



OCTOBER 2021

# Chapter News—in brief

## UPCOMING GENERAL MEETING: FIELD DAY

### CANNAN BEND RECREATION AREA\* FIELD DAY, OCTOBER 13

Members should have already received an email invitation to register for the field day at Cannan Bend Recreation Area.

Registration is required for planning session groups and the experience stations.

Remember to: dress for the weather and the planned activities (and of course, the insects)...

**BRING BUG SPRAY and a chair!**

7:30a	Activity set up
8:00a	Registration check-in
8:30a	Chapter social time
9:00a	President's welcome / orientation
<b>9:05a</b>	<b>FIRST STATION</b>
9:45a	Break / groups rotate to next station
<b>9:50a</b>	<b>SECOND STATION</b>
10:30a	Break / groups rotate to next station
<b>10:35a</b>	<b>THIRD STATION</b>
11:15a	Break / groups rotate to experience station
<b>11:20a</b>	<b>Experience station for groups D1 and D2</b>
12:00p	President's closing / group clean up

Code	Station	Location	Facilitators
<b>A</b>	History of Cannan Bend	Canopy 1	Jennifer Sanchez, Mike Lange, Lisa Myers
<b>B</b>	Riparian Bottomlands Interpretive Walk	Hickner Trail	Chris Kneupper, Kristine Rivers
<b>C</b>	Wetlands and Lakeside Interpretive Walk	Shoreline	Phil Huxford, Susan Conaty
<b>D1</b>	Kayaking Experience	Boat Ramp	David Heinicke, Oron Atkins
<b>D2</b>	iNaturalist Experience	Canopy 2	Mike Mullins, Melanie Hollenshead

\* **Location: CR 690 (Levee Rd), 1 mile on the right from the intersection of FM 523 and CR 690.**

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Photos this page by Ed Barrios at Cannan Bend RA in August.

## NOTICE – November General Meeting

The November meeting will be at AgriLIFE, Angleton, and virtual on **WEDNESDAY, November 10, at 7 p.m. with social time at 6:30 p.m.**

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## MEMBERSHIP DATA REPORT by Dave Brandes, Data Manager

### 2021 Recertifications & Awards

Christina Hartman     Herb Myers  
Tom Morris             Beverly Walton

### Hours Totals YTD—30 September 2021

8516 Hours VT    1490 Hours AT

\* September only: 775 VT and 84 AT Hours

### 500 Hour Milestone Award

Melanie Hollenshead

### Impact Data YTD—30 September 2021

3571 Adults    5460 Youth    9031 Total

**WHERE ARE MY PINS??** John Boettiger, Membership Director, says that any pins not already claimed are now at AgriLIFE Extension Service in Angleton. See Crystal Andablo.



### IMPORTANT NOTES FOR MEMBERS

- Beginning in November, **General Meeting times** will be as follows (no change in location):
  - **Odd numbered months:** Evening meetings, starting with 6:30 p.m. social time and meeting at 7:00 p.m. **NOVEMBER MEETING IS WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10**
  - **Even numbered months:** Morning meetings as in the past.

This change is part of the Board's effort to attract and accommodate members who work or have other obligations during the daytime. **We will continue to have "hybrid" meetings—both in person and virtual access**

- Spread the word about COT by "liking" and also posting to the Chapter's Facebook Page, "Texas Master Naturalists Cradle of Texas Chapter" or via <http://facebook.com/TMN-COT>
- **SAVE THE DATES:**
  - **October 13—Field Day and Sneak-A-Peek at Cannan Bend Recreation Area** in lieu of regular Membership Meeting (see page 1)
  - **December 8—COT 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration** in lieu of regular Membership Meeting (more info coming).



**REMINDER: CREATIVE PEOPLE WANTED**  
**COT 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION TABLE DECORATION CONTEST RULES**

By Chapter Host Rose Wagner and 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee

1. Members in good standing are eligible to adopt a round/banquet table to decorate
2. Theme should be nature related
3. Independent judges will select the winner
4. Prize is a marsh buggy ride at San Bernard National Wildlife Refuge. Details to be coordinated with Jennifer Sanchez, Refuge Manager
5. Winner will select a total of 8 people for the ride
6. Gold tablecloths will be provided
7. First 15 to sign up will get a table to decorate
8. You must confirm by November 30 to ensure all tables have a centerpiece. Volunteers cannot cancel after that date except for an emergency
9. Decoration must be ready prior to the start of the event on December 8
10. Venue: First Presbyterian Church in Angleton



Questions? Contact Rose Wagner [hummer0533@gmail.com](mailto:hummer0533@gmail.com).  
Good luck to all and let your imaginations go “wild”!



## UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- **Bobcat Woods Native Plant Garden**—October 20, 21, & 22, 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.; contact Ethan Davis
- **BCPD Trail Day at Hanson Park**—Every third Thursday, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.; contact Mike Mullenweg
- **GCBO Nursery Garden Workday**—Every Thursday, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and Saturday; contact Chris Kneupper
- **Trash Collection/Disposal Analysis Project**—self-directed
- **Beach Sweep Trash Collection/Disposal Analysis Project**—October 11, 8 a.m. at Quintana Fishing Pier via 8<sup>th</sup> Street; contact Jimmy and Luanne Salinas (bring trash grabbers, 5-gallon bucket, gloves, mosquito repellent, comfortable clothing/hat, closed-toe shoes, sunscreen, water/refreshments, sunglasses, face mask, Clean Swell app)
- **Nurdle Beach Patrol**—self-directed; contact Jace Turnell
- **Brazoria County Comprehensive Spider Survey**—self-directed; contact Melanie Hollenshead
- **Adopt-a-Loop for TMN**—self-directed; contact Deb Nance
- **Apple Snail Removal at Hudson Woods**—Contact David Heinicke
- **Pollinator Citizen Science Project 2021**—(training/testing required); self-directed; <https://txmg.org/bluebonnet/pollinator-citizen-science-project-opens-again-march-22-2021/#:~:text=The%20purpose%20of%20the%20project,USA%2C%20namely%20Texas%20and%20Oklahoma>
- **Exploration Green Nursery, Volunteer Workdays**—September date TBD, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.; see their website (must RSVP at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/exploration-green-phase-2-planting-event-tickets-156553115583>; screening form and face mask required); contact Christie Taylor.

### Outreach Events

- **Surfside Beach Nature Fest**—October 9, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; contact Ruby Lewis
- **Refuge Saturday and Grand Opening, Cannan Bend Recreation Area**—October 16, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; contact Phil Huxford
- **KBR Kids Day**—October 23, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; contact Ruby Lewis; **NEED LOTS OF VOLUNTEERS**
- **Halloween Spooktacular at Sea Center Texas**—October 24, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.; contact Ruby Lewis
- **Refuge Saturday at Bobcat Woods Trail**—November 13, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., contact Mickey Dufilho.



### Cannan Bend Recreation Area

Brazoria National Wildlife Refuge

**OCTOBER 16**

- ❖ Kayaking & fishing in 30-acre freshwater lake
- ❖ Guided tour of .5-mile Hickner Birding Trail in old growth, bottomland forest
- ❖ Birds of Prey program

**CR 690 (Levee Rd) (1 mile on the right from FM 523) Oyster Creek**



### Bobcat Woods Trail

San Bernard National Wildlife Refuge

**NOVEMBER 13**

- ❖ .7-mile guided trail walk to Wolfweed Wetlands (ADA compliant); butterfly release; scavenger hunt; Birds of Prey program...plus
- ❖ Explore this haven for birds, mammals, reptiles in coastal prairie, saltwater and freshwater lakes and marshes, bottomland forest and 8-mile Cocklebur Slough Auto Tour

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### **TMN-COT Chapter list**

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- Message Archive <http://tinyurl.com/TMN-COT-Mail>
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