



Hill Country Master Naturalist Class of 2024

Basic Training

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

	Day/Date	Time	Activity	Activity Type	Location
Intros & Orientation	Wed. 14 Aug.	5:30 - 07:30 p.m.	WELCOME RECEPTION Texas Master Naturalist Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Materials distribution 20-years of <i>Texas Master Naturalists</i> 	All Group – Indoor Multi-media	Texas A&M Gillespie County AgriLife Extension Building (Agri Life) 38 Business Court Fredericksburg, TX 78624
WEEK 1	Wed. 21 Aug.	5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Reading: Unit 4	FIRST CLASS - UGRA with Lectures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roles & Responsibilities 5:45-7:00, Jeff Schwartz, Board President Ecoregions 7:15-8:30, Natasha Moore 	All Group – Indoor Talk & Lecture	Upper Guadalupe River Authority (UGRA) 125 Lehmann Dr., #100 Kerrville, TX 78028
	Sat. 24 Aug.	9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Reading: Units 3, 10, 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Riverside Nature Center Overview & Tour 9:00-10:30, Becky Etzler Citizen Science & i-Naturalist 10:45-12:00, Craig Hensley Early Naturalists 12:15-1:30, enacted by TMN Volunteers 	All Group – Outdoor Walking Tour & Indoor Lectures	Riverside Nature Center (RNC) 150 Francisco Lemos St. Kerrville, TX 78028

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WEEK 2	Wed. 28 Aug.	5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Reading: Unit: 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Volunteer Management System, VMS 5:45-7:00, Dot Maginot ▪ Overview of Hill Country Native Plants 7:15-8:30, Kim Ort 	All Group – Indoor Lectures	Upper Guadalupe River Authority (UGRA) 125 Lehmann Dr., #100 Kerrville, TX 78028
	Sat. 31 Aug.	No Class	Labor Day Weekend Enjoy your holiday!		
WEEK 3	Wed. 4 Sept.	5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Reading: Unit: 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Law & Ethics speaker: Mike Mitchel 	All Group – Indoor Lecture	Upper Guadalupe River Authority (UGRA) 125 Lehmann Dr., #100 Kerrville, TX 78028
	Sat. 7 Sept.	9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Reading: Units: 5, 6, 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cibolo Center for Conservation (CCC) Overview & Tour 9:00-10:30, CCC Staff ▪ Ecological Concepts & Management 10:45-12:00, ▪ Mammalogy 12:15-1:30, David Hillis 	All Group – Outdoor Walking Tour & Indoor Lectures	Cibolo Center for Conservation 140 City Park Rd. Boerne, TX 78006

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WEEK 4	Wed. 11 Sept.	5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Reading: Unit: 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Archeology 5:45-7:00, Diane Dismukes ▪ Hydrology 7:15-8:30, Charlie Flatten 	All Group – Indoor Lecture	Texas A&M Gillespie County AgriLife Extension Building (Agri Life) 38 Business Court Fredericksburg, TX 78624
	Sat. 14 Sept.	9:00 am – 12:00 pm Reading: Unit: 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Land Stewardship speakers: 	All Group – Outdoor Trailor Tour & Lectures	Selah Bamberger Ranch 2341 Blue Ridge Dr. Johnson City, TX 78636
WEEK 5	Wed. 18 Sept.	5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Reading: Unit: 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Climate & Weather speaker: Paul Yura 	Online Lecture	Zoom class
	Sat. 21 Sept.	9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Reading: Units: 7, 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Geology / Canyon Lake Hiking Tour 9:00-12:00, Friends of Canyon Lake staff ▪ 12:00-12:45 Drive to Tye Preston Memorial Library (lunch & lecture) ▪ Entomology 12:45-2:00, Craig Hensley 	All Group – Outdoor Hiking & Lectures	GBRA, Canyon Lake Gorge 16029 S Access Rd, Canyon Lake, TX 78133 Tye Preston Memorial Library 16311 S Access Rd, Canyon Lake, TX 78133

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WEEK 6	Wed. 25 Sept.	5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Reading: Unit: 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Herpetology 5:45-7:00, Jared Homes ▪ Soil Science 7:15-8:30, Pete Van Dyke 	All Group – Indoor Lecture	Texas A&M Gillespie County AgriLife Extension Building (Agri Life) 38 Business Court Fredericksburg, TX 78624
	Sat. 28 Sept.	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Reading: Unit: 17, 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rangeland Science & Management 5:45-7:00, Kerr Wildlife Staff ▪ Changes in Texas Hill Country since 1820 7:15-8:30, Kerr Wildlife Staff 	All Group – Indoor & Outdoor Walking Lectures	Kerr Wildlife Management Area (KWMA) 2625 FM-1340 Hunt, TX 78024
WEEK 7	Wed. 2 Oct.	5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Reading: Unit: 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Urban Ecology 5:45-7:00, ▪ Urban Mammalogy 7:15-8:30, 	All Group – Indoor Lecture	Cibolo Center for Conservation 140 City Park Rd. Boerne, TX 78006
	Sat. 5 Oct.	No Class	Good opportunity to get Volunteer Hours.		

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WEEK 8	Wed. 9 Oct.	5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Reading: Unit: 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Water Resources Speaker Panel: Margo Denke & Annalisa Peace & Deb Youngblood & Tara Bushnoe 	All Group – Indoor Panel Discussion	Cibolo Center for Conservation 140 City Park Rd. Boerne, TX 78006
	Sat. 12 Oct.	9:00 a.m. – 1:45 p.m. Reading: Units: 14, 18, 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Confronting Urban Issues 9:00-10:15, Ben Eldridge ▪ Riparian Ecology & Management 10:15-11:30, Rachel Seets ▪ 11:30-12:00, Lunch ▪ Aquatic Ecology with Ichthyology & Management 12:00-, ▪ Ichthyology 	All Group – Indoor & Outdoor Walking Lectures	Cibolo Center for Conservation 140 City Park Rd. Boerne, TX 78006

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WEEK 9	Wed. 16 Oct.	5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Volunteers as Teachers 5:45-7:00, ▪ Oak Wilt 7:15-8:30, Robert Edmonson 	All Group – Indoor & Potential Outdoor Lectures	Cibolo Center for Conservation 140 City Park Rd. Boerne, TX 78006
	Sat. 19 Oct.	9:00 a.m. – 2:15 p.m. Reading: Unit: 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ornithology 9:00-10:00, Inglets ▪ Birding 10:00-11:20, Inglets ▪ Fredericksburg Nature Center Overview & Tour 11:30-12:30, Lonnie Childs ▪ 12:30-1:00, Lunch ▪ Grasses 1:00–2:15, Beth McMann 	All Group – Outdoor Lecture & Practice	Fredericksburg Nature Center at Lady Bird Johnson Municipal Park Fredericksburg, TX 78624

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Optional Event	24 – 26 Oct	No Class	<p>State TMN Conference San Marcos Great opportunity to earn A.T. hours! Register online if attending.</p> <p>https://txmn.tamu.edu/</p>	Optional multi-day conference for all Texas Master Naturalists state- wide.	San Marcos

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WEEK 10	Wed. 30 Oct.	5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ UGRA Rainwater Management Tour 5:45-7:00, ▪ Rainwater 7:15-8:30, Shannon Brown 	All Group – Indoor Lecture	Upper Guadalupe River Authority (UGRA) 125 Lehmann Dr., #100 Kerrville, TX 78028
	Sat. 2 Nov.	No Class!	Good opportunity to get Volunteer Hours.		
WEEK 11	Wed. 6 Nov.	5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fire-Wise Landscaping 5:45-7:00, Anne Brown ▪ Cedar 7:15-8:30, Elizabeth McGreevy 	All Group – Indoor Lecture	Upper Guadalupe River Authority (UGRA) 125 Lehmann Dr., #100 Kerrville, TX 78028
	Sat. 9 Nov.	9:00 am – 11:00 pm AT / Advanced Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Invasive Plant Walk / Advanced Training 9:00-11:00, Kim Ort <p>This class is an opportunity for AT hours and attendance is optional.</p>	All Group – Walking Lecture	Dietert Center 451 Guadalupe St. Kerrville, TX 78028

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WEEK 12	Wed. 13 Nov.	5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ TBD 5:45-7:00 ▪ Dark Skies 7:15-8:30, Kathleen Brinkman 	All Group – Indoor Lecture	Upper Guadalupe River Authority (UGRA) 125 Lehmann Dr., #100 Kerrville, TX 78028
	Sat. 16 Nov.	11:30 am – 1:30 pm	LAUNCH!	All Group – Recognition	Texas A&M Gillespie County AgriLife Extension Building (Agri Life) 38 Business Court Fredericksburg, TX 78624

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