

Texas Master Naturalist program, Guadalupe Chapter, 2025 Training Schedule

Session	Date Location	Time - PM (unless noted)	Topic(s)	Unit(s)	Speaker
1	08/05/2025 Seguin AgriLife Bldg	5:45 - 6:30	Welcome; review class syllabus; handout Chapter paperwork, Meet your mentor		Belinda Rossiter and Debbie Balderez
		6:30 - 7:30	Introduction to and History of Texas Master Naturalist	Intro, 3	Joseph Plappert, Urban Biologist, Texas Parks and Wildlife
		7:30 - 7:45	Break		
		7:45 - 8:15	Introductions of class members / Getting Acquainted		John Barrington
		8:15 - 8:45	Go over steps to certify, and optional opportunities list		Michelle Darnell
		8:45 - 9:00	Wrap up and Evaluation		Marilyn
2	08/19/2025 Seguin AgriLife Bldg	5:45 - 6:00	Anouncements/Opportunities coming up		Belinda Rossiter and Debbie Balderez
		6:00 - 7:15	Interpretation & Volunteers as Teachers	23	Mary Habib
		7:15 - 7:30	Break		
		7:30 - 8:45	Volunteer Conduct, Law and Ethics	22	Joseph Plappert, Urban Biologist, Texas Parks and Wildlife
		8:45 - 9:15	Wrap up and Evaluation		Training person?
3	09/02/2025 Seguin AgriLife Bldg	5:45 - 6:00	Anouncements/Opportunities coming up		Training Facilitator?
		6:00 - 7:15	Citizen Science	24	Sandi Wheeler - Guadalupe Master Naturalist
		7:15 - 7:30	Break		
		7:30 - 8:45	VMS Training		Michelle Darnell
		8:45 - 9:15	Wrap up and Evaluation		Training person?
4	09/16/2025 Evening 6-9PM TX Lutheran Univ., Moody Science Hall	6:00 - 7:30	Plant Taxonomy - Nature of Naming	10, 11	Dr. Alan Lievens, Biology Professor (Retired), Texas Lutheran University
		7:30 - 7:45	Break		
		7:45 - 8:45	Botany		
		8:45 - 9:00	Wrap up and Evaluation		
5	09/30/2025 Seguin AgriLife Bldg	5:45 - 6:00	Anouncements/Opportunities coming up		Belinda Rossiter and Debbie Balderez
		6:00 - 7:15	Urban Ecosystems	21	Judit Green, Urban Biologist, TPWD
		7:15 - 7:30	Break		
		7:30 - 8:45	Herpetology	15	Tom Hardaway
		8:45 - 9:15	Wrap up and Evaluation		Marilyn
FT1	10/11/2025 Saturday 9-11 Palmetto State Park	9:00am - 11:00	Option 2: Palmetto State Park 78 Park Rd 11 S, Gonzales, TX 78629	7	
Texas Master Naturalist Annual Meeting in College Station, Thursday October 16 through Sunday October 19th.					
6	10/14/2025 Seguin AgriLife Bldg	5:45 - 6:00	Anouncements/Opportunities coming up		Belinda Rossiter and Debbie Balderez
		6:00 - 7:15	Weather & Climate	8	Paul Yura, National Weather Service
		7:15 - 7:30	Break		
		7:30 - 8:45	Ornithology	12	Tome and Patsy Inglet
		8:45 - 9:15	Wrap up and Evaluation / Field Trip Information		Marilyn

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7	10/28/2025 Seguin AgriLife Bldg	5:45 - 6:00	Announcements/Opportunities coming up		Belinda Rossiter and Debbie Balderez
		6:00 - 7:15	Geology & Soils	7	Dr. Carter Keairns, Petroleum Geologist
		7:15 - 7:30	Break		
		7:30 - 8:45	Ecological Regions of Texas, Ecological Concepts, and Ecosystems Concepts and Management	4, 5, 6	John Herron, retired conservation ecologist
		8:45 - 9:15	Wrap up and Evaluation / Field Trip Information		Marilyn
FT 2	11/01/2025 Canyon Lake Gorge Saturday	9:00am- 12:00	Geology Field Trip to Canyon Lake Gorge Picnic Lunch after the hike with Mentors 12:30 - 2:00	7	Jim Dyess, retired geologist/Gua. Master Naturalist
8	11/11/2025 Seguin AgriLife Bldg	5:45 - 6:00	Announcements/Opportunities coming up		Belinda Rossiter and Debbie Balderez
		6:00 - 7:15	Entomology	13	Bruce Bebow
		7:15 - 7:30	Break		
		7:30 - 8:45	Native Plants		Craig Bruska
		8:45 - 9:15	Wrap up and Evaluation		
FT 3	11/15/2025 Seguin JOutdoor learning Center	9:00am - 12:00	Aquatic Systems Ecology and Management Wetland Ecology and Management	18, 19	Michelle Darnell and Tom Hardaway
		12:00- 2:00	Lunch and Graduation Celebration		Belinda Rossiter, Deddie, John