



TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST PROGRAM
Guadalupe Chapter

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210 E Live Oak
Seguin, TX 78155

Dear Prospective Master Naturalist:

Thank you for your interest in the Guadalupe Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalist program. The Texas Master Naturalist program is a statewide organization sponsored by both the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension. The mission of the Texas Master Naturalist Program is 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.

In the Master Naturalist program, you will enhance your love of the outdoors with research-based scientific knowledge. You will receive in-depth training in wildlife and resource management taught by recognized experts. You will also have the opportunity for advanced training in topics that interest you. Once certified, you will be able to provide our community with volunteer service in the form of educational or citizen science projects.

Our next certification training class begins **Tuesday, August 8, 2023** and continues to **November 18, 2023**. Classes will be every other Tuesday afternoon from 1 - 4:30 PM, at the Texas AgriLife Extension Building, 210 E Live Oak St, Seguin TX 78155, unless otherwise indicated. *Note: If you can't attend an afternoon class, we offer evening classes 6 - 9 PM on alternating years at Schertz Senior Center.* Training includes classroom time, Saturday morning field trips, and independent outdoor activities that enrich the learning process. Topics include eco- regions of Texas, water resources, wildlife and rangeland management, among others. The faculty includes university professors, biologists, wildlife specialists, geologists and more.

To become certified, you must attend all scheduled classes, field trips and outdoor activities totaling 54 hours. Then you are expected to complete an additional 40 hours of volunteer service and 8 hours of advanced training within one year of the completion of the class. Only those completing all classwork and the additional 40/8 hours will be awarded the Master Naturalist certification. Your trainers can steer you to make-up opportunities if you must miss a class. They will show you volunteer opportunities that will be open for you to work on your certification requirements as soon as your background check is complete.

To maintain certification, naturalists must complete 40 hours of volunteer service and 8 hours of advanced training annually. As you strive to meet the yearly commitments, you will have the opportunity to work with experts and other volunteers on projects that benefit our community and our natural resources.

The cost of the class is \$125. This fee covers the cost of your background check, Master Naturalist textbook, Master Naturalist T-shirt, name tag and any additional materials. **The deadline for sending your application is August 1, 2023. Early registration is strongly encouraged.** To provide a quality experience for each student, class size is limited to 25. Send your application and the \$125 registration fee to:

Guadalupe Master Naturalist Registration
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Bldg.
210 E. Live Oak St., Seguin, TX 78155

Questions? Email:
class@guadmn.org

TEXT
John Barrington
Cell 830-237-3544
or
Michelle Darnell
Cell 210-601-8957

Meet n' Greet Open Houses

Drop in to discover what being a Naturalist means.

6 PM - 7 PM

Weds, July 12, TX A&M AgriLife Extn, 210 E. Live Oak St, Seguin TX 78155
Tues, July 18, Schertz Sr Center, 608 Schertz Pkwy, Schertz TX 78154

RSVP to **class@guadmn.org**

Class Summary

What: In-depth presentations on natural resource management consisting of eight (8) Tuesday classes and three (3) Saturday classes and/or field trips

Where: Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Building, 210 E Live Oak St, Seguin TX 78155 (except for field trips)

When: 1 - 4:30 PM on Tuesday dates, 9AM-1PM on Saturday dates from August through November 2023

A complete curriculum calendar will be distributed at the first class.

How to Apply

- Application deadline: **August 1, 2023**
- Tuition: **\$125.00** Make checks payable to: **Guadalupe Master Naturalists**
- Complete both sides of the application and send with your **\$125.00** fee to:

Guadalupe Master Naturalist Registration
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension
210 E. Live Oak, Seguin, TX 78155

Please carefully consider the responsibilities of becoming a Certified Master Naturalist:

- I am 18 years of age or older and I agree to a background check
- I will be available for a total of 54 Class Hours which include:
 - Eight class sessions of 3-4 hours each (39 hrs)
 - Three field trips (3-4 hrs each)
 - Four different self-selected volunteer activities (6 hrs) chosen from a list
 - Six continuing education opportunities, (6 hrs) including organizational meetings
- I understand that I must attend all scheduled classes or make them up to graduate.
- I agree to report my volunteer hours on a regular basis
- I understand that in order to achieve recognition as a Certified Master Naturalist, I must complete 40 additional hours of approved volunteer service and obtain 8 hours of approved advanced training within one year of completion of the class
- I understand that to maintain certification as a Texas Master Naturalist I must complete 40 hours of volunteer service and 8 hours of Advanced Training annually.
- I understand I will pay my annual chapter dues (\$25) and participate in chapter activities.

Guadalupe Chapter of Texas Master Naturalists commits to:

- Provide you with a quality training experience
- Circulate a detailed schedule and curriculum before the first class begins
- Give you enriching outdoor opportunities to help you achieve annual recertification
- Invite you to regular programming on natural resources for your continuing education
- Maintain accurate records of your volunteer service
- Welcome you into our chapter of people who share your interest in the natural Texas

Apply today to become a Certified Texas Master Naturalist!