

# TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST PROGRAM

Lower Trinity Basin Chapter  
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January 5, 2024

Dear Texas Master Naturalist Program Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in Texas Master Naturalist™, Lower Trinity Basin Chapter. The mission of the Texas Master Naturalist program is to develop a corps of well-informed volunteers to provide education, outreach, and service dedicated to the beneficial management of natural resources and natural areas within their communities for the State of Texas. This program will further participants' understanding and appreciation of the natural resources of the state of Texas through interesting presentations by local experts covering a wide range of topics from botany to land stewardship. Classroom learning will be reinforced by hands-on field trips in local ecosystems. Throughout the course, you will find strategies for helping others recognize and appreciate those resources. Specific class and field trip topics are listed in the Class Schedule. Texas Master Naturalist trainees may select from a wide variety of approved local projects to volunteer their time. Projects may include field research, habitat restoration, native plant rescues, prairie seed collection, school habitats, educational presentations, or projects of your own design approved by the chapter.

To become certified as a Master Naturalist through the Lower Trinity Basin Chapter, trainees must fulfill the following requirements:

Attendance at all training classes including field trips, plus  
40 hours (minimum) of volunteer service on approved projects within a year, and  
8 hours (minimum) of advanced training in approved classes within a year.  
As mandated by the State of Texas trainees must be at least 18 years of age.

To maintain active status, Texas Master Naturalists must annually complete (at minimum) the following:

40 hours of volunteer service on approved projects, and  
8 hours of advanced training in approved classes.

Training classes will be held at 6:00 p.m. on the days designated in the attached schedule. Most classes will be held at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 2041 Trinity Street, Liberty, Texas. Field trips are included on the schedule. Times for field trips will be announced as the date for that field trip approaches. The fee for this training session is \$175. The class will be limited to 15 participants. Selection criteria include interest in the program, availability for

volunteer service and commitment to stewardship of local natural resources. Trainees cannot bring visitors to the classroom or on field trips.

**Background Check:** All members must submit and pass a YPS/CBC background check as performed and paid for by the State of Texas.

Please return the completed application to Lower Trinity Basin Chapter of Texas Master Naturalists, c/o Texas A&M Extension Service, 501 Palmer St., Liberty, TX 77575 or fax it to 936-336-4565. Your application can also be emailed to [ltbasinnewclassdirector@gmail.com](mailto:ltbasinnewclassdirector@gmail.com).

***You must mail the \$175 fee at the same time you submit your application. Please make checks or money order payable to Lower Trinity Basin MN.***

**The application deadline is January 26, 2024.**

Thank you for your interest in the Texas Master Naturalist program. You will be contacted no later than February 2, 2024, about class enrollment.

Sincerely,

Shellie Ellerbe  
New Class Director  
936-334-2874

Enclosures:  
Application Form  
Training Schedule

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The application deadline is July 25, 2023. Please type or print clearly and return your application and check/money order to Lower Trinity Basin Chapter, Texas Master Naturalist, c/o Texas A&M Extension Service, 501 Palmer St., Liberty, TX 77575, fax it to 936-336-4565, or email to [ltbasinnewclassdirector@gmail.com](mailto:ltbasinnewclassdirector@gmail.com). **Please make check or money order payable to Lower Trinity Basin MN.**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
As you wish it to appear on your certificate

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
As you wish it to appear on your name tag – if different from certificate

Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_

Please Check (Optional) Anglo \_\_\_\_\_ African American \_\_\_\_\_ Hispanic \_\_\_\_\_  
Asian or Pacific Islander \_\_\_\_\_ Native American or Alaskan \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## MAILING ADDRESS

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Day \_(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Evening \_(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Please include area codes.

Email Address - Please print \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

If retired, what was your former occupation? \_\_\_\_\_

How did you find out about us? \_\_\_\_\_



Administration

Fund Raising \_\_\_\_\_

Computer Work \_\_\_\_\_

Newsletter \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I will be available for all the classes August thru November 2022. I understand that I am required to attend the classes and field trips scheduled, complete 40 hours of volunteer service within 12 months of my first training day, and complete 8 hours of advanced training in order to become a Certified Texas Master Naturalist.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am not available for the August thru November 2022 classes, but I want to be considered in the first group of applicants for the next class. Please send me a copy of the class schedule when it becomes available.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am not interested in the Texas Master Naturalist Program. Please delete my name from your mailing list.

**LOWER TRINITY BASIN CHAPTER OF THE TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST PROGRAM VOLUNTEER PLEDGE:**

I understand that in exchange for the training made possible through the Lower Trinity Basin Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalist Program, I will volunteer at least 40 hours of my time toward approved projects and complete 8 hours of advanced training within one year. I understand that I will become a Certified Texas Master Naturalist when I complete all requirements for training and volunteer work. I also understand that to maintain an active status, I must complete 8 hours of advanced training and 40 hours of volunteer service each year.

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Trainee signature

**TRAINING AGENDA**

Classes will be held on Thursday evenings beginning at 6:00 pm and last 3 to 3.5 hours or on Saturday. Saturday classes will vary in start time and duration. Field trips will be held on Saturday. Scheduling for field trips will be announced as the classes start. Classes, other than field trips, will be held at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 2041 Trinity Street, Liberty, Texas.

## Lower Trinity Basin Chapter 2024

Hours	Date	Class
1	Saturday, February 10, 2024	Introductions Intro to Texas Master Naturalist Program Historic Naturalists Pre-survey Lunch Laws and Regulation Ecoregions Volunteer Management System
2	Thursday, February 15, 2024	Ecological Concepts Ecosystems: Conservation & Management
3	Thursday, February 22, 2024	Weather & Climate Texas Water Resources Nature of Naming
4	Thursday, February 29, 2024	Citizen Science websites and apps, iNat, eBird, Merlin Volunteers as Teachers
5	Saturday, March 9, 2024	Herpetology Ornithology
6	Saturday, March 16, 2024	Birding Field Trip
7	Thursday, March 21, 2024	Mammalogy Ichthyology
8	Thursday, March 28, 2024	Land Stewardship Geology
9	Saturday, April 6, 2024	Plant ID Plant Field Trip
10	Thursday, April 11, 2024	Entomology Archeology
11	Saturday, April 13, 2024	Rangeland and Prairie Systems Urban Systems
12	Saturday, April 27, 2024	Forest Systems
13	Saturday, May 4, 2024	Aquatic Systems
14	Thursday, May 9, 2024	Post Class Survey Presentations
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