

NEW CLASS TRAINING DIRECTORS MEETING

- Mute your microphone to help with meeting noise
- If you have a slow internet connection, turn off your video to keep up bandwidth
- Introduce yourself & your chapter in the Chat Room
- Michelle will be monitoring the chat room

- We'll get started at 1:30pm
- Volunteer Note Taker – _____Sheila Endres_____

- Will be sharing notes, slides and chat room post-meeting



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AUGUST 11TH



AGENDA

- Group Gathering & Return to Service Guidelines
 - Indoor vs. Outdoor
- Distance Basic & Advanced Training Resources
 - Statewide Application and Training News Release
 - Regional WebEx Accounts
 - “Preparing to go Virtual” (Let’s Take This Online) Training offered by TPWD HR
 - How to Share Training Resources
 - Annual Meeting
- Field Sessions Discussion
- Volunteer Service
 - Virtual Volunteer Fair – September 2nd

RETURN TO SERVICE GUIDELINES

- Update Friday August 7th – *sent to Presidents last night*
 - Previous - “Transitioning Back” document – July 3rd update
- NEW:
- County offices follow continuity of operations plan from the county but may also incorporate the health and safety guidance from AgriLife Extension.
- Meetings/Events
 - Group meetings of **50% capacity** of space or fewer people are allowed only if social distancing can be practiced with a **limited capacity of 50 people**.
- Face coverings are required at all events, unless the county hosting the event is exempt per the Governor’s Resolution GA-29 on July 2, 2020.



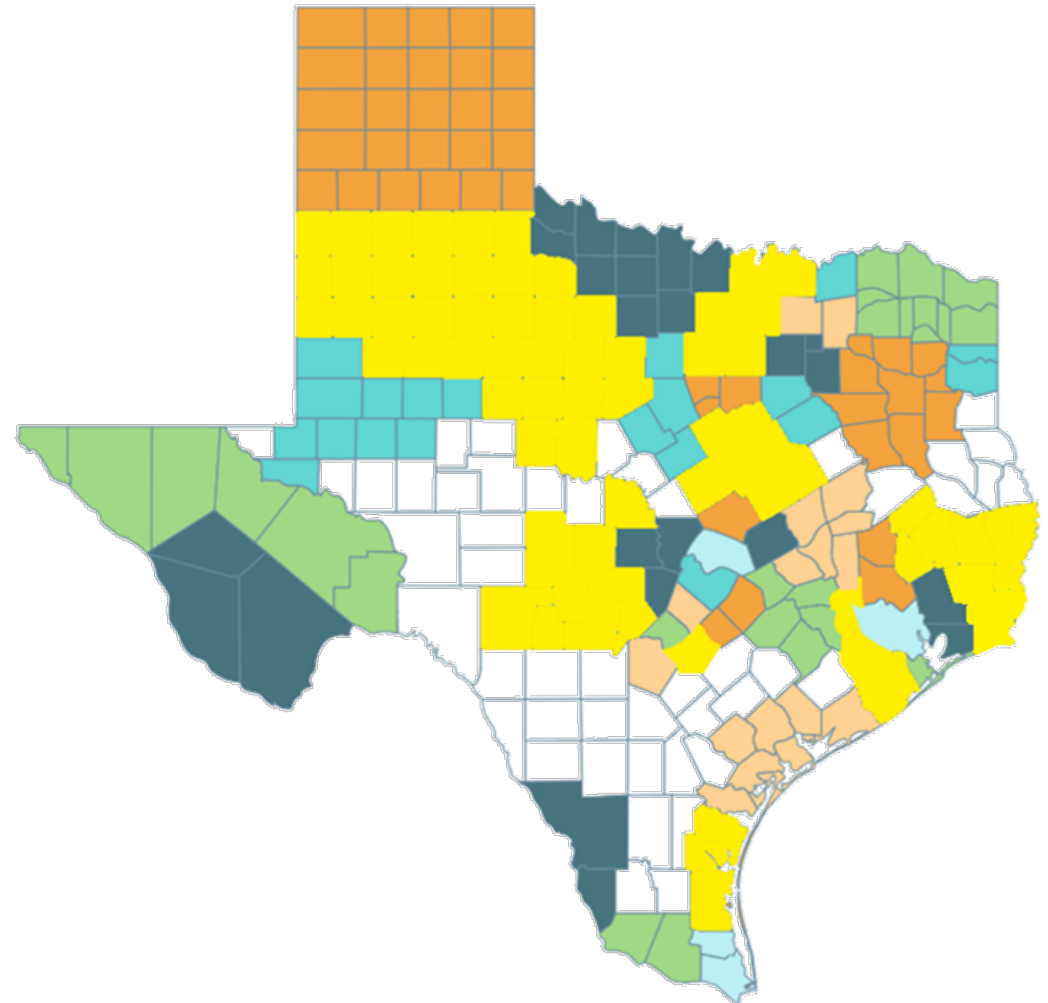
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STATEWIDE TRAINING & APPLICATION NEWS RELEASE

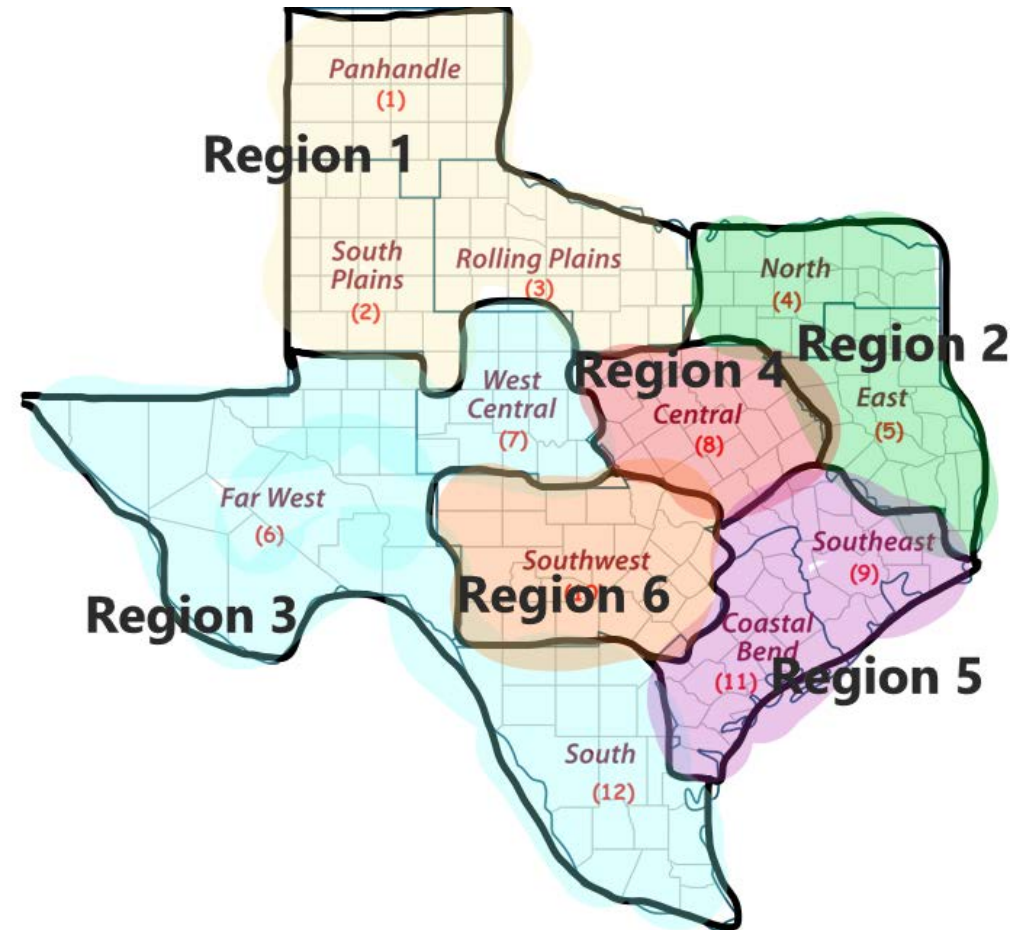
■ ~~15~~ 14 Chapters with Fall Training Classes :

- Balcones Canyonlands Chapter
- Big Country Chapter
- Bluestem Chapter
- Coastal Prairie Chapter
- Cradle of Texas Chapter
- Cross Timbers Chapter
- Elm Fork Chapter
- Guadalupe Chapter
- Heart of Texas Chapter
- Hill Country Chapter- **Now Postponed to 2021**
- Llano Estacado Chapter
- Pinewood Lakes Chapter
- Sabine Neches Chapter
- South Plains Chapter
- South Texas Chapter



REGIONAL WEBEX ACCOUNTS

- All Available now
- Training on using the Regional Webex Accounts still available
- Hosted through Regional Gmail Accounts as done previously
 - Region#TMN@gmail.com
 - Naturalist#!
 - where # is Region # - i.e Region2TMN, Naturalist2!
- WebEx Capacity – 2,000 on these new accounts
- No Time limit



PREPARING TO GO VIRTUAL TRAININGS BEING OFFERED

- This Thursday August 13th 1:30 to 3:30 PM

Let's Take This Online: Virtual Training Design/Facilitation Workshop – hosted by the TMN Program and presented by Texas Parks & Wildlife's Training and Organizational Development Branch.

This workshop will cover how to reach adult learners in a virtual environment, how to organize your training classes for distance learning and how to teach in and prepare your guest lecturers for a virtual environment. We will also cover how to keep the adult learner engaged along with other tips and tricks, etc.

- Register to attend here: [Register](#)
 - (Link will also be shared again immediately following the meeting and in the chat box)

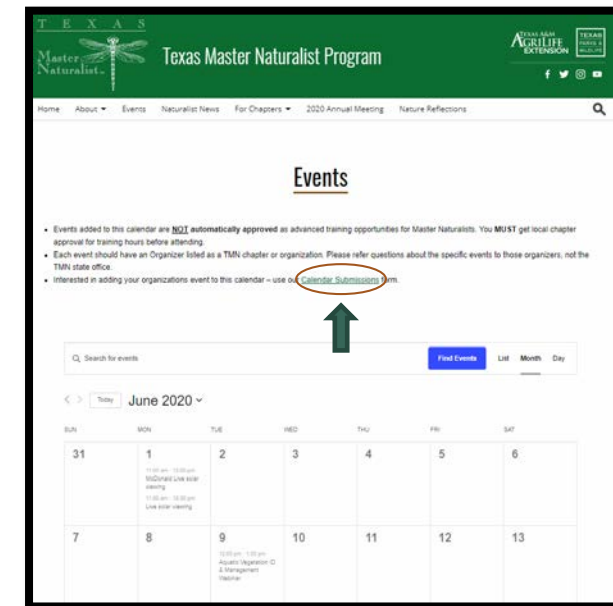
HOW TO SHARE TRAINING RESOURCES

Basic Training

- 13 chapters with Trainings this fall – please post your Basic Training Schedule on your website!
- Will be posting Press Release to State Website Blog
- If recording your basic trainings – please share them with the State to be posted on the TMN YouTube Channel ****
- ‘Universal’ basic training courses listed previously.
 - Land Stewardship
 - Historical Naturalists (?)
 - Ecological Regions
 - Ecological Concepts
 - Ecosystems Management
 - Texas Water Resources (?)
 - Citizen Science
 - Laws & Ethics
 - Interpretation/Volunteers as Teachers

Advanced Training

- Add your upcoming dates/events to the TMN State website Events Calendar
- Encourage chapter members to find advanced training classes at this site
- Still need to be reviewed and approved by your individual local chapter





ADDITIONAL BASIC TRAINING DISCUSSION

- How are the Chapters who are offering Fall training classes doing on enrollment? Have the numbers increased or decreased?
- **SLACK** as discussion option tool...
- How can we transition to distance/virtual learning **WITHOUT** losing community/comradery feeling of chapters training classes?
- Any models already in practice that combine a virtual lecture with some lab/field time?
- Bluestem hosted their first New Class last night ...Any tips?

FIELD SESSION DISCUSSION

- Do Field Trips have to be shown to the New Class live?
- If live, how do you get around a lack of good WiFi at some of the locations - live State Parks?
- If Field Trips can be pre-recorded, it would make things easier. They could then be shown as a class with the 'field trip leader' as the presenter, so that class members could ask questions in the chat.

ANNUAL MEETING



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- Schedule
 - Wednesday through Saturday
 - But – then some other offerings throughout weeks prior.
- Registration – opened August 5th
 - Registration \$55
 - FAQs on website (couples, non-TMNs, etc)
- Awards & Contests –
 - Chapter Advisor Award nomination
 - Chapter Project Fair
 - Video Contest
 - Photo, Art & Media Contest (Thanks COT)



ANNUAL MEETING

- Virtual Field Sessions Day
 - Tuesday October 13th
- Virtual 5K FunRun & Fundraiser
 - Gulf Coast Chapter



VIRTUAL VOLUNTEER FAIR – SEPTEMBER 2ND



- September 2nd, 2020 – tentative time 9am - 12pm depending on final quantity of presentations.
- Will be 5-10 minute presentations from TAMU or TPWD specialists
 - Pre-sent written proposals 'catalog' for review.