

2005 ANNUAL REPORT

TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST - HILL COUNTRY CHAPTER

Time period: January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005

1. The total number of volunteer service hours conducted from inception to date: 13,947

2. The total number of volunteer service hours conducted in 2005: 6,920

3. The total number of volunteers trained in your local chapter to date: 115

4. The total number of volunteers trained in your local chapter throughout the year 2005: 34

5. The total number of Advanced Training hours obtained by your chapter volunteers throughout 2005: 988

6. The total number of Advanced Training hours obtained by chapter volunteers to date: 2,738

7. The total number of youth and adults reached with Direct and Indirect outreach and education projects:

a. Direct Outreach and Education (actual hands-on, classroom instruction)

In 2005: 6,754

From inception to date: 14,126

b. Indirect Outreach and Education (booths, displays)

In 2005: 353

From inception to date: 1,353

8. The total acreage impacted through your NEW (in 2005) chapter projects (This includes prairie restorations, wildscapes, landowner management plans/consultations, park enhancements and restorations): 4320

9. Total miles of trails improved or developed through new projects in 2005: N/A

10. List of Chapter any NEW Partners and what their partnership provides (i.e. copies, meeting room, instructors, other resources) Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville; provided Classroom for Class Training at discounted rate, and access to their 500 acre wildlands for AT classes on Wildflower, Tree and Grass Identification. Our Chapter will provide signage information for their Nature Trail

11. List of any NEW Chapter sponsors or benefactors and \$\$ amounts provided to the local chapter: N/A

12. List of Service Projects/Activities conducted by the Chapter and its volunteers. For each project/Activity please denote if the project/activity has been completed or if it is on-going) - See Project ID List

13. Total number of volunteers Certified through the local chapter

in 2005: 12

from inception to date: 49

14. Total number of members re-certifying in 2005: 26

15. Total number of volunteers still working toward certification, including 34 in our New Class that graduated on 11/16/05: 53

16. Total number of volunteers that have dropped out of the program. (since inception): 11

17. Complete list of Chapter and Chapter Members' awards (including milestone pin awards*250, 500, 1000, 2500 and 5000 hours) to date and in 2005. - See Below

At the 2005 TMN State Meeting, our Chapter was awarded Third Place in the Project Fair for our new Land Management Assistance Program which impacted 54 properties totaling 4,100 acres.

18. Lastly, This year we'd like to have a section in the report highlighting the great things your chapter partners have to say about you and your service. Please provide a contact person and their contact information for a chapter partner of your choice.

Riverside Nature Center in Kerrville has been a partner with our Chapter since our inception in 2002, and our relationship has continued to grow. Our educational monthly Chapter meetings (open to the public) and our Board meetings are held at Riverside Nature Center. Our Chapter has several projects at Riverside, including maintaining the wildscapes, the prairie, the wildflower meadow, providing docents for the nature education programs for school children, the virtual herbarium and Plant Coaches helping Habitat for Humanity owners select plants for their home landscaping. Our Chapter contributed 3,702 volunteer hours on these projects from October 2002 - December 2005, which makes Riverside projects the principal recipient of volunteer service from our Chapter.

In 2004 and 2005, Riverside and our Chapter co-hosted their "Down by the Riverside" October nature festival and Native Plant Sale. The event is a fundraiser for both organizations. It is also an opportunity to teach the public about native plants and help them learn about the nature facilities offered by Riverside.

Our Chapter has a very successful Land Management Assistance Program project, whereby land owners can request site visits by specially trained members to identify their trees, shrubs, forbs and grasses, and to receive advice on land management issues such as erosion, land restoration, invasive plants, etc. Riverside serves as a Call Center for receiving these requests from the public, which are then forwarded to our Chapter.

The person to contact at Riverside Nature Center for more information about TMN volunteer work performed there is:

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