

The Texas Master Naturalist™ Program mission 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 is a collaborative effort of Texas AM AgriLife Extension Service and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Enrollment in the TMN New Member Training is limited to persons 18 years of age or older. Classes will be held on varying Wednesday evenings 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. and Saturday mornings September 2 through November 18, 2026. Tuition Fee for the training is \$150 per person or \$260 for two persons sharing a textbook. The deadline for submitting this application and fee is August 24, 2026. Class size is limited.

Your Legal Name: _____

Your Preferred Name on Name Tag: _____

Mailing Address: _____

County: _____ Birthday: _____

Phone number: _____ Email Address: _____

Confirmation and notices will be sent by email, please print clearly.

Please complete BOTH PAGES and sign this application form. Return the application by mail or email. Print the form, fill it out, and mail with a check payable to Lower Trinity Basin Master Naturalists.

Mailing address:
Lower Trinity Basin Master Naturalist
501 Palmer St., Liberty, TX 77575

Email address:
LTBasinNewClassDirector@gmail.com

Initial EACH item:

_____ I have reviewed the Training Schedule provided and am available to attend all classes and field studies. All training classes are to be completed through the provided training class or approved make-up classes. No more than 2 of the training classes may be missed but must be replaced with make-up classes.

_____ Training classes 1, 2, and 3 must be completed with the class.

_____ I understand I will be required to complete at least 40 hours of Volunteer Service and eight hours of Advanced Training within 12 months of the start of classes to become a Certified Texas Master Naturalist.

_____ I understand that to maintain Certified Status as an active member of the Texas Master Naturalist Program, I must complete at least 40 hours of Volunteer Service and eight hours of Advanced Training each year and pay annual chapter dues.

_____ I understand that a mandatory criminal background check will be run by the TMN Program.

Current Or Former Occupation/Employer: _____

How did you hear about the Texas Master Naturalist Program?

Briefly describe why you are interested in the Texas Master Naturalist volunteer program.

Indicate any organizations of which you are a member or have volunteered time during the last two years. Indicate the average number of hours you have volunteered for each organization monthly.

Liability Release: In consideration of being accepted as a participant in the Texas Master Naturalist Volunteer Program, I hereby release, discharge, and agree to hold harmless the Program and its sponsoring state agencies, their agents, employees, officers and successors, from all personal injuries (including death), known and unknown, or damage to property caused by or arising out of activities performed under the Texas Master Naturalist Program.

_____ accepts the Liability Release listed above.

(Print your name)

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Lower Trinity Basin Chapter 2026 Fall Training Schedule

(Schedule subject to change)

	Hours	Date	Class
1	1.5	Wednesday, September 2, 2026	Orientation Introductions, Hand out books and class materials Pre-survey Volunteer Management System
2	4.5	Saturday, September 12, 2026	Intro to Texas Master Naturalist Program Historic Naturalists Laws and Ethics Lunch Ecoregions more Volunteer Management System
3	3	Wednesday, September 16, 2026	Ecological Concepts Ecosystems: Conservation & Management
4	3	Wednesday, September 23, 2026	Weather & Climate Texas Water Resources
5	3	Wednesday, September 30, 2026	Intro to iNaturalist Land Stewardship Citizen Science test Nature of Naming
6	4	Saturday, October 3, 2026	Plant Field Trip, Soils Native vs. Invasive, Practice iNaturalist
7	3	Wednesday, October 7, 2026	Archeology - native peoples Ornithology and Birding apps
8	5	Saturday, October 10, 2026	Birding Field Trip (early morning) Herpetology (classroom)
9	4	Saturday, October 17, 2026	Forest Systems Field Trip
10	3.5	Wednesday, October 28, 2026	Ichthyology Entomology Urban Systems test
11	6.5	Saturday, November 7, 2026	Aquatics Systems Field Trip
12	4	Saturday, November 14, 2026	Prairie Systems Field Trip
13	3	Wednesday, November 18, 2026	Presentations Post Survey
	48	Total scheduled hours	