**Monthly Presidents Meeting Online Notes-December 7,2020**

* 2021 Monthly Presidents Meeting will be held the last Monday of the Month

**Return to Service**

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Return to Service:

* Reviewed Return to Service Guidelines effective through December 8th 2020
* Reviewed current AgriLife Extension Service Guidelines effective Dec 9th thru Dec 23th. Guidelines could be updated on Dec 11th but not expected. All dependent on statewide severity.
  + Each county will be rated for severity by the colors Red, Yellow, and Green. With Red being the most severe and Green the least.
    - Red Level: Counties two or three factors pertaining to a positivity rate of greater than ≥8% or a rapid rise in cases or a hot spot.
    - Yellow Level: Counties with a positivity rate of greater than 8% or a rapid rise in cases or a hot spot.
    - Green Level: Group meetings with a limit of 50 people at 75% capacity with other requirements listed at the link below. All overnight events require submission of preparedness. Requirements for screening form for participants at day youth events and overnight events.
    - Daily temperature checks for overnight events.
  + Face coverings are required at all events unless exempt per governor's Resolution GA-29.
  + When outdoors masks are required when 6ft cannot be maintained.
  + Applies to both Indoor and Outdoor events.
  + Web site link for farther details:
  + [COVID-19 Response (tamu.edu)](https://txmn.tamu.edu/welcome/covid-19-response/)

TMN Program Policy for Return to Service Guidelines:

* All multi-county TMN Chapters follow the strictest level of guidance for counties in their chapter territories.
* A chapter with multiple counties will follow the county with the highest level of guidance color. (Red, Yellow or Green)
* County guidance will be reviewed weekly. If levels change per county, the highest-level county will be followed in the chapter's territory.
* If local, city restrictions are stricter those will supersede AgriLife guidelines.
* TMN Program/Chapter operations are not considered Agency Mission Critical.

**Preparing for 2021**

* Earning 2021 Certification
  + Requirements for 2021 certification are not anticipated to change.
    - Innovate new ways to create volunteer opportunities.
    - Examples: Virtual Volunteer Fair, TMN Tuesday
  + By 2021 we will be sharing other chapter's innovative ways to create volunteer opportunities.

**Temporary Basic & Advanced Training Policies 2021**

* Temporary Policy Timeframe will be from Jan 1st to Dec 31st.
* Temporary Policy:
  + Allow for Virtual pre-recorded/ live basic training sessions with live Q&A with original speaker/speakers.
  + Encourage interchapter basic training collaboration with similar training sessions.
* Basic Training GOALS for 2021
  + State Office is investigating a shared calendar for new training class coordinators to see other chapter's training schedules easily.
  + Idea is to encourage chapter collaboration for basic training.

**Temporary Advanced Training Guidelines for 2021:**

* Timeframe Jan 1st to Dec 31st.
* For all Texas Master Naturalists
* Current 2020 Policy-All 8 hours can be earned through live virtual training session live presenter and open chat Q&A with the presenter.
* Temp Policy 2021-Will allow for pre-recorded AT sessions with Q&A with the same presenter/speaker.
* Not Allowed-No fully recorded videos with no speaker interaction.
* The goal is for group discussion with the presenter/speaker for group learning.

**Volunteer Service Guides for 2021**

* Requirements are not changing for 2021
* Discuss ways your chapter has adapted Service Projects for 2020
* 2020 Project Fair Entries link:
* [2020 Chapter Project Fair: Entries (tamu.edu)](https://txmn.tamu.edu/2020-chapter-project-fair-entries/)

**Virtual Volunteer Fair 2021**

* Open call for Proposals-Due Dec. 15th
* Save the Date Feb 3rd & 4th
* It will be recorded and your participation will count for Volunteer Service.
* 2021 Virtual Fair link:
* [2021 Virtual Volunteer Fair – February 3rd & 4th, 2021 (tamu.edu)](https://txmn.tamu.edu/virtual-volunteer-fair-february-2021/)

**TMN Tuesday**

* Texas Master Naturalist Tuesdays will be second Tuesday of the month-Virtual Advanced Training
* Featured Speakers/Groups will host via WebEx. Will need the app. Dates on Dec 7 PowerPoint.

**Pin Update**

* Presidential Volunteer Service Pin (4000hrs) is having shipping delays.
* 2021 Recertification Pin will be available at end of January.

**2020 Against All Odds Pin-COVID/GRIT Pin**

* New 2020 Pin: Service Against All Odds-Through Grit & Distance
  + Your Hustle, Passion & Perseverance have not gone unnoticed!
  + For members who have:
    - 8 hours AT
    - And at least 1 hour of Volunteer Service
    - Will be mailed to all chapters Jan 2021

**Looking Ahead**

* There will be constant changes in your training schedules.
* Think for ways to build community with virtual and distanced learning opportunities.
* Virtual but Together
  + Mentorship.
  + Social Time built into schedule
* In-Person & Distanced
  + Individual kits and tools
  + Indoor & Outdoor capacities (Updated Nov 30th)
  + Have health & Safety Gear available.