# 2023 Texas Master Naturalist Chapter Advisors Awards

The Texas Master Naturalist Program presents the **Chapter Advisor Award** to outstanding advisors and/or teams of advisors each year. The goal of the awards program is to encourage and recognize the exceptional work and support of local Texas Master Naturalist Chapter Advisors.

The **Chapter Advisor Team** category was established to recognize the exceptional support of TMN Chapter Advisors working in partnership to support a chapter, just as the TMN program is supported by a partnership between Texas Parks & Wildlife Department and the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service at the statewide level.

*\*Nominations are due by 11:59 pm SEPTEMBER 15th, 2023.*

**Recent Chapter Advisor Award Winners of the past 5 years:**
- **2019** Sam Kiechnick, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, Urban Biologist, North Texas Chapter Advisor
- **2020** Javier De Leon, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, South Texas Border & Rio Grande Valley Chapter Advisor; John O'Connell, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Agent, Cradle of Texas Chapter Advisor
- **2021** Matthew March, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Piney Wood Lakes Chapter Advisor
- **2021 Team** - Tania Homayoun, TPWD, and Johanna Arendt, Travis County, Balcones Canyonlands Chapter
- **2022 Kara Matheney** Texas A&M Extension Service Gideon Lincecum Chapter

**Application Guidelines and Procedures:**
The **Chapter Advisor(s) Award** may be presented annually to a TMN Chapter Advisor or a team of TMN Chapter Advisors for exemplary contributions to the organization's mission and goals. The winners will be recognized at the TMN Annual Meeting awards ceremony detailing their accomplishments.

Chapters are invited to nominate their advisor(s) for the award(s) by filling out the form on the website.

A single advisor receiving the award in the immediate previous year is **not** eligible to be selected for the single advisor recognition in the following award year. Advisors receiving a team award in the previous year are still eligible for the single advisor award in the following year.

The recipient(s) of the Chapter Advisor Award may excel in one or several areas of their support for the Chapter or statewide TMN program. The award selection committee will consider the organization's goals, mission, and the advisor(s) chapter advancements and accomplishments in making a selection. Chapter nominations should provide a complete and concise description of their nominee's activity in each of the areas described; new initiatives and innovations (rather than ongoing programs or projects) should be emphasized.

Nominations must document the level of advisor participation and support in the various chapter activities/initiatives, chapter accomplishments, along with the advisor(s) resource management knowledge, and their ability to empower chapter members.

An electronic file of **at least one picture** of the nominee(s) must be included with the nomination submission**.** Information provided should cover the previous 12 to 16 months of activities. Nomination package and picture(s) should be submitted electronically via the submissions form online.
For more information about the 2023 Annual Meeting, the contests and awards and more - visit the website - https://txmn.tamu.edu/2023-annual-meeting/

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