

HILL COUNTRY MASTER NATURALIST CLASS OF 2021



BASIC TRAINING SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

[Note: *Attendance Required]

	DAY/DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	TYPE OF ACTIVITY	LOCATION
PRE-WEEK	Wed 02/17	Select One: 8:30 AM – 10:30 AM or 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM or 12:30 PM- 2:30 PM or 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Tech Topics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Hands-on focus on virtual platforms and how to use</i> (Darryl Pitts, IT Director, and Help Desk Team) 	Small Group - Indoor	Hill Country Youth Event Center (Classroom) 3785 Highway 27 Kerrville, TX
WEEK 1					
	Mon 02/22	11:00 AM – 3:45 PM	First Class* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Check In</i> • <i>Featuring Rufus Stevens, Board Members and Chapter Managers</i> • <i>Introduction of Students</i> 	All Group – Indoor; Multimedia	Hill Country Youth Event Center (Happy State Bank Expo Hall) 3785 Highway 27 Kerrville, TX
	Mon 02/22	6:15 PM – 7:00 PM 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Zoom Chapter Meeting (volunteer service hours available) Zoom Advanced Training: <i>White Tailed Deer - Overpopulation of Exotics</i> (Rufus Stevens)	Online Meeting and Training	

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	Wed 02/24	8:00 AM – 11:30 AM	Zoom Training Class* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ecosystem Concepts & Management</i> (Kelly Simon) • <i>Citizen Science and iNaturalist</i> (Craig Hensley) 	Online Training	
	Thurs 02/25	5:45 PM – 8:00 PM	Zoom Training Class* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Getting to Know VMS</i> (Sandy Leyendecker and Koy Coffey) 	Online Training	
WEEK 2 [Note: Students must attend one Talk and Trek this week]					
	Mon 03/01	8:45 AM – 10:30 AM	Talk and Trek: Fredericksburg Nature Center (Jane Crone and Gracie Waggener)	Small Group – Outdoor	Fredericksburg Nature Center (meet at Pavilion 1) 432 Lady Bird Dr Fredericksburg, TX
	Wed 03/03	8:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Volunteer Project Fair and Presentation* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Interpretation: TMN as Teachers</i> (Cathy Downs) • <i>Volunteer Project Fair Displays</i> (Project Leaders) 	All Group – Indoor; Multimedia	Hill Country Youth Event Center (Happy State Bank Expo Hall) 3785 Highway 27 Kerrville, TX
	Wed 03/03	12:45 PM – 2:30 PM	Talk and Trek: Riverside Nature Center (Becky Etzler)	Small Group – Outdoor	Riverside Nature Center 150 Francisco Lemos St Kerrville, TX
	Thurs 03/04	10:15 AM – 12:00 PM	Talk and Trek: Cibolo Center for Conservation (Ben Eldridge and Laurie Brown)	Small Group – Outdoor	Cibolo Center for Conservation (meet on back porch) 140 City Park Road Boerne, TX
	Fri 03/05	10:15 AM – 12:00 PM	Talk and Trek: Riverside Nature Center (Becky Etzler)	Small Group – Outdoor	Riverside Nature Center 150 Francisco Lemos St Kerrville, TX


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WEEK 3 [Note: Students must attend Study Group Classes AT SAME assigned location]					
	Mon 03/08	Select One: 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM or 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Field Trip: Texastopia Farm Tour and Lecture* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Soil Science/Erosion Control</i> (Joseph "Pete" Van Dyck) 	Field Trip - Small Group - Outdoor	Texastopia Farm 33 Delaware Creek Rd Blanco, TX
	Tues 03/09	2:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Study Group Class 1 – Boerne*	Small Group - Indoor	Herff Farm 33 Herff Road Boerne, TX
	Wed 03/10	9:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Study Group Class 1 – Kerrville*	Small Group - Indoor	Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office 3775 Highway 27 Kerrville
	Wed 03/10	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Study Group Class 1 – Fredericksburg*	Small Group - Indoor	Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office (Room B) 38 Business Court Gillespie County Business Park Tivydale Road/FM 2093 Fredericksburg, TX (830-997-3452)
WEEK 4					
	Mon 03/15	9:30 AM – 12:45 PM	Zoom Training Class* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Texas Water Resources and Watershed Protection</i> (Tara Bushnoe) • <i>Riparian Habitat & Management</i> (Daniel Oppenheimer) 	Online Training	
	Wed 03/17	8:00 AM – 1:15 PM	Lecture Day and Naturalist Trivia* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Naturalists Trivia</i> (Trivia Team) • <i>Walk in the Watershed</i> (Steve Nelle) • <i>Geology of the Hill Country</i> (Mike McGinnis) 	All Group – Indoor	Hill Country Youth Event Center (Happy State Bank Expo Hall) 3785 Highway 27 Kerrville, TX

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WEEK 5 [Note: Students must attend ONE Talk and Trek this week]					
	Mon 03/22	8:00 AM – 1:30 PM	Zoom Training Class* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Hydrology</i> (Charlie Flatten) • <i>Weather and Climate</i> (Jon W. Zeitler) • <i>Botany and Naming</i> (Carol Clark) 	Online Training	
	Mon 03/22	6:15 PM – 7:00 PM 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Zoom Chapter Meeting (volunteer service hours available) Zoom Advanced Training: <i>Law and Ethics</i> (Richard Heilbrun and Michael Mitchell)	Online Meeting and Training	
	Tues 03/23	8:45 AM – 10:30 AM	Talk and Trek: AB Kronkosky Geology (Kathy Ward)	Small Group – Outdoor	Kronkosky State Natural Area 7690 Highway 46 West Pipe Creek, TX
	Wed 03/24	8:45 AM – 10:30 AM	Talk and Trek: YMCA Roberts Ranch Archaeology (Stephen Bishop)	Small Group – Outdoor	YMCA Roberts Ranch 550 Roberts Ranch Rd Comfort, TX
	Thurs 03/25	8:45 AM – 10:30 AM	Talk and Trek: Guadalupe River Riparian Walk (Kim Ort)	Small Group – Outdoor	Dietert Center 451 Guadalupe Street Kerrville, TX
	Fri 03/26	8:45 AM – 10:30 AM	Talk and Trek: YMCA Roberts Ranch Interpretive Hike (Bob Binney)	Small Group – Outdoor	YMCA Roberts Ranch 550 Roberts Ranch Rd Comfort, TX

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WEEK 6 [Note: Students must attend Study Group Classes AT SAME assigned location]					
	Tues 03/30	2:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Study Group Class 2 – Boerne*	Small Group - Indoor	Herff Farm 33 Herff Road Boerne, TX
	Wed 03/31	9:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Study Group Class 2 – Kerrville*	Small Group - Indoor	Hill Country Youth Event Center (Classroom) 3785 Highway 27 Kerrville, TX
	Thurs 04/01	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Study Group Class 2 – Fredericksburg*	Small Group - Indoor	Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office (Room B) 38 Business Court Gillespie County Business Park Tivydale Road/FM 2093 Fredericksburg, TX (830-997-3452)
WEEK 7					
	Tues 04/06	9:15 AM – 12:30 PM	Zoom Training Class* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Entomology – Insects of the Hill Country</i> (Kimberly Lohmeyer) • <i>Honeybees as Pollinators</i> (Mike Mendez) 	Online Training	
	Wed 04/07	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Field Trip: Kerr Wildlife Management Area and Lecture* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Rangeland Science and Management, Prescribed Burns</i> (Ryan Reitz, Deanna Pfeffer, Evan McCoy) 	Field Trip - Small Group – Outdoor; Small Group - Indoor	Kerr Wildlife Management Area 2625 FM 1340 Hunt, TX

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WEEK 8 [Note: Students must attend ONE Field Trip this week]					
	Mon 04/12	8:15 AM – 11:30 AM	Zoom Training Class* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Woodland Ecology and Forest Habitats, Oak Wilt</i> (Robert Edmondson) • <i>Mammalogy and Ethics</i> (Jessica Alderson) 	Online Training	
	Tues 04/13	TBD	Native Plant Sale (opportunity for volunteer hours)		[Location TBD] Kerrville, TX
	Wed 04/14	TBD	Native Plant Sale (opportunity for volunteer hours)		[Location TBD] Kerrville, TX
	Wed 04/14	Select One: 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM or 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Field Trip: Canyon Lake Gorge	Field Trip - Small Group – Outdoor	Canyon Lake Gorge 2075 FM 2673 Canyon Lake, TX
	Sat 04/17	Select One: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM or 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Field Trip: Honey Creek Natural Area	Field Trip - Small Group – Outdoor	Honey Creek Natural Area 3350 Park Road 31 Spring Branch, TX
WEEK 9 [Note: Students must attend Study Group Classes AT SAME assigned location]					
			Personal Field Trip*	Independent Study	
	Tues 04/20	2:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Study Group Class 3 – Boerne*	Small Group - Indoor	Herff Farm 33 Herff Road Boerne, TX
	Wed 04/21	9:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Study Group Class 3 – Kerrville*	Small Group - Indoor	Hill Country Youth Event Center (Classroom) 3785 Highway 27 Kerrville, TX

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WEEK 10 [Note: Students must attend ONE Talk and Trek: Ornithology* this week]					
	Mon 04/26	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Study Group Class 3 – Fredericksburg*	Small Group - Indoor	Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office (Room B) 38 Business Court Gillespie County Business Park Tivydale Road/FM 2093 Fredericksburg, TX (830-997-3452)
	Mon 04/26	6:15 PM – 7:00 PM 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Zoom Chapter Meeting (volunteer service hours available) Zoom Advanced Training: Archaeology (Steve Stoutamire)	Online Meeting and Training	
	Tues 04/27	9:45 AM – 12:00 PM	Talk and Trek: Lost Maples Interpretive Hike (Greg Walton, Lee Haile)	Small Group – Outdoor	Lost Maples State Natural Area 37221 F.M. 187 Vanderpool, TX
	Wed 04/28	7:45 AM – 10:00 AM	Talk and Trek: Ornithology (Tom and Patsy Inglet, Jennifer Wyle)	Small Group – Outdoor	Cibolo Center for Conservation 140 City Park Road Boerne, TX
	Wed 04/28	TBD	Live Stream on Facebook and YouTube: Science Lectures* • <i>Ichthyology</i> (Dick Luebke)	Small Group – Indoor; Online Lecture	
	Thurs 04/29	7:45 AM – 10:00 AM	Talk and Trek: Ornithology (Tom and Patsy Inglet, Jane Crone, Gracie Waggener)	Small Group – Outdoor	Fredericksburg Nature Center 432 Lady Bird Dr Fredericksburg, TX
	Thurs 04/29	TBD	Live Stream on Facebook and YouTube: Science Lectures* • <i>Herpetology</i> (Dave Barker)	Small Group – Indoor; Online Lecture	

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WEEK 11 [Note: Students must attend Study Group Classes AT SAME assigned location]					
	Tues 05/04	2:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Study Group Class 4 – Boerne*	Small Group - Indoor	Herff Farm 33 Herff Road Boerne, TX
	Wed 05/05	9:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Study Group Class 4 – Kerrville*	Small Group - Indoor	Hill Country Youth Event Center (Classroom) 3785 Highway 27 Kerrville, TX
	Thurs 05/06	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Study Group Class 4 – Fredericksburg*	Small Group - Indoor	Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office (Room B) 38 Business Court Gillespie County Business Park Tivydale Road/FM 2093 Fredericksburg, TX (830-997-3452)
WEEK 12					
	Tues 05/11 	8:00 AM – 1:00 PM	“Our Water, Our Future, Ours to Protect” and TMN COMMENCEMENT* • <i>Critical Water Issues in the Hill Country Roundtable</i> (Daniel Oppenheimer, Margo Denke, Annalisa Peace, David Baker)	All Group – Indoor; Multimedia	Hill Country Youth Event Center (Happy State Bank Expo Hall) 3785 Highway 27 Kerrville, TX