September 26th 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 and notes
- We'll get started at 12:00pm
- Volunteer Note Taker ______



September 26th Chapter Presidents & Advisors Monthly Meeting



Agenda

- 25th Anniversary Storytelling Project
- TMNTuesdays
- Basic Training Fall Sessions
- Annual Meeting
 - o Agenda
 - o El Sauz Field Day
 - Registration
 - Lodging
 - Transportation
 - Slack
 - Contest & Awards
 - o Sponsor
 - Vendor
 - Curriculum Orders
 - o Milestone Hours
 - Memorials
 - o Chapter Roll Call
 - o Pins Ordering
 - o Bringing Home Stuff

- · End of the Year Succession
- Website
- WordPress training
- WebEx Accounts
- TMN Merchandise
- License Plate
- Endowment
- Roundtable & Calendar Check



Welcome Evelyn Gomez!

TMN Student Program Aide Starting this week and will join us at the Annual Meeting!

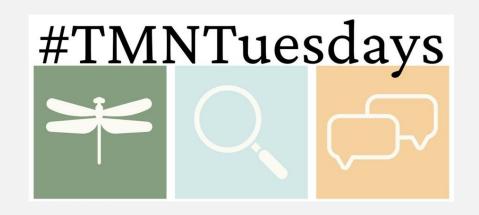




TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST PROGRAM #TMNTuesdays

#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. . .



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January 10
February 14
March 14
April 11
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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 for 2023

11:00 TMN Exemplary Project Fair Competition Intro

11:10 **Rio Grande Valley Chapter** presents Rio Grande Valley Pollinator Project + Q&A

11:30 **Hays County Chapter** presents Beautiful Hays County Activity and Coloring Book + Q&A

11:50 **Brazos Valley Chapter** presents their Brazos River Cleanup/Campout and Educational Extravaganza + Q&A

12:10 **Galveston Bay Area Chapter** presents their Bayside Regional Park: From Fish Farm to Natives + Q&A

12:30 Questions & Final Wrap Up



Project Fair Contest!

Join us for our annual showcase of TMN chapter projects from across Texas!

October 3rd, 11am - 1pm



2023 Basic Training

Updates to training Class information to be posted on our website:

- (scroll all the way down to the bottom for the form.
- Keep in mind Winter training classes coming up and application periods open now
- Potential trainees ALWAYS want to know when your next training class is being planned

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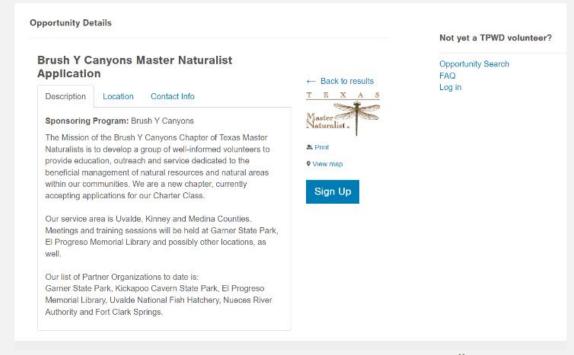


Welcome to our newest developing Chapter!

Brush y Canyons Chapter

- based out of Uvalde
- includes Kinney, Medina & Uvalde Counties
- currently accepting applications for their first class to start late July
 - Share the news with friends and family in that area!
 - They can complete an online application here: https://tpwd.samaritan.com/recruiter/1450/Op
 https://tpwd.samaritan.com/recruiter/1450/Op
 ppdetails/225128/Brush-Y-Canyons-Master-Naturalist-Application/

* Note: this will be Chapter #49





Welcome Wendy Anderson, TNT Biologist!

Wendy Anderson, Texas Nature Trackers **Biologist**

- she's a TMN member too! (Capital Area

- Chapter)
 previous work developing the TEAM tool.
 Passionate about all things conservation!
 Special interest in grasslands
 Professionally trained Botanist
 Studied Biology, environmental science and public affairs
- **Spanish Speaking**

<u>In her new TNT role:</u>

- based out of Austin
- job focus = northern half of the state
 Ready to assist TMN Chapters with their fall training class needs covering Citizen/Community Science!



Wendy Anderson

Texas Nature Trackers Biologist Wildlife Division - Wildlife Diversity Program Texas Parks and Wildlife Department 0:512-389-8074

Wendy.Anderson@tpwd.texas.gov

Texas Master Naturalist 2023 Annual Meeting

October 12-15 | McAllen, Texas

- Early Bird Registration ends Thursday (Prices increase after that)
- Lodging
- Agenda
 - Saturday Field Day
- Sponsorships
- Vendors

https://txmn.tamu.edu/2023-annual-meeting/



Countdown Timeline

- •August 2023 Registration Opened
- •August 31 Early Registration ENDS
 - Price increase to 'Standard Registration'
- •September 15 Contests Close *early this year
 - Advisors Award, Video Contest and Project Fair
 - Photo, Art & Media ends September 18
- •September 29, 2023 Registration Closes
 - Registration for the 2023 Annual Meeting closes!
- October 3, 2023 #TMNTuesday Chapter Project Fair Presentations
 - Join our monthly TMNTuesday webinar to hear this year's entries for the Chapter Project Fair.



Agenda Overview

- Chapter Leadership Reception
 - (aka Presidents Meeting)
- Thursday October 12th 4:30pm 6:00pm in the Ballroom
- Please make sure you are registered for this session for a headcount

TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST PROGRAM SKELETON AGENDA



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Eclipse Field Day at El Sauz Ranch

A once in a lifetime event! Today's Annual Meeting is going off site and outdoors! We'll head to the East Foundation's El Sauz Ranch to view the Annular Solar Eclipse, eat lunch, listen to speakers, and host field-based advanced training sessions. The El Sauz Ranch hosts a unique diversity of landscapes and land management practices with active sand dunes, thornscrub brush, ocelots, an active cattle herd, university research projects, burn management plans, and so much more. Learn with us with boots on the ground!



What to Expect

A day spent in the field outdoors! We'll watch the eclipse, eat lunch and host field stations to visit. Restrooms, food, and water provided.

Depart MCC at 8:00am - Return at 4:30pm

What to Wear and Bring

TMN shirts or gear!
Refillable Water Bottle
Sunscreen and Bug Spray
Hat and/or Sunglasses
Snacks if wanted
Boots or Closed-toed Shoes
Weather Gear *if needed
Cameras and/or Binoculars
Portable Devices

Eclipse 101

Eclipse safety glasses will be provided, but bring any additional safe viewing devices you'd like. We'll also have telescopes on hand.

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Registration

TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST PROGRAM

2023 ANNUAL MEETING

Registration

Early Registration
Closes August 31st

Early Full Event Registration - \$400.00

Early Two Day (Thurs & Fri or Fri & Sat) - \$375.00

Early One Day (Thurs or Fri or Sat) - \$210.00

Open September 1st –
September 29th

Full Event Registration - \$450.00

Two Day (Thurs & Fri or Fri & Sat) - \$425.00

One Day (Thurs or Fri or Sat) - \$260.00

Guest Registration Add-Ons

Guest Meals Only Pass - \$300.00 Keynote Dinner Only - \$75.00



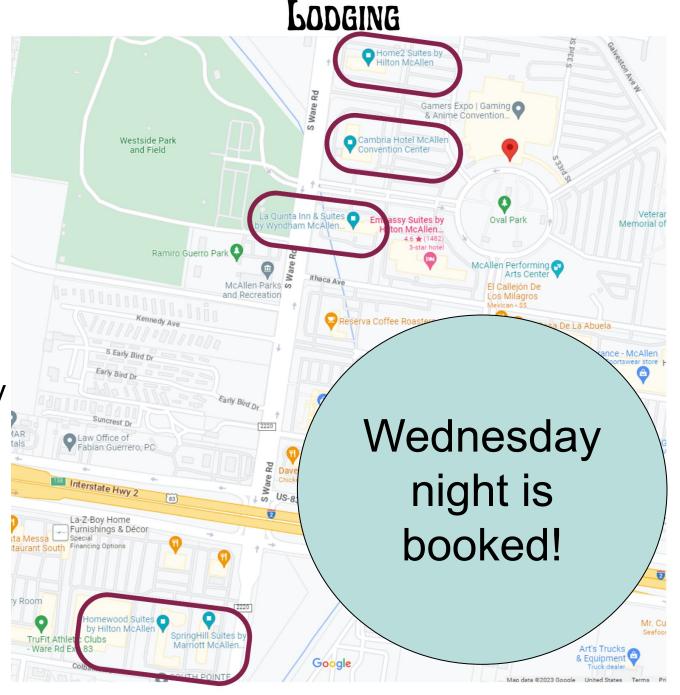
 THURSDAY this week Early Registration closes



Lodging

- Five Hotels with Room Blocks for TMNs!
- Rates \$100-139 (all include breakfast!)
- Room Blocks links are Open
 - Make your reservations now
- Some hotels offering same rate 3 days pre & post event – come early and stay late!





Transportation

- We have a Slack discussion board to allow attendees to connect for ride sharing.
- Will be creating field session channels for private rideshare discussions



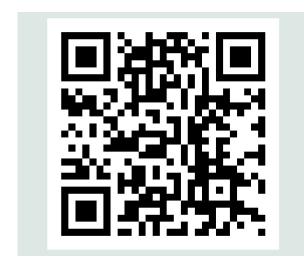


Slack Communication

- Available for all registrants
- Channels on transportation, lodging, field sessions, and more!
- Tutorial on using Slack:

https://youtu.be/6wjmH5qL3Ms







Sponsorship

- All sponsorships received special recognition through conference communication, fliers, announcements, and programs.
- Sponsors could make a general contribution to support and sponsor the TMN Annual Meeting at any of the following levels with recognition at each level as given:



TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST PROGRAM

BE A SPONSOR

All sponsorships will receive special recognition through conference communication, flyers, announcements, and programs as follows:

Friend - \$150

• Posted on Annual Meeting website

Ecologist - \$300

- All Friend level recognition, plus:
- Posted on conference hallway signs

Steward - \$500

- All Ecologist level recognition, plus:
- Posted on Annual Meeting app
- Recognition given during awards ceremony

Conservationist - \$1,000

- All Steward level recognition, plus:
- Complimentary Vendor Booth (optional)

Guardian - \$3,000

- All Conservationist level recognition, plus:
- Reserved table at Annual Meeting awards dinner
- Inclusion of collateral materials in attendee registration bags

Naturalist - \$5,000+

- All Conservationist level recognition as given above, plus:
- Organization highlight page on website

Thank you to our current sponsors



Ecologist

Balcones Canyonlands Chapter Big Country Chapter Cradle of Texas Chapter **East Texas Chapter**

Hill Country Chapter Indian Trail Chapter **Rio Brazos Chapter** South Plains Chapter **Shackelford Living Trust**



Steward

Alamo Area Chapter **Blackland Prairie Chapter** Capital Area Chapter Coastal Prairie Chapter **Cross Timbers Chapter Good Water Chapter**

Hays County Chapter Heart of Texas Chapter **Heartwood Chapter** North Texas Chapter Sabine Neches Chapter South Texas Border Chapter



Conservationist

Galveston Bay Area Chapter Harv Peterson, Heart of Texas Chapter Llano Estacado Chapter Mary York



Morning Star Prairie Plants











Naturalist





Vendors

Vendor Booth - \$300 commercial \$150 non-profit

 Seeking vendors to share their naturalist related goods, artwork, projects, plants or educational materials.

Rio Grande Valley and South Texas Chapter hosting vendor search - help us source vendors!

TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST PROGRAM BE A VENDOR

We are once again hosting our event with the opportunity to invite a few key vendors and exhibitors with naturalist related goods, artwork, projects, plants, educational materials, and outreach from partnership organizations. The vendor booths will be located in the main conference reception area at the McAllen Convention Center.

There will be ample time throughout the conference for attendees to browse the vendor areas, with breaks and socials scheduled to be held in the vendor space. We kindly ask that all vendors donate an item for the Silent Auction. The money raised from the silent auction will be used towards scholarship funds for Master Naturalists expressing a need to be able to attend our conference the following year.

Vendor Booth Space Information:

- Vendor setup will be on Thursday, October 12th from 8:00am –
 12:00pm, with take down and move out by 1:00pm on Sunday,
 October 15th. Vendors will be responsible for their own move in, set up, take down, and move out.
- Vendors will receive one 6' table and two chairs. Additional tables may be available if needed, potentially at an additional cost.
- Electricity and other display items can be discussed if needed (potentially at an additional cost). Wi-Fi will be available in the conference space for all attendees, hardline and electric cord charges may be extra.
- Please have all vendor applications emailed to Mary Pearl Meuth by
 5pm on September 15th, 2023.

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Vendors

TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST PROGRAM CHECK OUT OUR VENDORS

Thursday October 12 - 1:00pm - 6:00pm Friday October 13 - 7:00am - 7:00pm Saturday October 14 - 5:00pm - 7:00pm Sunday October 15 - 8:00am - 10:00am

- 1 Texas A&M University Press
- 2 Bat Conservation International
- 3 CoCoRaHS
- 4 Horned Lizard Conservation Society
- 5 Texas Bluebird Society
- 6 Birding with Extension
- 7 VMS Help Desk
- 8 Morning Star Prairie Plants LLC
- 9 Opticron Nature & Sports Optics
- 10 Friends of Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge
- 11 USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service
- 12 Rio Grande Valley TMN Chapter



SILENT AUCTION

Rio Grande Valley and South Texas Border Chapter hosting

Asking for Donations from Chapters

- Regional representations of your chapters ecoregion
- Naturalist items
- Travel packages
- Hand crafted items
- Themed baskets

Item Drop Off – Thursday October 20th 1pm – 6pm Auction Open until – Saturday 6:00pm Accepting cash, checks, and cards!

https://txmn.tamu.edu/2023-annual-meeting/#silent-auction





TMN Curriculum Bulk Orders at Annual Meeting

•BULK Curriculum Orders for Annual Meeting pickup available once again!

Order form sent out mid-August.

*sent to all presidents and new class directors

- Deadline is Tuesday October 3rd
- Please designate who will be picking up these books (heavy!)

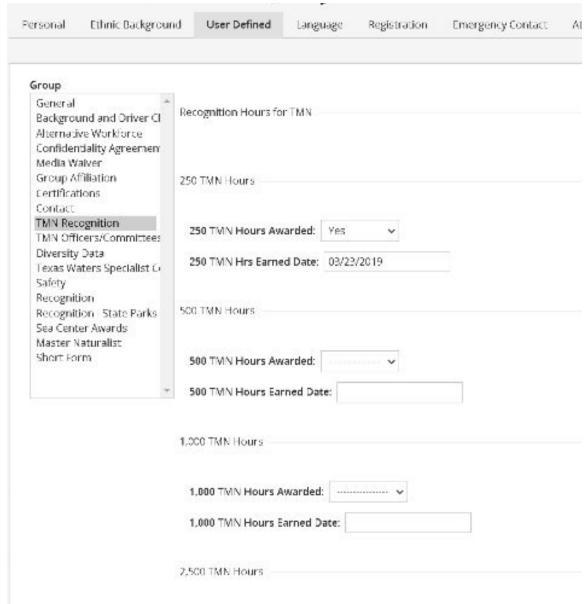




Member Awards and Recognition at the

Annual Meeting

- Milestones of Members Registered for the annual meeting are recognized Saturday evening.
- Please ensure awards for your members are updated in VMS by SEPTEMBER 29th
 - (VMS Admins see: "User defined tab > TMN Recognition Group)
 - NOTE: Milestones recognized at the annual meeting must have been reached within the past year, October 14th, 2022 through September 29th, 2023.



Chapter Memorials Request



Please share any chapter memorials of members passed since the last Annual Meeting.

Email Michelle Haggerty with name, chapter and photos mmhaggerty@tamu.edu

Would like to have this by September 29th



ANNUAL CHAPTER ROLL CALL

Donna Cole's Photo Request

To be used in scrolling ppt video during meals Friday and Saturday.

Deadline: September 29th or sooner!

Transfer Photos to Donna via DropBox, Google Photos or Google Drive

Chapter Presidents or Historians – please designate ONE person to send TEN photos from your chapter.

Format:

Original .jpg files only

- No PowerPoint presentations, no websites or online newsletters with photos, no "thumbnails"
- Please ensure what you send only .jpg files at full resolution, not compressed! (Cropping is fine.)
- o Captions are fine if they are embedded in the photo
- Please make sure the photo is already rotated correctly so the orientation doesn't have to be changed.
- Remember: If you view the photo at full-size on your computer monitor and it looks pixilated/grainy/blurry/fuzzy it will not look good in the show and will be left out.

Subject: Anything that represents your chapter is great, but we <u>really want to see your chapter members at work in the outdoors</u>.

Delivery= Dropbox/Google Photos/Google Drive Google Photos or Google Drive sharing are the preferred methods.

Questions? Email: donna@donna2112.com

Fall Pins & Certificate Orders

Reminder:

- Recertification Pins & Milestone Pins Ordering System!
- Ordering Form –
 https://txmn.tamu.edu/chapter-resources/chapter-supplies/#pins
- All order requests via website collected each month & mailed to chapter at beginning of following month.
 - *Exception End of September/October Hand delivering at Annual Meeting or mailing in October
 - These orders will be given to chapter presidents at the Chapter Presidents & Advisors leadership meeting
- NOTE 4,000 hr/PVSA pins are all on backorder –including orders that were already in process from April's order.

Chapter 'Care Packages' to take home from the Annual Meeting

We will have a few items for you/your chapter to take home from the annual meeting:

- Your Recertification Pins & Milestone Pins Order for the remainder of the year
- TMN Project Signs
- Something NEW for your chapter (size will be 3 ft long x 1 ft x 1 ft)
- Other small items
- Anything you/your chapter wants to pick up from the TMN Swap Shop
- · Curriculum (if you are taking advantage of the bulk order)
- Silent Auction wins!
- NOTE Leave vehicle space or arrange getting items back with other members.

Other Chapter Resources

End of Year Succession Planning

Coming up soon . . .

Elections

- Many Chapters planning nominations and elections
 - Your leadership sets the tone and pace for the year.

Chapter Leadership Retreats

Chapters with Board Retreats - successful

- -which chapters host these?
- -what do you include on your agenda?

Don't forget to enter new leadership in VMS

-Mark in Directors List

Group At Large Board Member Officer List: Background and Driver Cl ☐ Vice President ☐ Treasurer ☐ Advisor Alternative Workforce Confidentiality Agreemen Media Waiver ☐ Immediate Past President Advanced Training Director Group Affiliation ☐ Membership Director □ Volunteer Service Projects Director Director List: ☐ New Class Director TMN Recognition New Class Representative Communications Director State Chapter Representative Diversity Data Texas Waters Specialist C VMS List: VMS Admin VMS LBE VMS ReadOnly Recognition - State Parks Committee Member of: Activities Sea Center Awards Master Naturalist Short Form Leadership/Service History: State Chapter Representative 2020 President 2021

Incoming 2024 Chapter Presidents invited to November 28th Presidents & Advisors Meeting



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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





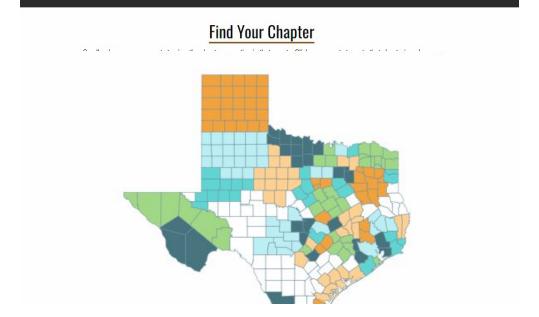








ALL EVENTS >



State Website



NATURALIST 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

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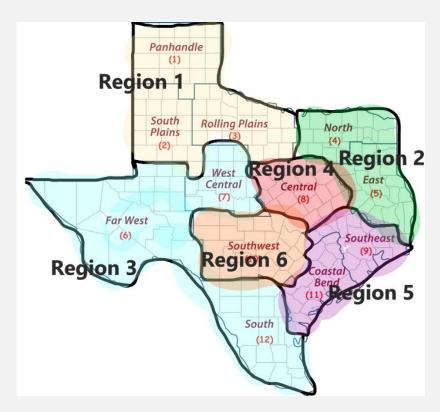
Don't forget about our TMN State Email Listserv! https://txmn.tamu.edu/contact/

Slimming Down on Regional WebEx Accounts

- Discontinuing Region 1 & 2 due to non use.
- Evaluating other Regions for continuing in 2024

** Don't forget to download and then delete any recordings on platform. (Michelle will delete recordings older than 1 month by the 5th of each month)

- 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
- October 3rd at 12:00pm
- Via Teams
- Tx.ag/TXMNwordpress





Pop Up Store with TMN logo items, 25th Anniversary and Annual Meeting logo items!

Closes August 31st

Shipped to you PRIOR to the Annual Meeting

Items:

- -Soft Shell jacket
- -T-Shirts
- -Polos



HOW TO



TMN License Plate

Click Here



- 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
- 566 total sold as of Q2 2023

Thanks for your Support!





















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



Calendar Check

October

- 3 WordPress Training
- 3 TMNTuesday
- 12 Presidents Meeting

& All the Annual Meeting things!

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

Deadlines before the Annual Meeting

Early Registration Closes - August 31st
Hotel Blocks Closing - September 11 - 29th *varies by property!
Contest Entries Due - September 15th
Photo Art & Media Entries Due - September 18th

Registration Closes - September 29th Milestone Hours Reported - September 29th Chapter Memorial - September 29th Chapter Roll Call - September 29th Pins & Certificates - September 29th

Curriculum Book Order - October 3rd

Presidents Corner

- What questions do you have for the chapter presidents on the call now?
- Request for how chapters manage sponsorship/funding requests for external partners?
- Any others?



The End

