REGISTER: WWW.CIBOLO.ORG

Acquire CEUs and
Master Naturalist
AT Hours



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FALL TRAINING CLASS

The Training Class committee is excited about the new class starting August 13. All speakers are confirmed and just waiting on one Field Trip verification. We have several NEW presenters this year so you might think about sitting in on a class and picking up AT hours while learning something new.

We have talked to many prospective students through our Earth Day booth and the Walk With a Naturalist program. But, we still need your help in recruiting more students.

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. Both documents are attached to this newsletter email message.

We will have two “Lunch & Learn” meetings to introduce potential students to the Master Naturalist program. Here is the Vital Information:

Lunch & Learn ~ 12:00 – 1:00 PM

Bring a brown bag lunch and discover what being a Master Naturalist is all about. Drinks and cookies provided.

- 1] Tuesday, July 16, AgriLife Extension Bldg, 210 E. Live Oak, Seguin
- 2] Wednesday, July 17, Schertz Community Center North,
3501 Morning Dr., Schertz

We Need You to Help Our Chapter Grow



Advanced Training Opportunities

"I'm having trouble finding Advanced Training Opportunities. How do I find approved projects?" You can attend our monthly GMN programs, attend an AT project that someone else found and got approval for, or request approval for an opportunity that piques your interest.

Pre-approved AT projects are listed each month in the newsletter and on the calendar on our website, www.txmn.org/guadalupe/. In addition, on the home page of the website under Advanced Training is a list of approved sponsors; training opportunities presented by those sponsors are generally approved for AT.

If you want to find something other than what is listed in the newsletter or the website consider looking for formal classes, lectures, workshops, guided walks, webinars, or other activities with specific learning objectives. It must be relevant to the Texas eco-system, and courses relating to our local ecological region are preferable. For instance, a lecture on "Flora of the Big Bend" would be acceptable; one on "Common Sparrows of Central Texas" would be preferable; a presentation on "Butterflies of Costa Rica" would not qualify. In general AT opportunities must be held in Guadalupe or one of the surrounding counties and must be open to anyone. If you have found an appropriate-looking opportunity you can request approval for it. Download and fill out the AT Approval Form found in the Members Only part of the website and send it to Cinde Thomas-Jimenez at cthomas-jimenez@gbra.org. Cinde and her committee will review the request and reply to you.

Here's a recently approved webinar series on monarch butterflies which can be found at the following website: monarchjointventure.org/our-work/monarch-webinar-series These webinars have been recorded for several years on various aspects of monarch conservation and education. Check it out for an easy hour or two of AT!

CHAPTER NEWS / REMINDERS

The May Discover program, “Discover What’s Swimming,” was a BIG hit with children and their parents alike! A large number of participants attended at both Crescent Bend and the Seguin Public Library.



This little girl was fascinated with something Tom captured in the kick net.



Master Naturalists Larry White [L] and Janet Magee [R] help children and their parents explore macroinvertebrates collected from Walnut Springs Creek



Wonder what this boys was watching the the tub?
He was obviously invested in the activity!



A SNAKE! A SNAKE!!
Don't say that around Tom. Our Chapter herpetologist dug through brush and logs on the hunt to find the frightened red-bellied water snake. Alas, he managed to make his get-away while all the kids on the bank were very excited.

As good stewards of the environment, we all need to do our part to minimize our impact on the environment. One way we can do that is by reducing our garbage. Let's all try to bring non-disposable tableware to our monthly meetings. Take it home and wash it rather than putting it in the landfill. Thanks to Gayle Temple for this Earth-friendly suggestion.



VMS TIME TRACKING

It's now **more important** than ever to get your hours posted before the 45 day window closes.

Pam Sagebiel has announced, "the VMS administrators in Austin have decided that chapter administrators will no longer be able to edit/update entries past the 45 day limit. I'm not sure when this will take effect, but chapter members need to know that this is coming and that I will no longer be able to update for forgetfulness! I'll be locked into the 45 day limit like everyone else."

Don't lose hours because you fail to post them.

Questions?? Contact: Pam Sagebiel 830-379-0587 (h) 806-392-4431 (c)

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.

Deadline for next issue – Friday, June 28 for the July edition.

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