

Prairie Oaks Chapter Texas Master Naturalist Spring 2019 Training Class

Date	Times	Topics/Events (curriculum unit numbers in parentheses)	Facilitator/Instructor
Wed, Jan 16	5:00-7:50 p.m.	Class Introduction, Organization and Important Information Introduction to Texas Master Naturalist program	Seth Hamby, Chapter President and Certified TXMN, POMN Dr. Marsha Stephens, Adjunct, WSES, TSU; Certified TXMN, POMN & other members of POMN
☺Th, Jan 17	6-8 p.m.	<i>POMN Chapter Meeting Advanced Training Program: "Prairie Oaks 2018 Year in Review"</i>	Seth Hamby, Chapter President and Certified TXMN, POMN
Wed, Jan 23	5:00-7:50 p.m.	Texas Ecoregions (4) Ecological Concepts (5)	Rachel Richter, Urban Biologist, TPWD Dr. Victoria Charibi, Assistant Professor, Biology, TSU
Wed, Jan 30	5:00-7:50 p.m.	Texas and Regional Geology (7) Introduction to Soil Ecology (7)	Joree Burnett, Instructor, CGP, TSU Dr. Don McGahan, Associate Professor, WSES, TSU
Wed, Feb 6	5:00-7:50 p.m.	Texas Weather and Climate (8) Review and Preview of Objectives and Content	Kris Chandler, Certified TXMN, POMN
Wed, Feb 13	5:00-7:50 p.m.	Scientific Classification (10) Ecology and Diversity of Insects (13)	Seth Hamby, Graduate Assistant, WSES, TSU Dr. Forrest Mitchell, Professor and Research Project Leader, TAMAR
Wed, Feb 20	5:00-7:50 p.m.	Biology of Reptiles and Amphibians (15) Fish Biology and Texas Freshwater Fish (14)	Nathan Rains, Wildlife Diversity Biologist, TPWD Ryan Rogers, Fisheries Biologist, TPWD
☺Th, Feb 21	6-8 p.m.	<i>POMN Chapter Meeting Advanced Training Program: "The Role of Environmental Consultants in Natural Resource Preservation and Restoration"</i>	Colton Claborn, Environmental Specialist, SWCA Environmental Consultants; Certified TXMN, POMN
Wed, Feb 27	5:00-7:50 p.m.	Plant Biology and Plant Identification (11) Biology and Diversity of Mammals (16)	Peggy Tolboom, Certified TXMN, POMN Dr. Marsha Stephens, Adjunct, WSES, TSU; Certified TXMN, POMN
Wed, Mar 6	5:00-7:50 p.m.	Ecology and Identification of Birds (12) Review and Preview of Objectives and Content	David Moore, Certified TXMN, Rio Brazos Chapter
Wed, Mar 13		NO CLASS – TSU SPRING BREAK	
Wed, Mar 20	5:00-7:50 p.m.	Ecosystem Management and Land Stewardship (6, 1) Woodland Ecology (17)	Michelle Villafranca, Natural Resource Specialist, FWNCR Suzanne Tuttle, FWNCR (retired)
☺Th, Mar 21	6-8 p.m.	<i>POMN Chapter Meeting Advanced Training Program: "The Role of Game Wardens in Natural Resource Protection"</i>	Michael Hummert, Game Warden, TPWD
Wed, Mar 27	5:00-7:50 p.m.	Rangeland Ecology and Management (20) Land Stewardship (1)	Ricky Linex, Wildlife Biologist, NRCS
<i>*Sat, Mar 30</i>	<i>9:00-11 a.m. 1:00-3:00 p.m</i>	<i>Local Geology (2 hours) Local Soil Morphology and Ecology (2 hours)</i>	<i>Joree Burnett Dr. Don McGahan</i>

Wed, Apr 3	5:00-7:50 p.m.	Wetland Ecology (19) Aquatic Systems (18) and Texas Water Resources (9)	Dr. Carol Thompson, TSU (retired) Stephanie Brady, Senior Research Associate, TIAER
*Sat, Apr 6	9-11 a.m. 1-3 p.m.	Stephenville Wastewater Treatment Plant (2 hours) Reptiles of the Chapter Region (2 hours)	Johnny Davis, Project Manager, CH2M Jacobs Mark Pyle, Education Director, DFWHS
Wed, Apr 10	5:00-7:50 p.m.	Urban Ecosystems (21) and Citizen Science (24) Review and Preview of Objectives and Content	Sam Keischnick, Urban Biologist, TPWD
*Sat, Apr 13	9 a.m.–12 p.m.	Aquatic Ecology and Surface Water Quality Assessment (3 hours)	Jeff Stroebel, Research Associate, TIAER Karen Aho, Advancement Services Officer, TSU
Wed, Apr 17	5:00-7:50 p.m.	Archaeology (2) Historical Naturalists (3)	Dr. Charles Frederick, C. Frederick Consulting Geoarchaeologist; past president, TAS Dr. Marsha Stephens
☺ <i>Th</i> , Apr 18	6-8 p.m.	<i>POMN Chapter Meeting</i> <i>Advanced Training Program: "The Story of Comanche Peak Prairie Clover"</i>	Seth Hamby, Graduate Assistant, WSES, TSU
Wed, Apr 24	5:00-7:50 p.m.	Laws, Regulations and Ethics (22) Volunteers as Teachers (23)	Alisa Terrell Starbird, JD, and Certified TXMN, POMN; Jim Doyle, JD Gail Bradshaw, Certified TXMN, POMN
*Sat, Apr 27	9 a.m.-12 p.m. 1-4 p.m.	Woodland Ecology (3 hours) Prairie Ecology and Rangeland Restoration (3 hours)	Suzanne Tuttle; Ann and Bob Wood, Certified TXMN and POMN Ricky Linex
Wed, May 1	5:00-7:50 p.m.	Class Review and Evaluation Chapter Roles and Volunteer Service Planning	Dr. Marsha Stephens Barbara Salter, Certified TXMN, POMN and Karen Aho, Certified TXMN and POMN
*Sat, May 4	TBD	Optional Field Class Date (reserved in case of earlier class cancellation due to inclement weather)	
Wed, May 8	5:00-7:50 p.m.	Optional Class Date (reserved in case of earlier class cancellation due to inclement weather, etc.)	
☺ <i>Th</i> , May 16	6-8 p.m.	<i>Award of Training Completion Certificates & Pledge Badges</i> <i>(POMN Chapter Meeting & Program)</i>	

*Entries in bold italics are Advanced Training field classes.

☺ Prairie Oaks Chapter Meeting and Program events: Attendance is not required as part of training class, however participation in a Chapter Meeting provides 1 hour of Volunteer Service credit and attendance for a Program provides 1 hour of Advanced Training credit.

Abbreviations:

BS-Biological Sciences, CGP-Chemistry, Geosciences and Physics; DFWHS-Dallas-Ft. Worth Herpetological Society; FWNCR-Ft. Worth Nature Center & Refuge; NRCS-Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA); POMN-Prairie Oaks Master Naturalist; TAMAR-Texas A&M AgriLife Research; TAS-Texas Archaeology Society; TIAER-Texas Institute for Applied Environmental Research; TPWD-Texas Parks & Wildlife Department; TSU-Tarleton State University; TXMN-Texas Master Naturalist; WSES-Wildlife, Sustainability and Ecosystem Sciences