



***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.*



# Holiday Social

Monday, December 9, 2019  
6:00 PM

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

Potluck Dinner



Turkey will be provided.  
Bring an appetizer, salad, side dish, dessert  
or special holiday dish to share.

Drinks will be provided.

No alcoholic beverages are permitted within the Church Fellowship Hall.

**Donations for the Christian Cupboard will be collected.**

**RSVP** to David Pearson by Friday, December 6 at  
830-779-2709 – h 210-382-2577 – c or  
[dpearson@yahoo.com](mailto:dpearson@yahoo.com)

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### NATURE EDUCATION

#### Irma Lewis Seguin Outdoor Learning Center

Dates / Times Vary with school schedules.

Description: Share your love of nature with school-aged children from surrounding districts and private schools. You will be provided with the developed lesson plans.

Contact: Michelle Darnell at [mdarnelltex@gmail.com](mailto:mdarnelltex@gmail.com) or 210-601-8957 for schedule of opportunities

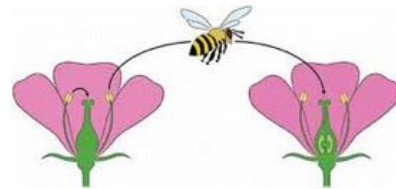
### CITIZEN SCIENCE

#### Pollinator Garden

Date: Wednesdays, November 6 and 20 2019

Time: 8:30 – 10:00 AM

Location: Park West Pollinator Garden



Description: Maintenance of the pollinator garden. Bring gardening tools, water, hat, sunscreen, insect spray and wear appropriate gardening shoes. Contact

Contact: Clara Mae Marcotte, [rcm.marcotte@gmail.com](mailto:rcm.marcotte@gmail.com), Liz Romero, [fleurromero@gmail.com](mailto:fleurromero@gmail.com). Pam Turner, John Edson.

### FOREST HEALTH

#### Forest Health

Date: Wednesday, December 4, 2019

Time: 8:30 – 11:00 AM

Description: The committee has determined there are many work projects that need to be done. You are invited to join the group and help with restoring the Park West vegetation

Meet at parking lot by the splash pad.

We will be spreading wildflower seed, rescuing pearl milkweed vine, and girdling ligustrum. Please bring lopper, machete, saw, or small ax to girdle ligustrum; digging tool, pot(s) filled with potting soil to rescue milkweed.

Location: Splash Pad at Park West, 601 N. Vaughn, Seguin

Contact: Chris Dyess at [ced16123@gmail.com](mailto:ced16123@gmail.com)

## 2019 TRAINING CLASS UPDATE

The 2019 Training Class enjoyed their last field trip then concluded the day with a Graduation Celebration luncheon at the Irma Lewis Seguin Outdoor Learning Center



Joy Schlichting works the kick net, trying to catch some macroinvertebrates



Group enjoys “bug picking.”



David and Deborah Benbow [front] and Sherman and Joy Schlichting [back] learn to run water quality testing



Graduation Luncheon



Class 5 Group Picture

## ADVANCED TRAINING

### **First Friday Bird Walk – Palmetto State Park**

Date: Friday, December 6, 2019

Time: 8:00 AM

Description: Join Park Ranger Jason True and Guadalupe Master Naturalist Pledge Elaine Cowley as they lead you exploring the bird populations found in Palmetto State Park. On the first Friday of every month, join park staff and see what you can see. From first time fledglings to seasoned eagle eyes, all are welcome.

Bring your binoculars, your bird book, comfortable shoes, dress for the weather and be prepared to be outside for about 3 hours. This is an open invitation for birders of all skills to come out and see what you can see.

Check-in at the Park HQ for the birding location.

Location: Palmetto State Park, 78 Park Road 11 South, Gonzales, TX

Contact: Jason True (830) 672-3266 [jason.true@tpwd.texas.gov](mailto:jason.true@tpwd.texas.gov)



## **Purple Martins – The Return**

Date: Saturday, December 7, 2019

Time: 10:00 AM

Description: Learn about Purple Martin housing, nesting, migration and history. You will learn how to attract Martins to your backyard and how to protect them from predators.



Presented by: George Eanes, Lindheimer Master Naturalist & Diane Baikie, Birdfeeding Specialist

Admission is free. Due to limited space, reservations not necessary, but appreciated.  
[wbunewbraunfels@gmail.com](mailto:wbunewbraunfels@gmail.com) (830) 609-9510

Contact: Wild Birds Unlimited of New Braunfels, TX  
1659 SH 46 West, Suite 140 New Braunfels, TX, 78132, US

### CHAPTER NEWS



**\$25.00**

Due to Treasurer Larry White  
by the end of the year.

Pay at Christmas party or  
mail to Larry at:  
134 Indian Trail, Seguin, TX 78155

### VMS TIME TRACKING

Questions?? Contact: Michelle Darnell 210-601-8957 [mdarnomnelltex@gmail](mailto:mdarnomnelltex@gmail.com)  
Pam Sagebiel 830-379-0587 (h) 806-392-4431 (c) [pjsagebiel@yahoo.com](mailto:pjsagebiel@yahoo.com)

**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).

**Deadline for next issue** – Friday, for the December 27 for January 2020 edition.

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