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Texas Master Naturalist-Lost Pines Chapter Chainsaw Use Policy

*The LPMN Board of Directors hereby enacts the following policy to be applied to all use of gasoline and electric powered chain saws by members engaged in chapter activities. The chapter understands that these very useful tools can cause serious injury if used incorrectly or without proper protective equipment. Therefore, it is official chapter policy that no member may operate a **gasoline** powered chainsaw during chapter activities unless such member has been trained and certified by TPWD.*

*Further, any operator of a gasoline **or** electric powered chainsaw must wear the following protective equipment (PPE): chain resistant Kevlar chaps, sturdy gloves, protective eyewear, hearing protection and hard hat helmet. The chapter will reimburse certified members one-time for the cost of this protective equipment. While steel toe boots are not required, they are recommended. Chapter chainsaw users must, at a minimum, wear heavy leather shoes or boots (no canvas shoes may be used with chainsaws).*

*Rechargeable electric chain saws and pole saws are becoming extremely popular and are useful tools due to simplicity and light weight. While they are generally less powerful and less dangerous than gasoline saws, they are still involved in serious injuries, mainly to the leg and knee areas. So, the chapter policy is to require the use of all PPE with electric saws, as well, but we do **not** require TPWD certification for the use of electric chain saws or pole saws unless tree felling is involved.*