

February 28th Chapter Presidents & Advisors Meeting

- Introduce yourself & your chapter in the Chat Room
 - Share video (if your bandwidth allows)
 - Michelle & Mary Pearl will be monitoring the chat room
 - Will be recording the meeting
 - Will share slides, chat room and notes
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- We'll get started at **1:00pm**
 - Volunteer Note Taker – _____



February 28th

Chapter Presidents & Advisors

Monthly Meeting



Agenda

- **2023 Planning**
 - Governing Documents
 - Training Policy Update
 - Pins Ordering
 - 25th Anniversary
 - TMNTuesdays
 - April 2023
 - Virtual Volunteer Fair 2023
 - Annual Meeting
- **Others**
 - Regional WebEx
 - Website
 - TMN Merchandise
 - License Plate
- **Roundtable & Calendar Check**



Adoption Process for Governing Documents

- <https://txmn.tamu.edu/governing-documents-adoption-process-2023/>
- The Texas Master Naturalist™ Program governing documents for a chapter are the
 - Code of Ethics and Standards of Conduct
 - Bylaws
 - Chapter Management and Operations Protocols (CMOP)
 - Chapter Operating Handbook (COH)
- All Texas Master Naturalist Governing Documents can be found on the Chapter Documents Page:
<https://txmn.tamu.edu/chapter-resources/chapter-documents/>



Governing Docs Update

- 1/3 of our chapters complete with Bylaws and COH
- 1/3 of our chapters have begun the bylaws process
- 1/3 we haven't heard from yet!

Will be emailing those chapters with Bylaws not passed.

Extension Target Date for Adoption: March 1st



TMN Governing Documents

FUTURE

- Documents to be reviewed on regular 3-year cycle:
- Comments & Feedback collected through website – <https://txmn.tamu.edu/chapter-resources/chapter-documents/governing-documents-feedback-form/>
- 2023 – Year 1
- 2024 – Year 2
- 2025 – Year 3
- Summer 2025 – Review feedback & edits – Compile
- Fall 2025 – Completed updates made & sent out.
- 2026 – New Documents Year 1



Governing Documents Review Timeline

<https://txmn.tamu.edu/chapter-resources/chapter-documents/>

Other Documents:

Marketing & Brand ID Guidelines

Scheduled for an update in 2023

<https://txmn.tamu.edu/chapter-resources/tmn-brand-marketing/>

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2023 Training Hours Policy

- No longer using the Temporary Training Policy's developed during Covid
- Following CMOP Guidelines on Basic and Advanced Training Hours via Web
 - Done with the anticipation for chapters to return to in-person training – basic and advanced
 - CMOP Section 4.1 Basic and 5.5 for Advanced for reference
 - 5.5 excerpt: “Members are **encouraged** to obtain the bulk of their AT hours in live classroom settings or in live online training that includes an opportunity for communication with the instructor.”
 - No cap, min or max for AT hours earned online vs in-person.
- TMNTuesdays
 - Allowed AT hours watched live or as recording
 - Log hours based on calendar year the event happened live
 - i.e 2022 TMNTuesdays watched live or as a recording will only count for 2022 AT hours.
- 2022 Annual Meeting
 - Allowed AT hours for recordings up to 90 days post event
 - Log hours based on date/year the recording was watched
 - Post 90 days ended January 23
- 2023 Annual Meeting
 - Will be changing recording watch length to the calendar year for AT hours

Will change this conflicting policy for 2023 Annual Meeting



Pins Ordering

- **Recertification Pins & Milestone Pins Ordering System!**
- Ordering Form – <https://txmn.tamu.edu/chapter-resources/chapter-supplies/#pins>
- Will send out recertification & milestone pins **monthly**.
- **All order requests via website collected each month & mailed to chapter at beginning of following month.**
 - ***Exception – September/October – Hand delivering at Annual Meeting or mailing in October**
- Note – all milestone pins 4,000hr + mailed once a month as needed.



ANNIVERSARY

TMN Program 25th Anniversary!

- Logo created by Audrey Taulli
- Hosts the 11 major Ecoregions of Texas
- Hosts many of the TMN recertification pin designs in their ecoregions associated
- Image will be shared on website for TMN chapters to use for their 25th anniversary celebrations!



TMN Program 25th Anniversary!

- To celebrate our 25th Anniversary this year, we are starting a storytelling project to highlight our wonderful TMN members and their conservation work across the state.
- What made you want to become a TMN member? Have a favorite TMN in-the-field memory? What has been your most meaningful project, community outreach, or conservation event?
- We'd love to hear your stories and share them!
- <https://txmn.tamu.edu/25th-anniversary-storytelling-project/>



TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST PROGRAM

#TMNTuesdays



#TMNTuesdays for 2023

- What topics would you like to see?
- Second Tuesday of Each Month at Noon cst
- 1 Hour Advanced Training
- Watch Live or Recording
- Speakers & Topics Announced Monthly
- Purposefully done. . .

~~January 10~~

~~February 14~~

March 14

April 11

May 9

June 13

July 11 *Joint Presidents Meeting

August 8

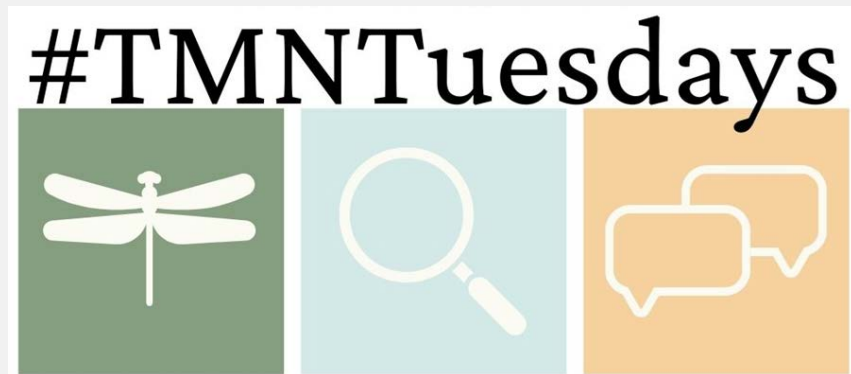
September 12

October 3rd – Project Fair Presentations

***shifted up a week!**

November 14

December 12 *Joint Presidents Meeting



#TMNTuesdays FAQs

- Are 2022 TMNTuesdays available for 2023 AT hours?
 - No. Only calendar year TMNTuesdays can be counted for AT. But you can watch them for your own education/entertainment at any point within the calendar years 2023!
- Do I have to be a Texas Master Naturalist member to attend a #TMNTuesday?
 - No! These are open to the public – all are welcome to attend. Each person will need to register via the WebEx registration link listed for that month.
- Will the #TMNTuesday events be recorded?
 - Yes! These will be recorded each month and shared to this website by the following day of each month.
- Do I need to register for the #TMNTuesday each month?
 - Yes, each month we'll post a WebEx registration link that will register you to attend that event. After registering, you'll receive the WebEx event link in your email in box, along with the required password for that event. Keep in mind that EACH month will have a different registration link & password.
 - **NEW for 2023** – Register for the whole series with one page!
- How long after I watch a #TMNTuesday video can I log my AT hours?
 - In order to stay within the 45-Day rule for logging AT hours, you will need to log your hours at most 45 days after watching the video. Because you can view the video after the live event, please report the day you view the video, not the original date the video aired.

#TMNTuesdays - March



March 14, 2023
Speaker Series

#TMNTuesdays

Melissa Felty
(Alderson)

Texas Waters:
Become an ambassador
of our waterways



The Texas Waters program informs and educates Texans about the most precious natural resource Texas possesses, its water. Many challenges face our state concerning water, particularly in our aquatic habitats, the water for wildlife. Texas Parks and Wildlife values the natural and cultural resources of Texas, and we want there to always be drinkable, swimmable, and fishable waters in our great State.



April is a busy Month!

- April – National Volunteer Recognition Month
- Saturday April 22nd – Earth Day
- April 16th – 22nd 2023 – National Volunteer Week
- April 28th – May 1st – City Nature Challenge
 - May 2nd – 7th - Identification Period



- What are your Plans?



The 2023 City Nature Challenge takes place in 2 parts

April 28 – May 1	May 2 – May 7
Taking pictures of wild plants and animals.	Identifying what was found.



Virtual Volunteer Fair

May 2nd and 3rd, 2023

Roles of the Chapters:

- Help share the proposals request in February with project leaders in need. (Statewide focused need!)
- Save the date and encourage members to attend and volunteer with these projects!

Deadline March 24th!



<https://txmn.tamu.edu/virtual-volunteer-fair-2023/>

Save the Date for 2023!

**Texas Master Naturalist 24th Annual
Meeting**

October 12-15, 2023

McAllen Convention Center



Other Chapter Resources

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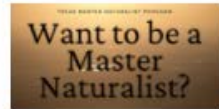
The Mission

The Texas Master Naturalist Program's mission is to develop a corps of well-informed volunteers to provide education, outreach, and service dedicated to the beneficial management of natural resources and natural areas within their communities for the State of Texas.

Many communities and organizations rely on such citizen volunteers for implementing youth education programs; for operating parks, nature centers, and natural areas; and for providing leadership in local natural resource conservation efforts. In fact, a short supply of dedicated and well-informed volunteers is often cited as a limiting factor for community-based conservation efforts.



Jill Pitts (Mary Tabor Prentiss) Photo by Stacie Hill, North Texas Chapter



NATURALIST NEWS

[HTTPS://TXMN.TAMU.EDU/NEWS/](https://txmn.tamu.edu/news/)

State office will be sharing & posting state level offered advanced trainings or upcoming events.

All events added are **not automatically approved** for AT, please check with your local chapter first.



EVENTS CALENDAR

[HTTPS://TXMN.TAMU.EDU/EVENTS/](https://txmn.tamu.edu/events/)

JAN 12 #TMNTUESDAYS

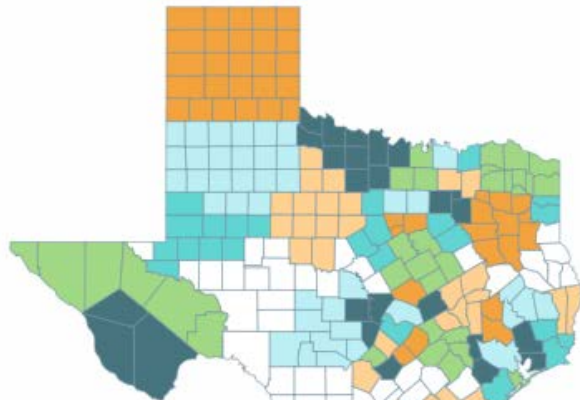
JAN 25 2021 MONTHLY CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S MEETINGS Zoom

FEB 03 2021 VIRTUAL VOLUNTEER FAIR WebEx

ALL EVENTS >

Find Your Chapter

Scroll or hover over a county to view the chapter operating in that county. Click on a county to go to that chapter's web page.

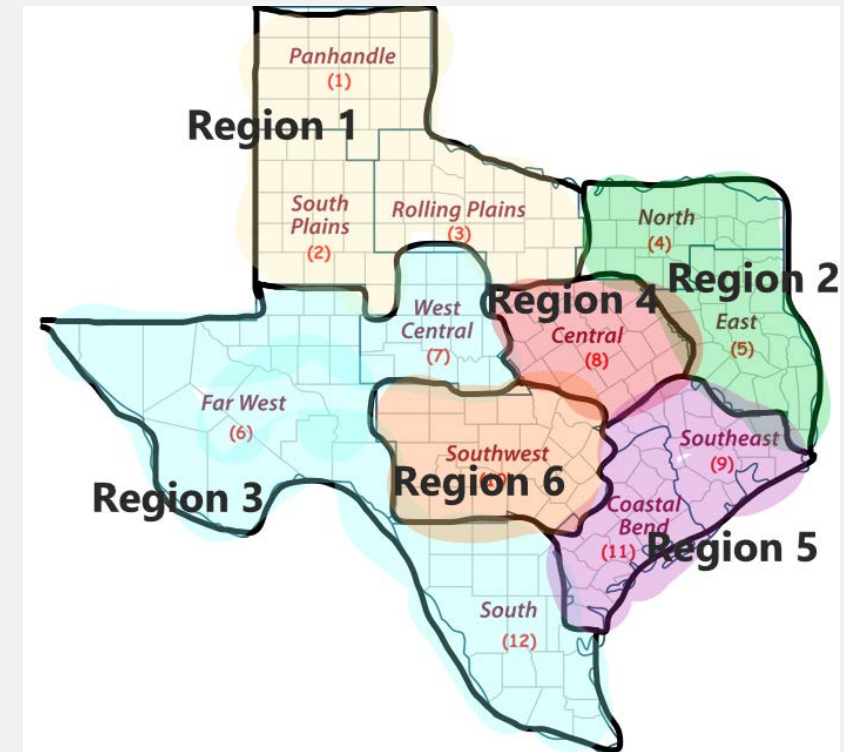


Don't forget about our TMN State Email Listserv!

<https://txmn.tamu.edu/contact/>

Regional WebEx Accounts

- Keeping these for 2023!
- Michelle still manages WebEx account recording storage load. . .
 - Don't forget to download and then delete any recordings on platform.
- Reminder that avatar/profile picture and WebEx account Name – does NOT change
- CHECK the CALENDAR before setting new meetings



WordPress Web Accessibility

- Join our AgriLife Extension Team with the Web Accessibility WordPress Training
- March 7th at 12:00pm
- Via Google Meet
- [Tx.ag/TXMNwordpress](https://tx.ag/TXMNwordpress)





AgriLife Learn Store

NEW items & shirts coming in ~~February~~ March 2023 . . .

<https://agrilifelearn.tamu.edu/s/>

HOW TO



Click Here

ORDER



Thanks for your Support!

TMN License Plate

- Can be ordered on myplates.com
- FAQ on our website
- \$30 for non-personalized OR \$70 for personalized
- \$22 of each plate sold goes back to TMN Program
- <https://txmn.tamu.edu/tmn-license-plate/>
- Quarterly Reports from DMV
 - NEARING the 800 plate order total!





TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST ENDOWMENT

*The mission of the Texas Master Naturalist Endowment is to further enhance the Texas Master Naturalist Program, its chapters and volunteers, now and into the future, for the benefit of natural resource **education**, **conservation** and **stewardship**.*

Started in 2016

Currently @ ~\$100,000

- Individual or Chapter Gifts
- Employer Gift Matching
- Estate Planning

<https://masternaturalistendowment.org/>

To give directly, follow the link:

<http://give.am/TexasMasterNaturalist>



THANK YOU
to all who
have given!

Presidents Corner

- Don't sign contracts (Over \$5,000) without review & approval of TMN State Office.
- Let us know about grants & awards you win!
- What questions do you have for the chapter presidents on the call now?
- Any others?



Calendar Check

March

- 7 – WordPress Training
- 14 – TMNTuesday
- 24 – Deadline for VVF Projects
- 28 – Presidents Meeting

Presidents Meetings

- ~~January 31~~
- ~~February 28~~
- March 28
- April 25
- May 30
- June 27
- July 11 *Joint TMN Tuesday
- August 29
- September 26
- October *Annual Meeting
- November 28
- December 12 *Joint TMN Tuesday

The End

