**Chapter Presidents and Advisors Monthly Meeting - April 25th, 2023**

Thank you for being volunteers as we close out National Volunteer Month!

* Governing Documents:
	+ 37 chapters complete, 4 chapters are working on updates
	+ 7 chapters have not been heard from (Elm Fork, Heart of Texas, Longleaf Ridge, Lost Pines, Lower Trinity Basin, North Texas, Trans Pecos). Please reach out to Michelle or Mary Pearl if you are one of these chapters!
	+ Governing document adoption process is all on the website (<https://txmn.tamu.edu/chapter-resources/chapter-documents/>)
* Month of April:
	+ It was a busy month with National Volunteer Month, National Volunteer Recognition Week, Earth Day, and ending with the Nature City Challenge (Apr. 28-May 1) & ID Period (May 2-7).
* TMN Annual Report:
	+ It was made available for all with data from 2022: (<https://txmn.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/TMN-Program-Info-Handout.pdf>)
	+ Congratulations to all for reaching over half a million service hours in 2022! This is the highest number the program has seen since 2016!
* 25th Anniversary:
	+ Encourage your members to share their story! It can be a short story or experience, something that was important to them, or a photo of an event that impacted them. We want to share your experience with the TMN program with other members! (<https://txmn.tamu.edu/blog/2023/01/01/25th-anniversary-storytelling-project/#storytelling>)
* Virtual Volunteer Fair (May 2nd & 3rd)
	+ Register NOW!
	+ The Catalog of Projects and Agenda are available on our website (<https://txmn.tamu.edu/blog/2023/04/18/virtual-volunteer-fair-2023/>)
	+ Some projects are region specific, but they could inspire local projects in your area as well!
* TMNTuesdays:
	+ May 9th is the upcoming presentation date! The speaker is Ben Horstmann with the Texas State Parks Division. The title of his presentation is “Roving Interpretation: Making Casual Connections that Matter”. More information on TMNTuesdays can be found at (<https://txmn.tamu.edu/tmntuesdays/>).
	+ Upcoming TMNTUesdays topics:
		- June – Plants, July – Eclipse, Aug. – Fish, Sept. – Birds,

Oct. – Project Fair

* 2023 Basic Training Classes:
	+ Emails will be sent out requesting Fall Class Information to share with potential new members. Information can be added using the form on our website at (<https://txmn.tamu.edu/blog/2023-basic-training-classes/>)
* 2023 TMN Annual Meeting:
	+ Still in planning, following the timeline: Call for Proposals is out now!
		- Deadline is May 15th, reach out to speakers of interest, or topics you would like to learn about!
	+ Agenda will launch in July, and registration will open in August.
	+ Skeleton Agenda: Thursday will be longer, and Sunday will be included, so members need to plan to stay longer if they can!
		- Lodging is open, and options are listed on our website, so come early and explore the region.
	+ Contests and Awards:
		- Submissions are due September 15th!
		- Discuss within your chapters, prepare applications for Advisor, Project Fair, and Video Contest.
		- Photo, Art, & Media Contest: must be submitted online from Sept. 1-30, must have been taken in Texas and within the 2023 year
	+ Looking for TMN shirts for constructing a TMN quilt from the past 25 years. Send shirts to: Michelle M. Haggerty

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* + Sponsorships:
		- Help send requests to other organizations and reach out to help lower costs for Annual Meeting
* Additional Resources:
	+ Naturalist News (<https://txmn.tamu.edu/news/>)
	+ Events Calendar
	+ ListServ
* WordPress Training coming up on May 2nd
* TMN Merchandise:
	+ Online Pop-up Store closed Sunday. Thank you for ordering! Items will ship in mid-May.
	+ TMN will host another gear shop this summer with annual meeting logo and 25th anniversary logo items.
	+ AgriLife Learn store – restocked Columbia shirts and lanyards
* TMN License Plate – Order yours and sport the TMN logo! Recognize your peers as you travel!
* Endowment Page – Share with others. There are many options for donations, in memory of, etc.
* Reminders:
	+ Don’t sign MOAs, MOUs, or contracts without state office approval.
	+ Tell us about awards or grants that your chapter receives, so we can share!
* Questions:
	+ Do Plant Party recorded webinars count for AT? Refer to 5.6 in the guidelines – Any recorded webinars should be reviewed by the AT director to be deemed qualified for AT.
	+ WordPress trainings do count as AT.
	+ Anything produced with the TMN logo or “Texas Master Naturalist” in text must be approved by the State Office to maintain the trademark by actively managing the trademark usage.
* Thanks again volunteers!