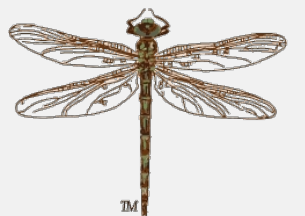


New Class Training Directors Meeting

- 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 1:00pm
- Volunteer Note Taker – _____

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

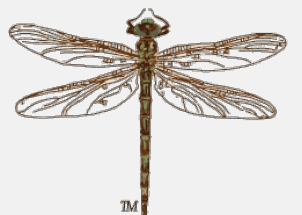


New Class Training Directors Meeting

November 30th

AGENDA

- Return to Service Guidelines – updated **November 25th and possibly 30th!**
- Basic & Advanced Training Guidelines for 2021
- 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 – February 3rd & 4th



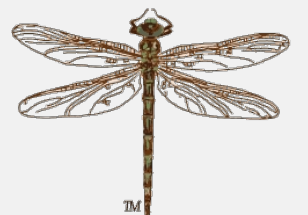
Return to Service Guidelines

- Update Friday, November 20, 2020. *Presidents last night*
 - Previous update
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Share Nov 25th
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Update of Nov 30th
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Return to Service Guidelines

- NEW UPDATE – **October 30th**
- 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 **75% 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.
- Applies to BOTH Indoor & Outdoor Programming.
- <https://txmn.tamu.edu/welcome/covid-19-response/>

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Return to Service Guidelines

NEW UPDATE – November 25th (another possible update today—the 30th)

NOTE: Face coverings are required at all events. All facilities of The Texas A&M University System require the use of facial coverings.

Red Level: Counties with two of three factors of positivity rate of 8% or more, or a rapid rise in cases or a hot spot (indicated in pink/red)

- No face-to-face Extension-hosted or Extension-sponsored events.
- No guest speaking or presenting at other entities' events.
- No overnight events.
- No travel is approved to these counties.
- Essential training related to continuing education and emergency response may be approved by the executive associate director on a case-by-case basis

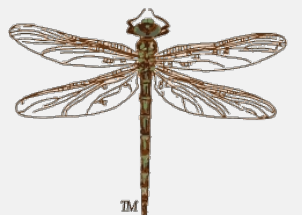
Yellow Level: Counties with a positivity rate of 8% or more, OR a rapid rise in cases OR a hotspot (indicated in yellow/orange)

- Group meetings with a limit of 10 people at 75% capacity of space or less are allowed only if social distancing can be practiced.
- No overnight events.
- Seek alternative methods to deliver face-to-face meetings and educational programs.
- Essential training related to continuing education and emergency response may be approved by the executive associate director on a case-by-case basis.

Green Level: Counties not listed at the Yellow or Red Level

- Group meetings with a limit of 50 people at 75% capacity or less are allowed only if social distancing can be practiced. If greater than 50 attendees, a preparedness plan must be submitted and approved by the supervisor. (Employees in large offices do not count against this max if they are not part of the meeting and remain socially distanced.)
- All overnight events require a submission of a preparedness plan that is approved by the supervisor.
- AgriLife Extension requires a screening form for each participant at day youth events and all overnight events and programs.
- Daily temperature checks are required at all overnight events.

<https://txmn.tamu.edu/welcome/covid-19-response/>



COVID-19 County by County Dashboard Guidance

Andrews*
Angelina
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DeWitt
Duvall
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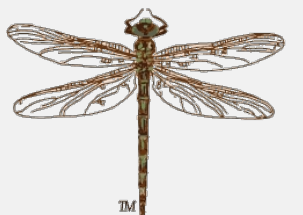
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Wheeler
Winkler
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Young*
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El Paso
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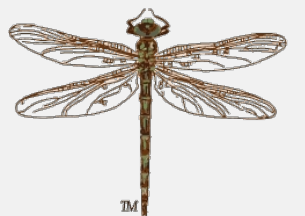
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Smith
Taylor
Terry
Tom Green*
Travis
Val Verde*
Victoria*
Yoakum

- *Donley
- *Dawson
- *Wichita
- *Wise
- *Case
- *Hunt
- *Hill
- *San Saba
- *Brazos
- *Jefferson
- *Webb



Temporary Basic Training Guidelines for 2021

- Temporary Policy Timeframe – **Jan 1 – Dec 31 2021**
- Conditions: All basic training classes occurring in CY 2021
 - “Class” – individual training session(s) offered as part of a basic training course/series
- TEMP POLICY: Allow for pre-recorded basic training sessions – with **required** follow up live Q&A with/by the same speaker(s)
 - Will allow for all (40) planned basic training hours scheduled to be done in this manner
 - Encourage this to be used minimally or only as needed
 - Encourage regional/neighboring chapter basic training collaborative before going to this model



Temporary Basic Training Guidelines for 2021

- Options to Consider for Basic Training Field Sessions:
- **FIRST - PLEASE** discuss this with your chapter leadership AND new trainees to see where they are comfortable. . . .
 - small group meet ups with physical distancing where possible with state/local health restrictions & audience comfort
 - individual at home hands-on field sessions as possible (i.e. science at home)
 - *set time limits for basic training hours done at home
 - individual field sessions to local outdoor spaces (i.e state parks or natural areas) with physical distancing where possible & state/local health restrictions & audience comfort
 - *non conditional for certification
 - virtual field sessions (State Office has 3 camera kits for loan – contact MP to schedule)
 - *other options/suggestions?
 - *OPEN DISCUSSION points



Temporary Basic Training Guidelines for 2021

- Suggestions from Chapters to consider for Basic Training field sessions:
- *Pending review from state office



Basic Training GOALS for 2021

- State Office is investigating a shared calendar for New Training class coordinators to see other chapters training schedules easily.
- Only visible to new training class coordinators scheduling events . . .
 - Password protected page for new training class directors on website?
 - Slack? Can add a calendar option here.
 - Private Facebook Group?
 - *DISCUSSION – which ONE would be the best option? No need for more than one . . .
- Idea here is to encourage regional chapter collaboration for basic training classes for the subjects that allow for it. . . .



Temporary Advanced Training Guidelines for 2021

- Temporary Policy Timeframe – **Jan 1 – Dec 31 2021**
- **For ALL TMNs** (not just new trainees)
- **CURRENT 2020 POLICY:** All 8 hours can be earned through LIVE virtual training sessions where there is a live speaker and open chat/Q&A for student-presenter interactions
 - This Policy will continue for 2021 Calendar Year
- **TEMP POLICY:** Will allow for pre-recorded AT sessions with follow up live Q&A with Speakers by the same speaker – hours for both watching & interaction with speaker will count
- **NOT ALLOWED:** NO fully recorded videos with NO speaker interaction
- **GOAL** here is to allow group discussion with speakers where Q&A happens in group setting/audience for group learning

- **Exception to the Rule – State Office offerings:**
 - Annual Meeting 2020 – those watched as recorded session can be watched through April 2021 for AT hours.
 - TMN Tuesday – those watched as recorded session can be watched for AT hours through CY 2021.



Volunteer Service Guidelines for 2021

- Volunteer Service requirements NOT changing for 2021
- DISCUSSION - ways your chapter has adapted Service Projects in 2020:
- *highlight* 2020 Project Fair Entries!
 - <https://txmn.tamu.edu/2020-chapter-project-fair-entries/>



State Office Offerings in 2021

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TMN Tuesdays

- Second Tuesday of Month - Virtual Advanced Training
- Featured Speakers/Groups hosted once a month **via WebEx**
 - January 12th
 - February 9th – Doug Tallamy!
 - March 9th
 - April 13th
 - May 11th
 - June 8th
 - July 13th
 - August 10th
 - September 14th
 - October 21st – 24th – Annual Meeting (No TMN Tuesday)
 - November 9th
 - December 14th

Drop other
idea
suggestions
in Chat!

Idea List:

Doug Tallamy!

Highlight Chapter Project innovations

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

JMN Panel presentation

Board Leadership Retreats

New Training Class Ideas

Online Virtual Service Project

Regional Coordinators



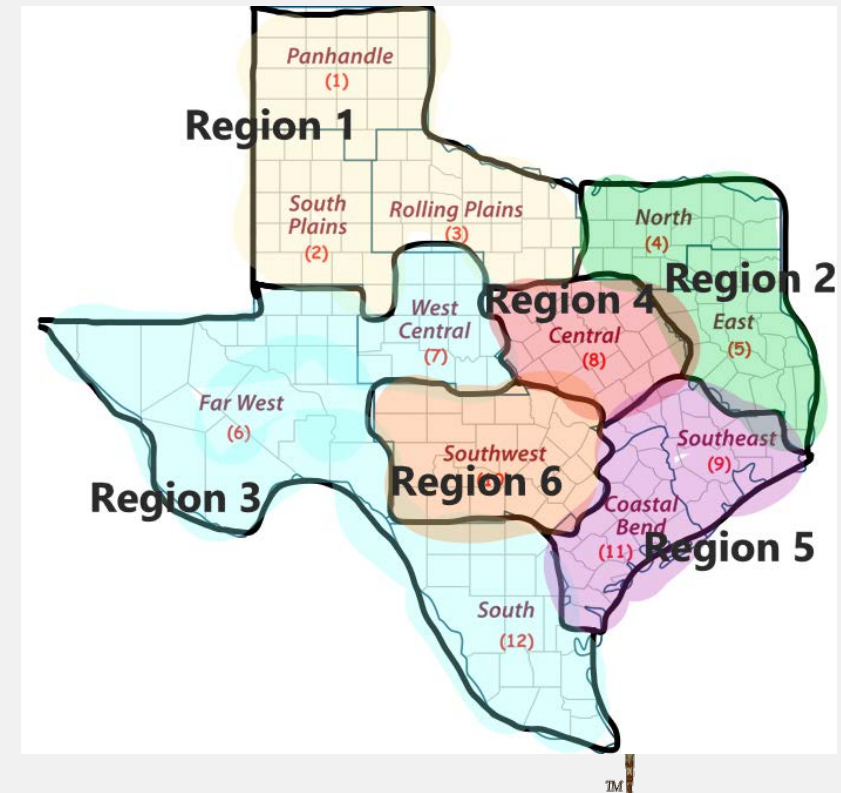
Virtual Volunteer Fair – 2021 Plans

- Open Call for Proposals – due December 15th
- Help us find great projects!
- Save the Date – February 3rd & 4th
 - Will be Recorded
 - Watching will count for Volunteer Service
 - <https://txmn.tamu.edu/virtual-volunteer-fair-february-2021/>



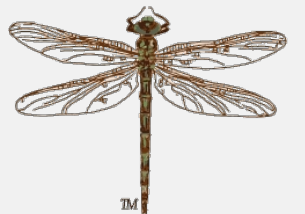
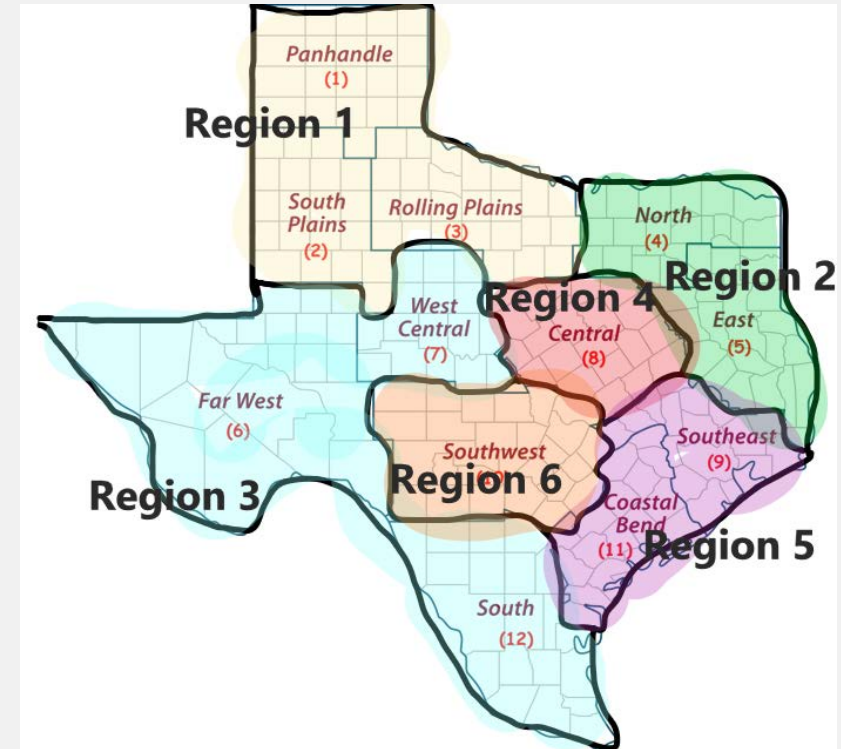
Regional WebEx Accounts

- 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



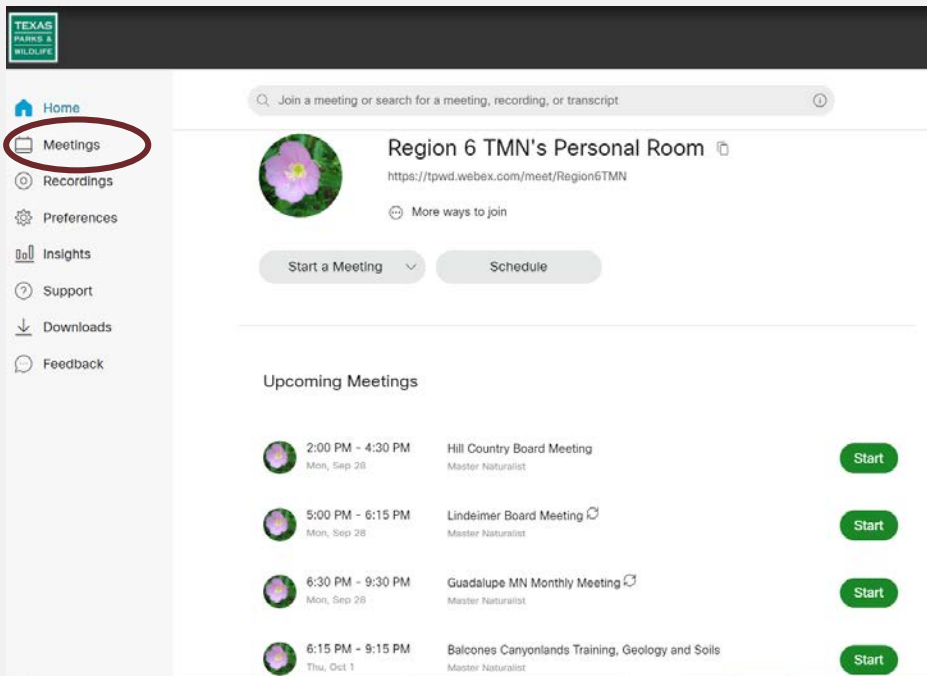
Regional WebEx Accounts

- Heavy use for some accounts – great, however we've had to shift account use . . .
- Reminder that avatar/profile picture and WebEx account Name – does NOT change
- CHECK the CALENDAR before setting new meetings
- Trainings on the how to use WebEx offered by VMS team on pause during busy fall season
- THANKS for your patience with these new tools



Regional WebEx Accounts

- **CHECK the CALENDAR** before setting new meetings
- How to Webex Trainings offered by VMS team paused during busy fall season
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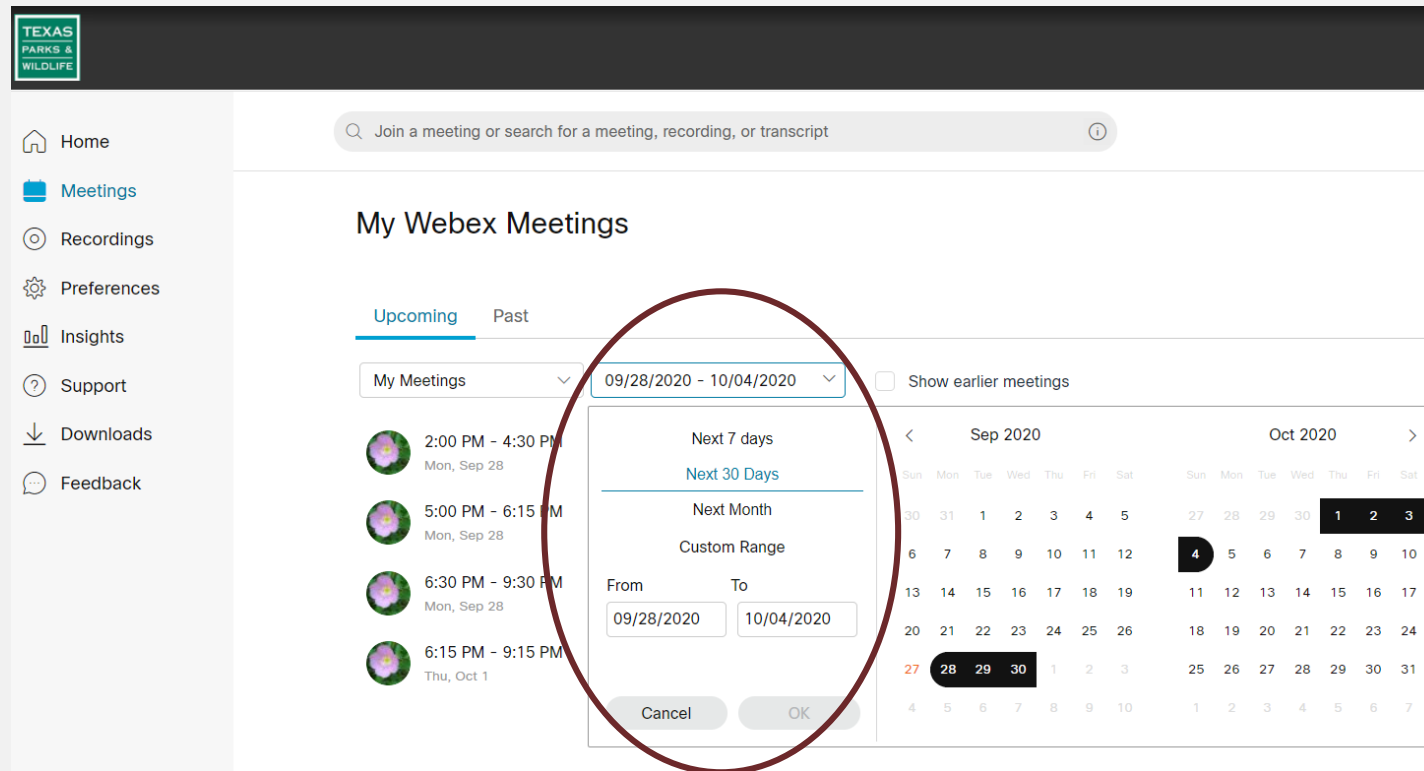
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Region 6 TMN's Personal Room
https://tpwd.webex.com/meet/Region6TMN

Start a Meeting Schedule

Upcoming Meetings

Time	Meeting Name	Host	Action
2:00 PM - 4:30 PM Mon, Sep 28	Hill Country Board Meeting	Master Naturalist	Start
5:00 PM - 6:15 PM Mon, Sep 28	Lindeimer Board Meeting	Master Naturalist	Start
6:30 PM - 9:30 PM Mon, Sep 29	Guadalupe MN Monthly Meeting	Master Naturalist	Start
6:15 PM - 9:15 PM Thu, Oct 1	Balcones Canyonlands Training, Geology and Soils	Master Naturalist	Start



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My Webex Meetings

Upcoming Past

My Meetings 09/28/2020 - 10/04/2020 Show earlier meetings

Next 7 days

Next 30 Days

Next Month

Custom Range

From 09/28/2020 To 10/04/2020

Cancel OK

Sep 2020 Oct 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	1	2	3	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Winter/Spring Training Plans

- Request for Training information – reply ASAP!
 - <https://txmn.tamu.edu/winter-spring-2021-basic-training-classes-starting-soon/>
- New Training Class Directors Biannual Calls in 2021
 - November 30th 2020 & **June 2021 – date to be announced**



What's Next?

- With updates from today (and a constant ebb & flow of changes) – what may change with your training schedule?
- Consider ways to build community when virtual & hands on when distanced
 - Virtual but Together
 - Mentorships
 - Social Time built into Schedule
 - In Person & Distanced
 - Individual kits/tools
 - Indoor & Outdoor capacities (*updated Nov 30th)
 - Health & safety gear (i.e sanitizer & masks) <- TMN bulk order masks!

Drop how your chapter is planning to manage this in the chat!

