

Text chat from New Class Directors Phone Call

8-11-2020

From Nancy Angell to Everyone: 01:24 PM

Nancy Angell is present

From Randy Beehn to Everyone: 01:25 PM

Randy Beehn Sabine Neches Chapter

From Regina Dale to Everyone: 01:26 PM

Regina Dale, Elm Fork Chapter

From Lena Zappia to Everyone: 01:26 PM

Lena Zappia, South Plains

From Glenda Kelly to Everyone: 01:26 PM

Glenda Kelly, South Plains Chapter

From Amber Grubb to Everyone: 01:26 PM

Amber Grubb - Bluestem

From Debra Jones to Everyone: 01:26 PM

Debra Jones, Red River Chapter

From Susan May to Everyone: 01:26 PM

Susan May Llano Estacado Chapter

From Nancy Angell to Everyone: 01:26 PM

Nancy Angell from Sabine Neches Chapter

From Mary Ann Melton to Everyone: 01:26 PM

I am Mary Ann Melton, Good Water Chapter

From Janet Mason to Everyone: 01:26 PM

Janet Mason, Galveston Bay Area Chapter

From Zoe Rascoe to Everyone: 01:26 PM

Zoe Rascoe - Central Texas Chapter (every day!) = )

From Bonnie Brown to Everyone: 01:26 PM

Bonnie Brown, Gulf Coast

From Lynn Fleming to Everyone: 01:26 PM

Lynn Fleming central Texas

From Sheryl Pender to Everyone: 01:26 PM

Sheryl Pender, Hill Country chapter, new class director

From Jean Suplick to Everyone: 01:26 PM

Jean Suplick, Blackland Prairie

From Nora Schell to Everyone: 01:26 PM

Nora Schell - Heart of Texas Master Naturalist

From Michelle Darnell to Everyone: 01:26 PM

Michelle Darnell Guadalupe

From Mary Everett to Everyone: 01:26 PM

Mary Ann Everett, Central Texas Chapter

From Karen and John Gardner to Everyone: 01:26 PM

Karen and John Gardner - training coordinators for Gideon Lincecum Chapter

From Kippra Hopper to Everyone: 01:26 PM

Hi Kippra Hopper here — president South Plains Chapter

From Shelli Ellerbe to Everyone: 01:26 PM

Shelli Ellerbe, Lower Trinity Basin

From Nelda Tuthill to Everyone: 01:26 PM

Hello from Nelda Tuthill, Piney Wood Lakes Chapter

From Rena Sutphin to Everyone: 01:26 PM

Rena sutphin. Indian Trail

From Nancy Phillips to Everyone: 01:26 PM

Nancy Phillips Good Water

From Joni Gillis to Everyone: 01:26 PM

Rio Grande Valley Chapter

From Marsha Stephens to Everyone: 01:26 PM

Marsha Stephens Prairie Oaks

From Sheila Endres to Everyone: 01:26 PM

Sheila Endres, Balcones Canyonlands

From Becky Gullette to Everyone: 01:26 PM

Becky Gullette Cypress Basin

From Scott Ball to Everyone: 01:26 PM

Scott Ball - Heartwood

From Gary Wood to Everyone: 01:26 PM

Gary Wood, Prairie Oaks - training director

From Rick Corbell to Everyone: 01:26 PM

Rick Corbell, Lindheimer Chapter co-director of training

From Mary Schwartz to Everyone: 01:26 PM

Mary Schwartz Cradle of Texas

From Bruce Neville to Everyone: 01:27 PM

Bruce Neville, Brazos Valley, New Member Training Director

From Barbara Peet to Everyone: 01:28 PM

Barbara Peet RGVCTMN

From Betsy Palkowsky to Everyone: 01:28 PM

betsy from gideon Lincecum is here

From Shannon Westveer to Everyone: 01:28 PM

Shannon, Spring Class, Coastal Prairie [shannon@coastalprairie.org](mailto:shannon@coastalprairie.org)

From Kay Murphy to Everyone: 01:28 PM

Kay Murphy, Rolling Plains Chapter

From Elise Spain to Everyone: 01:28 PM

Elise Spain, Elm Fork Chapter

From David Cook to Everyone: 01:28 PM

David Cook from Capital Area

From Melinda Wolfinbarger to Everyone: 01:28 PM

Melinda Pajak - Cross Timbers

From Susette Mahaffey to Everyone: 01:28 PM

Susette Mahaffey from Galveston Bay Area Chapter

From Maryann Mathews to Everyone: 01:29 PM

Maryann Mathews Rio Brazos

From Jill Wright to Everyone: 01:29 PM

Hi - this is Jill Wright from the Cypress Basin Chapter

From Jeanette Geiman to Everyone: 01:29 PM

Jeanette Geiman, Alamo Area

From Carol Hawkins to Everyone: 01:30 PM

Carol Hawkins-Coastal Prairie Chapter Fall Training Class Director

From Philip Woods to Everyone: 01:30 PM

Philip Woods South Texas Chapter

From Nancy Wilson to Everyone: 01:30 PM

Hello! Nancy Wilson, North Texas Chapter (Dallas)

From Mary Beth Lampe to Everyone: 01:30 PM

I will be joining a little late, I'm in a work meeting now.

From Mark Wojcik to Everyone: 01:30 PM

Mark Wojcik from Hays County Master Naturalists

From Susan May to Everyone: 01:36 PM

We have training in the Fall, but it is a continuation of our Spring.

From Sheila Endres to Everyone: 01:36 PM

Mary, please add Balcones Canyonlands to the list of chapters that are training this fall

From Susan May to Everyone: 01:36 PM

Llano Estacado

From Meuth, Mary P to Everyone: 01:37 PM

@Sheila - will do!

From Betsy Palkowsky to Everyone: 01:38 PM

can you tell us what url we use? TPWD.webex.com or something else?

no

From Mary Beth Lampe to Everyone: 01:39 PM

how do we find our region number

From Sheila Endres to Everyone: 01:40 PM

Is the map on the state website somewhere

From Mary Jane Brown to Everyone: 01:40 PM

It might be in the notes from yesterdays Chapter Presidents meeting.

From Bruce Neville to Everyone: 01:40 PM

Too small!

For my old eyes!

From Jean Suplick to Everyone: 01:41 PM

Can you put the slides in presentation mode?

From Becky Gullette to Everyone: 01:43 PM

what is the best way to not step on other chapters meeting....

From Shelli Ellerbe to Everyone: 01:44 PM

Lower Trinity Basin Chapter purchased their own Webex account to be able to meet online without having to worry about timing conflicts.

From Becky Gullette to Everyone: 01:44 PM

other than Webex calendar ...which would only show that a time was already taken

From Meuth, Mary P to Everyone: 01:45 PM

@Becky - On the regional excel spreadsheet list I'll send out is the email address for each chapter. It may be helpful to send an email if you're worried about overlapping training dates/times

Register for the Lets Take this Online Workshop -

From Betsy Palkowsky to Everyone: 01:46 PM

I'm really looking forward to attending this. There is always something new to learn

From Meuth, Mary P to Everyone: 01:46 PM

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From Rick Corbell to Everyone: 01:48 PM

Will training include getting the presenter to enlarge their curser to make it easier to see during screen sharing?

From Jean Suplick to Everyone: 01:49 PM

More info on the TMN YouTube Channel? How do we place things there? We recorded some of our Summer classes.

From Me to Everyone: 01:49 PM

@Rick Corbell.. they might have some tips on that but it would be hard to train on that if people are using different platforms.

From Amber Grubb to Everyone: 01:51 PM

Are we suppose to edit these before we share them with you or do you have someone who does that?

From Me to Everyone: 01:52 PM

It would be helpful if you can edit as much as possible. We don't have a lot of capacity to edit them at this time.

From Karen and John Gardner to Everyone: 01:54 PM

So if one trainee needs to take a recorded presentation what are the logistics to set up a discussion to follow that with only one trainee who needs it?

From Sheila Endres to Everyone: 01:54 PM

Do you want only the presenter. or do you want the whole class including Q&A?

From Susan May to Everyone: 01:55 PM

Just to be clear, if one of our Interns attends another Chapter's training that is live not recorded, we don't need to do the follow up discussion?

From Elise Spain to Everyone: 01:56 PM

Elm Fork capped registration at 18 because of virtual training.

From David Cook to Everyone: 01:56 PM

Capital Area will be starting training in January or February

From Susan May to Everyone: 01:56 PM

Yes, please add Llano Estacado because we may be able to share some training :)

From Mary Ann Melton to Everyone: 01:56 PM

Good Water chapter is completing their spring class beginning in August - so we are not doing a Fall class this year.

From Philip Woods to Everyone: 01:56 PM

We have 13 for virtual and 5 who wanted face to face training

From Bruce Neville to Everyone: 01:56 PM

which chapter was that?

From Nancy Rabensburg to Everyone: 01:56 PM

Lost Pines will be starting in January.

From Michelle Darnell to Everyone: 01:56 PM

Guadalupe 12 trainee's

From Me to Everyone: 01:57 PM

Balcones Canyonlands @Bruce

From Jean Suplick to Everyone: 01:57 PM

Our last class is tomorrow, and we've done 8 virtual. They are very well received.

From Mary Ann Melton to Everyone: 01:57 PM

In Good Water only a few decided to wait until spring hoping to do an in person class in the spring.

From Carol Hawkins to Everyone: 01:57 PM

Coastal Prairie Chapter at the moment has 19 ladies, they love the idea of zooming.

From Nancy Rabensburg to Everyone: 01:57 PM

Should we have more or less students doing virtual training? Did you decrease the cost?

From Bruce Neville to Everyone: 01:57 PM

Actually, it was, what chapter is Sheila?

From Mary Schwartz to Everyone: 01:57 PM

Cradle of Texas is seeing less people register but we still have a few weeks left to register.

From Susan May to Everyone: 01:57 PM

Llano Estacado had over 20 sign up in spring, probably have 10-15 who are continuing once we went virtual.

From Bruce Neville to Everyone: 01:57 PM

thanks

From Kippra Hopper to Everyone: 01:58 PM

South Plains Chapter is continuing the Spring training... we have about 30 people.

From Shannon Westveer to Me: (Privately) 01:58 PM

CON: VSP's will hold up initial certification.

From Bruce Neville to Everyone: 01:59 PM

We're not doing our training this fall, but we never know what our class size is going to be until the week before.

From Michelle Darnell to Everyone: 01:59 PM

Will the training on Thurs go over Webex?

From Nancy Wilson to Everyone: 01:59 PM

We usually accept 50, but will diminish to 25 so we can have small group face-to-face events.

From Jill Wright to Everyone: 01:59 PM

Our Cypress Basin Chapter is anticipating a spring training - virtually. We have usually had 10-14 participants in face to face in the past.

From Randy Beehn to Everyone: 01:59 PM

Sabine Neches numbers are a lot less. A lot of people are interested but not going forward for different reasons. Normal 10-12 in training but only 3 signed up so far this year.

From Jean Suplick to Everyone: 01:59 PM

Nancy are you doing a mix of virtual/face-to-face?

From Jeanette Geiman to Everyone: 02:00 PM

Alamo Area Chapter (San Antonio) is waiting until 2021 for next training. Hoping to do face to face...

From Betsy Palkowsky to Everyone: 02:00 PM

it will be interesting to see % that stick with TMN program after training

From Nancy Wilson to Everyone: 02:00 PM

All classes will be online, but we will hold small group activities and field trips

From Rick Corbell to Everyone: 02:00 PM

Lindheimer is limiting next class to 20 attendees and setting a new start month to January 2021.

From Jean Suplick to Everyone: 02:00 PM

Nancy, I think that's where we're going to.

From Sheryl Pender to Everyone: 02:01 PM

Hill Country had 31 applicants processed and approved by Board of Directors at time of our decision to postpone. Right now, we are implementing a pairing of each applicant with a mentor to encourage the relationship building. Some mini field trips in fall, some shadowing of the mentor in selected volunteer projects, etc. All 31 applicants agreed to participate in this pairing project.

From Shannon Westveer to Everyone: 02:01 PM



VSP hours: consider alternate NOT face-to-face ways for trainees to log volunteer service hour component. IT and AT will not be a problem, but VSP is.

From Mary Ann Melton to Everyone: 02:02 PM

I would love to have those for our Junior Master Naturalist

From Nancy Wilson to Everyone: 02:03 PM

Awesome!!!! Would love to see those! I am attending your session at Annual Meeting to learn successes and things to watch out for.

From Michelle Darnell to Everyone: 02:04 PM

Guadalupe will be doing both in-person speakers and virtual

From Shannon Westveer to Everyone: 02:05 PM

VSP Hours: pre-schedule field components that supplement class training with fellow chapter members who are also enthusiastic about the topic. Limit groups to 3-5 trainees each, perhaps rotating through three 'stations' to maximize group interaction.

From Kippra Hopper to Everyone: 02:05 PM

South Plains chapter is trying to have outdoor sessions as much as possible

From Karen and John Gardner to Everyone: 02:08 PM

another tip about conserving bandwidth is to make sure that other family members are NOT using devices while the trainees are on their webinar

From Bruce Neville to Everyone: 02:10 PM

Is it still the case that TPWD employees cannot present over Zoom?

Okay, thanks.

From Susan May to Everyone: 02:10 PM

Yes, please address the discussion requirement; if one of our Interns takes another Chapter's live class (not recorded) do we still need to do a follow up discussion session.

From Shannon Westveer to Everyone: 02:11 PM

VSP Hours: offer indoor chapter-based solutions, such as writing blog posts, helping with the chapter website or newsletter, or otherwise chapter maintenance and outreach. Always work to be done, and not necessarily outside with others!

From Bruce Neville to Everyone: 02:11 PM

Okay. Just wondering in case we do the pre-recording and live discussion route.

We do use a waiting room.

From Sheila Endres to Everyone: 02:11 PM

I have requests for our chapter's training from people who do not live in our area...because their local chapter is not training this year...

From Michelle Darnell to Everyone: 02:11 PM

IS there a way to set up a premeeting with presenter in webex?

From Me to Everyone: 02:12 PM

@Michelle-- like a test meeting? of course!

From Susan May to Everyone: 02:15 PM

I understand the need for that but we may have individuals take different classes which would create a need for a discussion for each individual. We can choose and limit which ones we approve.

Thanks for addressing that issue!

From Elise Spain to Everyone: 02:16 PM

Are you able to give us a link to the video you have produced for us on orientation to the Texas statewide program?

From Shannon Westveer to Everyone: 02:17 PM

IT class component: I.e for entomology, we used a prerecorded 2-hr session by Wizzie Brown, then they had to email a quiz of questions (from session, text, and local ento stuff) with a deadline attached to get 3-hrs of IT credit.

From Me to Everyone: 02:17 PM

On the intro program video... we don't have that one quite done yet.

From Mary Jane Brown to Everyone: 02:17 PM

Its okay Mary Pearl, we understand having kids in the background.

From Nora Schell to Everyone: 02:18 PM

Are we able to get ahold of different sections of the TMN book to share with the instructors? I had asked this earlier and I thought you'd address this question?

From Susan May to Everyone: 02:18 PM

We are trying online Google doc form Review/Quizzes to follow up some of our sessions.

From Mary Jane Brown to Everyone: 02:19 PM

Has there been any thought about allowing any presentations at annual convention to apply as Initial Training, such as iNaturalists?

From Bruce Neville to Everyone: 02:20 PM

Can I pay someone to run for me?

"FunRun" is an oxymoron.

From Nancy Angell to Everyone: 02:21 PM

ride horseback?

paddle?

From Me to Everyone: 02:22 PM

paddle, waddle, stroll, swim, however you want to do it (or not) :-)

From Nancy Wilson to Everyone: 02:22 PM

We should have a yoga break!

From Mary Ann Melton to Everyone: 02:24 PM

Is this replacing the project fair from other years?

From Meuth, Mary P to Everyone: 02:24 PM

@Mary Ann - no, this is different from our chapter project fair associated with the Annual meeting

From Nancy Rabensburg to Everyone: 02:26 PM

Awesome!

From Zoe Rascoe to Everyone: 02:26 PM

Like This!!!

From Nancy Angell to Everyone: 02:26 PM

would we get credit in VMS for this?

From Jean Suplick to Everyone: 02:26 PM

This is a wonderful idea.

From Meuth, Mary P to Everyone: 02:26 PM

@Nancy - Yes!

From Bruce Neville to Everyone: 02:27 PM

Can we arrange it by region, so we don't have to sit through a bunch of non-relevant ones on a workday? Even though we're at home all day, we are working.

From Meuth, Mary P to Everyone: 02:27 PM

@Bruce - yes, that was feedback we received from presidents yesterday too

From Bruce Neville to Everyone: 02:27 PM

cool, thanks.

From Elise Spain to Everyone: 02:28 PM

Have you produced a TMN Program video overview that we can use for orientation in new classes? Our classes start on Tuesday and we'd love to have it!

From Joni Gillis to Everyone: 02:28 PM

Will you be sending out the slides to us?

From Mary Ann Melton to Everyone: 02:28 PM

What is advantage of Webex over zoom?

From Sheila Endres to Everyone: 02:29 PM

How do we redirect a potential trainee to a different chapter that is more local to them?

From Elise Spain to Everyone: 02:29 PM

Thank you both!!!

From Sheryl Pender to Me: (Privately) 02:29 PM

Michelle and Mary Pearl, thank you so much for integrating the chat into the meeting. You did a great job. Thank you.

From Shelli Ellerbe to Everyone: 02:29 PM

Are you requiring field trips if we plan new training classes that happen during this situation?

From Nancy Wilson to Everyone: 02:29 PM

The trainee exercises on Soils, Botany, Entomology....will be shared where?

From Betsy Palkowsky to Everyone: 02:29 PM

webex is also more secure

From Jeanette Geiman to Everyone: 02:30 PM

How are chapters distributing curriculum to virtual only classes?

From David Cook to Everyone: 02:30 PM

Via e-mail

From Nancy Wilson to Everyone: 02:30 PM

By curriculum, do you mean text books? Not sure how to distribute those.

From Jill Wright to Everyone: 02:31 PM

Thanks for all the information. The orientation video would be a great thing to have for upcoming initial training. It will be helpful to have the slides, etc sent out after this meeting at some point. Thanks for all your hard work!

From Bruce Neville to Everyone: 02:31 PM

Amazon ships them right to your door.

From Jeanette Geiman to Everyone: 02:31 PM

Yes, I meant textbooks.

From Nancy Wilson to Everyone: 02:31 PM

Will Amazon ship to 50 separate students?

From Sheila Endres to Everyone: 02:31 PM

We are asking our mentors to deliver textbook, etc., to their trainee

From Joni Gillis to Everyone: 02:31 PM

Do a driveway for handing out textbooks

driveby

From Zoe Rascoe to Everyone: 02:31 PM

We scheduled appointments with each trainee individually and met them at the Extension office - they got their hardback curriculum and a nature goodie bag of other resources and swag that we usually give out.

From Mary O'Hara to Everyone: 02:32 PM

Tailgate!

From Nancy Wilson to Everyone: 02:32 PM

Is Amazon more expensive? We pay only \$35 per book,.

From Shelli Ellerbe to Everyone: 02:32 PM

If they order from Amazon, they have to pay full price. That makes it more expensive.

From Zoe Rascoe to Everyone: 02:33 PM

WebEx works for us.

From Sheila Endres to Everyone: 02:34 PM

We are asking our presented to provide handouts of any detailed slides that we can email out to trainees before the class

From Gail Baum to Everyone: 02:34 PM

I'm using the app on my iPad now with no problem.

From Mary O'Hara to Everyone: 02:34 PM

Some folks view via iPADS too.

From Becky Gullette to Everyone: 02:37 PM

Mary pearl could I speak with you briefly about my failed annual meeting registration process?  
after this meeting

From Susan May to Everyone: 02:37 PM

Thanks for all your hard work!

From Betsy Palkowsky to Everyone: 02:37 PM

thank you

From Bruce Neville to Everyone: 02:37 PM

+1 Susan

From Nancy Rabensburg to Everyone: 02:37 PM

Thank y'all!

From Jean Suplick to Everyone: 02:37 PM

Thanks for putting this together. Very enlightening.

From Kay Murphy to Everyone: 02:37 PM

Thank you!!

From Jeanette Geiman to Everyone: 02:37 PM

Thanks everyone! These are challenging times...

From Nancy Wilson to Everyone: 02:38 PM

I heard WebEx doesn't allow chat. We loved having students chat with one another!

From Shannon Westveer to Everyone: 02:38 PM

TY Everyone!!

From Karen and John Gardner to Everyone: 02:38 PM

Thank you for this presentation - we appreciate all that you are doing!

From Meuth, Mary P to Everyone: 02:38 PM

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From Me to Everyone: 02:38 PM

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From Philip Woods to Everyone: 02:38 PM

Send me the link on the Thursday training

From Sheryl Pender to Everyone: 02:38 PM

Thank you for a well run meeting on important topics for us.

From Sheila Endres to Everyone: 02:38 PM

Thank you!

From Nancy Wilson to Everyone: 02:38 PM

Thanks!!!

From Barbara Peet to Everyone: 02:38 PM

Thank you!!

From Me to Everyone: 02:39 PM

Link for the Thursday registration is here:

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