

THE HEARTWOOD BULLETIN

HEARTWOOD CHAPTER, TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST

June 17, 2019

Advanced Training & Volunteer Opportunities Announcements

Register now for Sept. 27 and 28, the 38th Annual Conference of the Texas Association for Environmental Education

Location: Sea Star Base, Galveston

Beach expedition, sea kayaking with Artist Boat, Baysmart Express bay cruise, classes.

Register at TAAE.org/conference

Sign up for an Online training, summer-long volunteer opportunity

Texas/Oklahoma Pollinator Project for Summer 2019

The goal of the TOPP is to gather observational data on what plants are most attractive to bees and other pollinators, to provide Texas gardeners and naturalists with observation-based, local data to be used for regional fact sheets, and for efforts to conserve our important pollinator species.

Participation is easy. It involves selecting five different kinds of flowering plants from your garden (or any Texas garden site to which you have access). Your task will be to visually scan each plant (or multiple adjacent plants of the same kind) for 60 seconds and record insect visitors. To be manageable, each plant or planting you observe should cover no more than a 2X2 foot square area. The plants you select may include trees, shrubs, annual or perennial flowers.

Insects will be recorded by general type (e.g., large bee (LGB), medium bee (MB), small green bee (SGB), butterfly or moth (BUTT)...), so you don't need to be a bee expert to collect data.

The one-hour online training will be made available to those who sign up at:

https://agrillife.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eyA8ahpNBj5ZJIP

Partner Organization: Texas A & M Agrilife Extension

Contact: Danielle.dunn@ag.tamu.edu 972-952-9239

VMS code: *AT specific project, in the box type "Texas/Oklahoma Pollinator Project"*

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Advanced Training Opportunities

June 18 Native Plant Society of Texas, Sam Houston Chapter
6:30 pm – Meet & Greet, Social Time, Refreshments
7:00 – 8:00 pm– Chapter Meeting & Presentation at SHSU Natural History and Art Research Center, 746 University Ave, Huntsville 77320
VMS code: AT: Native Plant Society of Texas

June 20 Native Plant Society of Texas, Houston Chapter
6:45 pm – Meet & Greet, Social Time, Refreshments
7:15 pm– Chapter Meeting & Presentation: Just Enough Latin to Go Plant Shopping
Location: Houston Arboretum and Nature Center, 4501 Woodway Dr., Houston 77024
VMS code: AT: Native Plant Society of Texas

June 30 **The Health of Houston's Waters and What You Can Do**
A monthly environmental education web meeting from Christ the King Lutheran Church; Jordan Macha, Executive Director, [Bayou City Waterkeeper](#), will address the health of Houston's water & what you can do.
Location: Online; Cost: Free
Contact: Lisa Brenskelle gcs.lrc@gmail.com
Add to your calendar at this web address: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-health-of-houstons-waters-what-you-can-do-tickets-60682207115?aff=ebapi>
AT code: AT single presentation (Specify Health of Houston's Waters webinar)

July 10 Heartwood Chapter Monthly Meeting
5:30 — 8pm HARC, 8801 Gosling Rd, Spring, TX 77381
Herpetology *Please note this is NOT the first Wednesday of the month!*
VMS code: AT:Chapter Meeting Heartwood

July 15 Texas Wildlife Association
9:00 am – Outdoor Teacher Workshop
4:00 pm– Texas A & M Agrilife Extension, Rosenberg, TX
Outreach Teacher Workshops are six (6) hour hands-on trainings that introduce attendees to the Texas Wildlife Association, in-class and outdoor L.A.N.D.S. Outreach lessons and activities, and how to incorporate natural resources into classrooms or programming. Lessons focus on teaching land stewardship, native wildlife, and water conservation and are TEKS-aligned. This workshop is ideal for educators grades K-8 (ages 5-14) and is completely FREE!
[Click here to register.](#)
VMS code: AT Single Presentation (Specify Texas Wildlife Association)

July 16 Native Plant Society of Texas, Sam Houston Chapter
6:30 pm – Meet & Greet, Social Time, Refreshments
7:00 – 8:00 pm– Chapter Meeting & Presentation at W.G. Jones Forest, 1328 FM 1488, Conroe 77384
VMS code: AT: Native Plant Society of Texas

July 20 Texas Wildlife Association
9:00 am – Outdoor Teacher Workshop
4:00 pm– Houston Zoo, Houston, TX
Outreach Teacher Workshops are six (6) hour hands-on trainings that introduce attendees to the Texas Wildlife Association, in-class and outdoor L.A.N.D.S. Outreach lessons and activities, and how to incorporate natural resources into classrooms or programming. Lessons focus on teaching land stewardship, native wildlife, and water conservation and are TEKS-aligned. This workshop is ideal for educators grades K-8 (ages 5-14) and is completely FREE!
[Click here to register.](#)
VMS code: AT Single Presentation (Specify Texas Wildlife Association)

Advanced Training Opportunities

July 21 **United We Win: Collaborating to Solve Houston's Toughest Environmental Challenges**

A monthly environmental education web meeting from Christ the King Lutheran Church; Jaime Gonzalez, Houston Urban Conservation Programs Manager for The Nature Conservancy, will highlight a variety of local environmental issues, and how local people/organizations are coming together to address them.

Location: Online; Cost: Free

Contact: Lisa Brenskelle gcs.lrc@gmail.com

Add to your calendar at this web address: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/united-we-win-collaborating-to-solve-houstons-toughest-environmental-challenges-tickets-62181168549>

VMS code: AT single presentation,

August 7 Heartwood Chapter Monthly Meeting
5:30 — 8pm Big Stone Lodge, Dennis Johnston Park, 709 Riley Fuzzel Rd, Spring, TX 77373
Mercer interns present their summer research.

VMS code: AT:Chapter Meeting Heartwood

August 10 Invasive Species Task Force Program
9am — 2 pm HARC, 8801 Gosling Rd, Spring, TX 77381

The Woodlands Township Environmental Services Department is looking for volunteers to help with locating, monitoring and removing invasive species from our green belts and pathways. By attending this training class, you will be well prepared to participate.

The workshop is presented by The Woodlands Township Environmental Services Department and lunch will be provided courtesy of Woodlands Water.

Contact Teri MacArthur, tmacarthur@thewoodlandstowship-tx.gov

Registration Required: <https://environmentalservicesdepartment.wufoo.com/forms/m1rq05t0z2z5n5/>

VMS code: AT: Specific project (Be sure to specify that the class was for invasive species hosted by The Woodlands Township Environmental Services Dept.)

August 20 Native Plant Society of Texas, Sam Houston Chapter
6:30 pm – Meet & Greet, Social Time, Refreshments
7:00 – 8:00 pm– Chapter Meeting & Presentation at SHSU Natural History and Art Research Center, 746 University Ave, Huntsville 77320

VMS code: AT: Native Plant Society of Texas

Sept. 11 Heartwood Chapter Monthly Meeting
5:30 — 8pm HARC, 8801 Gosling Rd, Spring, TX 77381

VMS code: AT:Chapter Meeting Heartwood

Bulletin Organization

Page 1 has announcements of events that are coming up quickly, or that have not previously been noted here.

The subsequent pages each represent a category, with events organized by date if applicable.

- Advanced Training
- Scheduled Volunteer Opportunities (a specific date)
- Ongoing Scheduled Volunteer Opportunities (a repeating day of the month)
- Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities (no dates given — you contact the organization and work out a schedule)

Information for each event includes location, contact person, partner organization, and VMS code for your record-keeping.

The amount of space each category takes will vary from issue to issue.

Scheduled Volunteer Opportunities

June 19 Teacher Conservation Institute: ForesTREE Experience , Jones State Forest
June 20 New Waverly Library and tours; meet at Jones State Forest

Registration is now full, but this is a reminder for those who signed up to assist.

Partner organization: Jones State Forest

Contact: Caroline Cruz caroline.cruz@tfs.tamu.edu

sign up by visiting: <https://tinyurl.com/volunteer-JonesStateForest>

VMS code: DO: W.G. Jones State Forest

Chapter Volunteers

*Help us make our visions for the future come true!
Heartwood is growing and we need you to help provide the energy
and enthusiasm to grow.*

We are looking for committee members to explore fundraising possibilities. We would like to be able to send members to the annual conference, fund projects with partners, and create income to sustain long range projects. It's an ambitious undertaking that needs volunteers with experience as well as volunteers who just want to lend a hand.

Please contact Carolyn Langlinais, heartwoodpres@gmail.com, for more information.

Ongoing Scheduled Volunteer Opportunities

Ongoing

Tuesdays 8:30—11:30 am Kleb Woods Nature Center, 20303 Draper Rd, Tomball, TX 77377

Hummingbird/Butterfly Garden Restoration

Partner Organization: Harris County Precinct 3 Parks

Contact: Megan Ahlgren klebWoods@Pct3.com

VMS code: RM: Kleb Woods

Ongoing

1st & 3rd Friday of each month Ashton Gardens Preserve (next to Ashton Gardens Venue)

21919 Inverness Forest Boulevard, Houston, TX 77073

Invasive Species Removal and preserve maintenance

Partner organization: Bayou Land Conservancy

Contact: Melissa Carter info@bayouland.org

VMS code: NPA: Bayou Land Conservancy

Ongoing

3rd Sunday of each month Kickerillo Mischer Preserve, 20215 Chasewood Park Dr, Houston 77070

Preserve Cleanup and Invasive Removal

Partner organization: Harris County Precinct 4 Parks

Contact: Rose Belzung Holmes kmp@hcp4.net

VMS code: RM: Other Locations



Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities

Huntsville State Park

Alligator talks, nature hikes, aquatic science programming (for schools); trail cleanups

Partner organization: Texas Parks and Wildlife

Contact: Ted Pick Ted.pick@tpwd.texas.gov

VMS code: DO: Training and education events (Talks, hikes, programming)

VMS code: NPA: Nature Public Access for Other Organizations

Jesse Jones Nature Center and Park

Adopt-a-trail; removal of invasive species; trail maintenance

Partner organization: Harris County Precinct 4 Parks

Contact: Matt Abernathy mabernathy@hcp4.net

VMS code: RM: J Jones Park and Nature Center

Lake Livingston

Lake Livingston restoration; planting water willow

Partner organization: Friends of Lake Livingston

Contact: Scott Ball henryball415@gmail.com

VMS code: RM: Friends of Lake Livingston

Mercer Botanical Center

Botanical Database inputting and maintenance, Botanical Curator/Garden Inventory, Botanical Sign Maker, Herbarium Restoration

Partner organization: Mercer Botanical Center

Contact: Suzanne Chapman schapman@hcp4.net

VMS code: [dependent upon assignment]

Spring Creek Greenway

Greenway Vegetation Management, Restoration; Planting Native Vegetation & Riparian Trees

Partner organization: Spring Creek Greenway

Contact: Laura Carlton lcarlton@hcp4.net

VMS code: NPA: Spring Creek Greenway

WG Jones State Forest

Pollinator and Wildlife Garden restoration; invasive species removal, aquatic habitat restoration, planting native trees, trail maintenance; interpretative signage

Partner organization: Texas A&M Forest Service

John Warner/Caroline Cruz jwarner@tfs.tamu.edu

VMS code: NPA: WG Jones State Forest

The Woodlands Township Environmental Services Department

A long-term project promoting native plants for Water Conservation and for our Plant for Pollinators program.

Volunteering:

- Assist with development of additional propagating areas at Partner organization Nature's Way Resources (NWR) facility
- Assist with ongoing propagation of Milkweed with the potential for other native plant propagation at NWR facility (potting, organizing)
- Assist with ongoing care of seedlings/plants at NWR facility (weeding, watering)
- By becoming familiar with a specific selection of native plants, assist with outreach opportunities in the Township (residents, schools, organizations, etc)

If you are interested in the volunteering opportunities for this project, REGISTER FOR UPDATES AND MORE INFORMATION at this link:

<https://environmentalservicesdepartment.wufoo.com/forms/rb8xkva01nxstb/>

Partner organization: The Woodlands Township Environmental Services Department

Teri MacArthur: tmacarthur@thewoodlandstowship-tx.gov or call 281-210-3928.

VMS code: RM: Woodlands Township