

## **Advanced Training Requirements**

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The Chapter Advanced Training Coordinator and/or Chapter Advanced Training Committee should use the following criteria or ask the following questions of the opportunity when reviewing and approving advanced training opportunities:

Does the advanced training opportunity:

1. Promote continued learning and development of naturalist skills?
2. Provide Master Naturalists with knowledge and skills to work in volunteer efforts?
3. Direct trained volunteers toward specific programs in need of their services?
4. Provide natural resource management issues and information applicable to Texas with a preferred emphasis on the Chapter's local community or ecoregion?
5. Directly address the management of natural resources?
6. Provide practical information and training for application in volunteer efforts?
7. Take advantage of local partnerships?
8. Provide Master Naturalists an opportunity to focus their interests in one or a few specific topics?
9. Build on the core curriculum initially provided by the local Chapter?
10. Is the program/training provided by a person who is a recognized authority or skilled in the subject matter?

Each advanced training opportunity must meet all criteria listed in 1, 2, 3, and 4 above to be approved. It is suggested that the remaining criteria also be a part of the approval consideration. Note: numbers do not represent an order of priority, only designators.