

# Rolling Plains

Highlighted opportunities require training and/or approval before you can participate.

10/13/2025

Name of Opportunity	Category	Description	Time of Year
AT: Approved Webinars: TMN AT Report Hours	Advanced Training	Reporting hours incurred watching an approved webinar.	Special Events
AT: Approved Workshops: TMN AT Report Hours	Advanced Training	Reporting hours incurred attending an in-person, approved workshop.	Special Events
AT: Artist Lecture Series: TMN AT Report Hours	Advanced Training	Attending in-person presentations at approved MSU's Artist Lecture Series. Not all Lecture Series presentations are approved.	Special Events
AT: Chapter Meeting: TMN AT Report Hours	Advanced Training	Report AT time for presentations presented at Chapter Meetings (does not include the business part of the meeting - see CB: Administrative Work - Chapter Business)	Monthly
AT: Sessions at State Meeting: TMN AT Report Hours	Advanced Training	Used to report hours from presentations and field trips during the annual TMN State Meeting.	Special Events
AT: TMNTuesday: TMN AT Report Hours	Advanced Training	Report hours for attending or watching the TMNTuesday webinars presented by TMN on the second Tuesday of each month. These are the only webinars where you can watch the recorded event and report hours for it. Recordings can be watched any time, but must be watched during the calendar year of the presentation.	Monthly
AT: Texas Waters Certification Training: TMN AT Report Hours	Advanced Training	Report hours on Texas Waters Certification training classes only. This does not include Texas Stream Team activities. You must contact Lynn Seman to be accepted for opportunity.	Not applicable to all
AT: VMS Training: TMN AT Report Hours	Advanced Training	Only applicable to those persons who do hours management for the Chapter.	Not applicable to all
CB: Administrative Work	Chapter Business	Includes board and committee work, chapter-related activities, and meetings, etc. This is ongoing throughout the year.	Year Round
	Subcategories: Chapter Meeting	Chapter Meeting: Used to report hours from the business part of Chapter Meetings. (use AT: Chapter Meeting to report the presentation part of the meeting.	Monthly
	Other subcategories	Board Member duties, Hours management, Committee work, website maintenance, projects management, training class coordinating, etc.	Not applicable to all
DO: Angler Education for Master Naturalists	Direct Outreach	Assisting with a fishing event, but not certified as an Angler Education Instructor. Some of our members are certified Angler Education instructors and may sponsor events and ask for volunteers to help with these events. Lynn Seman remains active in this. rlynnseman@gmail.com	Special Events
DO: Community Presentations	Direct Outreach	Speaking at a community event on TMN related topics - you may be asked by a group to prepare a presentation or session with a designated audience, such as a club meeting, classroom setting, etc. Must report location and who the presentation was for in description.	Year Round

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DO: Develop and Present AT to Chapter Members	Direct Outreach	If you prepare and present a program to our chapter members at a meeting. Talk to Tiffany Herring, Vice-President, to set up a program. She oversees getting programs for each month's meeting.	Year Round
DO: River Bend Nature Center	Direct Outreach	If you teach, speak, directly lead, or assist with a presentation at River Bend Nature Center - such as teaching a class for a field trip or special program with a direct audience, not a come-and-go audience. You must contact River Bend if you want to get involved with these. ph # 940-767-0843	Year Round
FR: 3Rivers Foundation Biodiversity Collection Project	Field Research	You must contact Lynn Seman for permission to report this project. This involves working on checking game cameras, making observations to add to iNaturalist project, uploading and sorting photos to project, or any assisting activities to help 3Rivers Foundation with a project.	Year Round
FR: Adopt-a-Loop	Field Research	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department sponsors this project on iNaturalist and eBird to track wildlife and plants at designated sites on the Great Texas Wildlife Trails in our area ( <a href="https://tpwd.texas.gov/huntwild/wildlife/wildlife-trails/">https://tpwd.texas.gov/huntwild/wildlife/wildlife-trails/</a> ). Photos must be uploaded to iNaturalist and added to this project. eBird checklist # must include the description when reporting hours. Sites included are Lake Arrowhead State Park, Copper Breaks State Park, 3 Rivers Fdn./Comanche Springs Astronomy Campus (restricted access), Fort Richardson State Park, Lucy Park, City of Seymour City Park, Lost Creek Reservoir Trailways, Wildcatter Ranch and Resort (restricted access), and Hockaday Ranch in Graham (restricted access). Penny Miller is project leader. green.wichitafalls@gmail.com	Year Round
FR: Agrilife: Texas Quail Index	Field Research	Running from May through September - this involves research activities at our location on Waggoner Ranch. Sandy Underwood is project leader sandyleau@gmail.com	May to September
FR: Assisting TPWD Wildlife Biologist	Field Research	Must be asked by the biologist to assist	Special Events
FR: Bioblitz	Field Research	Events include The City Nature Challenge ( <a href="https://citynaturechallenge.org/">https://citynaturechallenge.org/</a> ), Texas Pollinator Bioblitz, and other ones that are approved by the Chapter that will be posted throughout the year. These projects use iNaturalist.	Special Events
FR: BRIT	Field Research	This is an opportunity that you can do from home, but you must be trained on how to do this.	Year Round
FR: Christmas Bird Count	Field Research	Audubon sponsored yearly event to evaluate bird populations in a specific area. Done annually around Christmas. Bird identification ability is requested. This is a restricted opportunity. Contact Debra Halter chickadeekes@aol.com	December / January
FR: COCORAHS	Field Research	This project requires training and set up. You must have a designated site, official rain gauge, and report your data to a database for it to count as volunteer time. Find out more at <a href="http://www.cocorahs.org/application.aspx">http://www.cocorahs.org/application.aspx</a> ). Maximum of 1 hour per month.	Year Round

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FR: Global Big Day	Field Research	Twice a year, eBird holds a Global Big Day - a type of bioblitz for bird identification only. Checklists must be submitted to ebird on the specific dates of the count (checklist # must be entered in description for hours to count). This may be done on your own or with a coordinated event. Multiple checklists may be submitted each day. This event coincides with our monthly bird outings at Lake Arrowhead State Park. Contact Debra Halter <a href="mailto:chickadeekees@aol.com">chickadeekees@aol.com</a>	2nd Saturday of May, 2nd Saturday of October
FR: Great Backyard Bird Count	Field Research	Annual count centered around the third weekend of February. Sponsored by Audubon Society ( <a href="http://birdcount.org">birdcount.org</a> ), to create a snapshot of local bird populations. Counts can last from 15 minutes to all day. Your data must be entered to eBird (checklist # must be entered in description when reporting hours). Chapter usually has some planned activities. Contact Penny Miller ( <a href="http://green.wichitafalls.org">green.wichitafalls.org</a> ) or Debra Halter ( <a href="mailto:chickadeekees@aol.com">chickadeekees@aol.com</a> )	February
FR: Great Texas Birding Classic	Field Research	Requires signing up for a competition with a team. Held in the spring between April - May. Deadline to enter is April 1. There is a fee to participate. <a href="https://tpwd.texas.gov/events/great-texas-birding-classic/how-to-participate">https://tpwd.texas.gov/events/great-texas-birding-classic/how-to-participate</a> ). Knowledge of bird identification is required.	Spring
FR: Horned Lizard Survey	Field Research	Starting in March and continuing through September. Involves going on field surveys to count Texas Horned Lizards to report to TPWD. Lynn Seman is project leader. Please contact her to participate. <a href="mailto:rlynnseman@gmail.com">rlynnseman@gmail.com</a>	March - September
FR: Invasive Species Reporting	Field Research	You must be trained on the program to report these hours. This is an ongoing project. You can sign up for training and go out to report invasive species when they are found. Several trained members are on this project.	Year Round
FR: Monarch Watch/Tagging	Field Research	Happens in late September/early October. Watch for dates and times in emails, chapter calendar, or announcements at August & September chapter meetings. Laura Gillis is project leader <a href="mailto:gillis.laura5319@gmail.com">gillis.laura5319@gmail.com</a>	September / October
FR: North American Butterfly Association	Field Research	This is an individual report done through Texas Butterfly Monitoring Network ( <a href="https://texasbutterflies.org">https://texasbutterflies.org</a> ). Includes repeated monitoring of a specific site to Field trips. Takes place in the spring and summer. Lynn Seman has participated in this.	Spring / Summer
FR: North American Breeding Bird Surveys FR: US Fish and Wildlife Breeding Bird Survey	Field Research	One day tally of bird species along a specific route created by TPWD. Bird identification skills (sight & sound) are required for route assignment. These routes are run during a specific time frame and are assigned by TPWD. Requirements are to record birds seen and/or heard at 1/4 mile intervals along a 25 mile route. The assigned routes are run annually, starting 30 minutes before sunrise. Penny Miller and Debra Halter/Terry McKee each have two routes. Route leaders may have openings for assistance in running the counts (no ID skills needed to help out.)	June/July

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FR: OE Testing of Monarchs	Field Research	During Monarch migration. This is a project where who can collect data on the OE parasites that affect Monarch butterflies. ( <a href="https://www.monarchparasites.org/monitoring">https://www.monarchparasites.org/monitoring</a> ). Requires advanced training before participating. Possible training will be set up in the September Chapter meetings.	September / October
FR: Pollen Trackers	Field Research	Tracking pollen times of juniper trees on Nature's Notebook app for a project set up by a graduate student at University of Texas ( <a href="https://www.usanpn.org/nn/PollenTrackers">https://www.usanpn.org/nn/PollenTrackers</a> ). Lynn Seman can explain this project if you are interested. <a href="mailto:rlynnseman@gmail.com">rlynnseman@gmail.com</a>	December / January / March
FR: Project Feeder Watch	Field Research	Observe and report birds at your feeder for two days a week from November through April. Data reported to a website ( <a href="https://feederwatch.org/">https://feederwatch.org/</a> ). Fee required.	November - April
FR: The Big Sit Audubon	Field Research	The Big Sit takes place within a 17' circle, where ever you want to watch birds. You can only count the birds that can be seen from within that circle. You can count for as long as you want, multiple people can join in, and you don't have to stay all of the time ( <a href="https://www.thebigsit.org">https://www.thebigsit.org</a> ). This usually coincides with the Global Big Day events. See Global Big day for event information, if available.	Second Saturday and Sunday of October
FR: The Great Sunflower Project	Field Research	Counting pollinators at a designated site on a particular flower - does not need to be a sunflower or the type of sunflower they suggest. Enter data on their website. ( <a href="https://www.greatsunflower.org/quickguide">https://www.greatsunflower.org/quickguide</a> ). Cedar has participated in this project.	Seasonal
FR: Texas Stream Team	Field Research	Conduct water quality testing at three specific sites. These sites are in Wichita (Lake Wichita boat ramp, Wichita River at Lucy Park) and Foard Counties (Comanche Springs beaver pond). Carl Brown is the project leader. <a href="mailto:clbseb@gmail.com">clbseb@gmail.com</a>	Monthly / Year Round (2nd Friday of each month)
FR: Whiteside Museum	Field Research	Whiteside Museum of Natural History is a chapter partner. Members volunteer at the museum/dig site at periodic times of the year. You will need to be trained by a museum representative or supervised by museum director until the director gives you permission for the work. Lynn Seman is the project leader - <a href="mailto:rlynnseman@gmail.com">rlynnseman@gmail.com</a>	Year Round
IO: Attending a booth or station	Indirect Outreach	Applies to opportunities in which members communicate with the public, either at a booth (such as the Home & Garden Show ) or at a station (such as judging at a science fair, or providing a specific job at an event station).	Special Events
IO: Chapter-sponsored Monthly Hike	Indirect Outreach	This is for attending our chapter-sponsored monthly hike with intent to educate the public in the hike's theme for the month. Members need to interact with the public or others as a TMN representative.	Monthly
IO: Kid Fishing Rodeo	Indirect Outreach	Involves helping with the events, such as those sponsored by TPWD, Lake Arrowhead State Park, and others, that involve kids and fishing. Plum Creek Fishing Rodeo and Mark Howell Memorial Kid Fishing Rodeo.	Special Events

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IO: Mark Howell Fishing Rodeo	Indirect Outreach	involves helping with the events during the Mark Howell Memorial Kid Fishing Rodeo, at Lake Arrowhead State Park.	Special Events
IO: Monthly Bird Outing	Indirect Outreach	Involves assisting or leading the monthly bird outing at Lake Arrowhead State Park to inform the public of local birds (second Saturday of each month). Penny Miller is the project leader - greenwichitafalls@gmail.com	Monthly
IO: National Trail Day	Indirect Outreach	Set as the first Saturday in June each year ( <a href="https://americanhiking.org/national-trails-day/">https://americanhiking.org/national-trails-day/</a> ). Events might be sponsored by the Chapter during this event. Possibilities include organizing events/stations along one of the local trails, such as Wichita Rail Trail, Lake Arrowhead State Park, etc.	June
IO: Public Fishing Events	Indirect Outreach	Assisting with a fishing event, such as After-school program sponsored by City of Wichita Falls.	
IO: Researching and writing articles for publication	Indirect Outreach	If you are interested in writing articles for the Chapter newsletter, local newspaper, magazines, or other publications that deal with TMN topics, you can report your time in researching and writing. If you want to send an article to the Chapter newsletter, please contact Laura Gillis gillis.laura5319@gmail.com	Year Round
IO: River Bend Nature Center	Indirect Outreach	Use this designation if you work an event at River Bend Nature Center in which you interact with the public about TMN related topics, such as talking about spiders during an insect event or butterflies in the butterfly house, etc. This is geared to come-and-go events with an undetermined audience. River Bend will usually contact us when they have these type of events and need assistance.	Special Events
IO: Special Events at Copper Breaks State Park	Indirect Outreach	Copper Breaks State Park is a chapter partner. Assisting park personel at a scheduled event, such as Critters Event around Halloween, etc. The Park will contact us when assistance is required.	Special Events
IO: Special Events at Lake Arrowhead State Park	Indirect Outreach	Lake Arrowhead State Park is a chapter partner. Assisting park personel at a scheduled event, such as First Day Hike, etc. The Park will contact us when assistance is required.	Special Events
NPA; City View Jr/Sr High Restoration Project	Nature/Public Area	Pollinator Restoration Project at City View Jr/Sr High School	Seasonal
NPA: Comanche Springs Wildflower Garden / Hiking Trail	Nature/Public Area	Comanche Springs Astronomy Campus is a chapter partner. Maintain a chapter-sponsored pollinator garden. Also hiking trails maintenance and assistance. Contact Lynn Seman for information - rlynnseman@gmail.com	Seasonal
NRA: Maintain Nature Trail at River Bend Nature Center	Natural Resources Management	River Bend Nature Center is a chapter partner. Help with pruning, cleaning and maintenance of trail and conservatory. Call River Bend Nature Center to find out more at 940-767-0842.	Year Round

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NRA: Trail, Wildscape, Butterfly Garden Maintenance	Natural Resources Management	This applies to other areas in our region, such as Lake Arrowhead State Park. Needs to be an established or chapter-sponsored site.	Year Round
Other: Rehabilitating wildlife for Kemp Wildlife Rehabilitating and Release	Other	Kemp Wildlife Rehabilitating and Release works with orphaned and injured wildlife with the objective of releasing them back into the wild. This is strictly a volunteer organization. Training is required. Melissa Rose works with this organization.	Year Round
Other: Rehabilitating birds at Wild Bird Rescue	Other	Wild Bird Rescue Inc. is a chapter partner. Involves doing work to benefit and help the birds at the rescue. Training required to work with the birds. Contact Wild Bird Rescue to volunteer.	Year Round
RM: Build and/or install wildlife habitats	Resource management	Used when helping with the establishment of habitat, such as submerging fish structures, building bird/bat/owl houses), etc.	As needed
RM: Litter/Trash/Clean Up	Resource management	This includes our Adopt-a-Highway section by Lake Arrowhead State Park, Sikes Lake Clean Up at MSU, and other chapter-sponsored clean up events.	As needed
RM: Maintain Grounds at Wild Bird Rescue	Resource management	Used when special events are called to clean up the grounds around Wild Bird Rescue.	As needed
RM: Monofilament Line Recycling	Resource management	Building, setting up, maintaining, and emptying the monofilament line recycling stations at Lake Wichita, Lake Arrowhead State Park, Plum Creek, and Copper Breaks State Park.	As needed
RM: Removing debris and/or invasive species	Resource management	Could be used in more areas if needed.	As needed
TMN: Virtual Volunteer Service	State Level	Used to report hours from the Virtual Volunteer Fair time and projects.	Year Round

If you don't have a computer or want access the VMS on your phone, you can add a link to the Chapter website to your phone. This way you can enter your hours and even view the Chapter calendar on your phone. Go to your phone's search box - type in [txmn.org/rollingplains](http://txmn.org/rollingplains) and open the website.

For android, click the three dots on the upper right of the screen. Click "Add to Home Screen". Click "Add". Click "Add" again at prompt to add to home screen. You might have to look for it on the various screens where links are stored. To move it to another screen, hold the icon and move right or left to the screen you want it to appear on. To open, click on the icon. To remove it, hold down the icon, choose select or remove.

For iphone, open Safari (other browsers won't work for this) and type in [txmn.org/rollingplains](http://txmn.org/rollingplains). Tap go. Make sure you open the exact page you want to save. Tap the Share button on the bottom of the page (it looks like a box with an arrow pointing out of the top). In the list of options that appear, scroll down until you see Add to Home Screen. Tap this. The Add to Home Screen dialog box will appear. Choose a name for the shortcut. Click Add. Safari will automatically close and you will be taken to where the icon is located on your homescreen. Just tap the icon and you will be taken to the website.