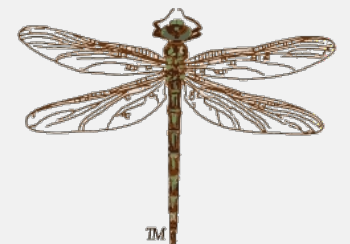


# February 27th Chapter Presidents & Advisors Meeting

- Introduce yourself & your chapter in the Chat Room
  - Share video (if your bandwidth allows)
  - Michelle, Mary Pearl and Hannah will be monitoring the chat room
  - Will be recording the meeting
  - Will share slides, chat room and notes
- 
- We'll get started at **12:00pm**
  - Volunteer Note Taker – Susan Walther, Coastal Prairie



February 27th  
Chapter Presidents & Advisors  
Monthly Meeting



# Agenda

- **Chapter Presidents Meetings**
  - Monthly Meeting Format
- **2024 Planning**
  - TMN Training Survey
  - TMN Curriculum Survey
  - Pins Ordering
  - TMNTuesdays
  - Spring Training
  - April 2024
  - Virtual Volunteer Fair
  - Annual Meeting
- **Chapter Resources**
  - State Website
  - Regional WebEx
  - WordPress
  - Owl Loaners
  - TMN Merchandise
  - License Plate
  - TMN Endowment
- **Roundtable & Calendar Check**

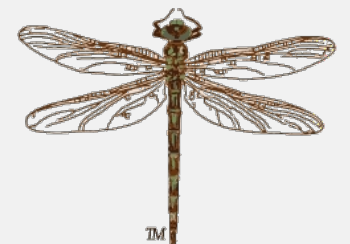


# Chapter Presidents & Advisors

## Monthly Meetings



- Contact Lists pulled from VMS 'TMN Officers & Directors' List Toggle
- Normally only **ONE hour** long, may go past in busy months, attending meetings can count for your Volunteer Service Hours
  - Log under "Chapter/Program Administration"
- Monthly email reminder & WebEx link shared in advance
- Recording, Notes & Slides will be posted afterwards
- Follow up items will be covered in post-meeting email if needed



- February 27
- March 26
- April 30
- May 28
- June 25
- July 9 \*Joint TMN Tuesday
- August 27
- September 24
- October - \*in conjunction with TMN Annual Meeting (23-25th)
- November 12 \*Joint TMN Tuesday
- December 10 \*Joint TMN Tuesday

# 2024 Presidents Meetings

- WebEx Meeting
- Last Tuesdays of the Month at 12:00pm Noon CST
- Recorded and posted to the website



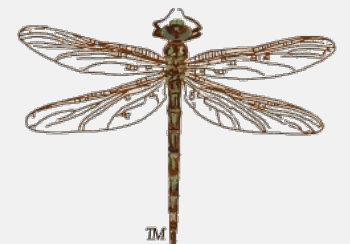
# 2024 Planning

Coming  
Soon!

# TMN Training Survey

**GOAL: To understand how chapters are currently formatting initial training classes so we can provide relevant resources and curriculum updates.**

- **REMINDER:** Our program was built to train VOLUNTEERS – we're not just a training program.
- **New Training Directors:** Round Table discussion in mid-March, date TBD
- **Survey will go out end of March**
  - Seeking Presidents feedback for survey questions today
- **Hope to have results/summary in fall 2024.**
- **Hope to gather New Training Directors again mid-Summer for results and pre-fall planning.**

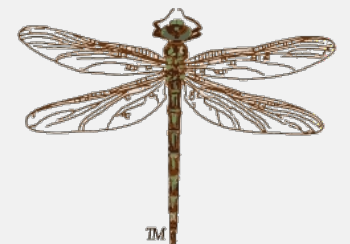


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# TMN Training Survey

## **EXAMPLE Survey Questions:**

1. When do you hold your new member training? (Season, day(s) of week, time of day, etc.)
2. Training Classroom format (in person, etc.)
3. Cost of training/application fees and what your chapter provides for those fees
4. Is your chapter set up as a non-profit organization or not
5. Number of classroom/field sessions, timing, length and structure
6. Schedule/syllabus timing, length and structure
7. How the TMN Curriculum topics are addressed through classroom and field session topics



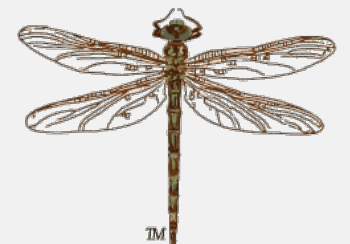


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# TMN Training Survey

## Questions we have for you:

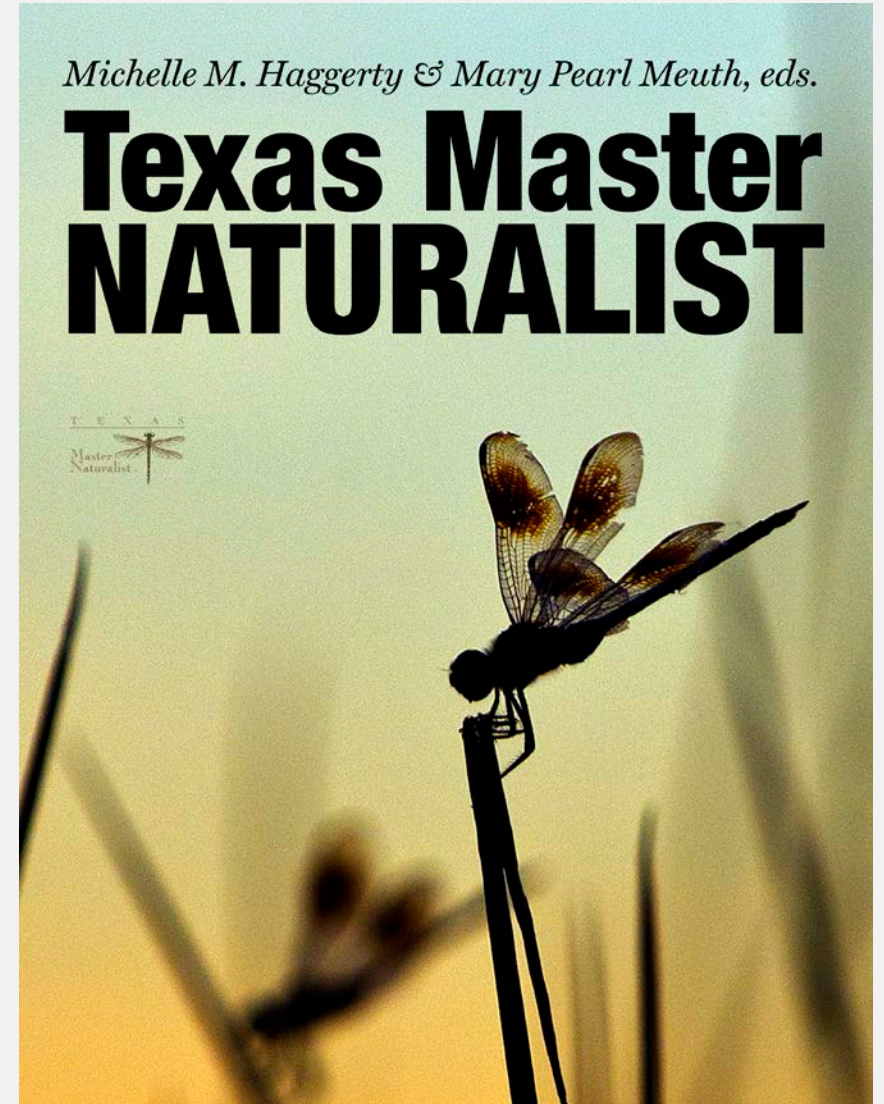
- How would a master list of speakers and their subject area benefit you?
- What training materials would benefit you?
- What ideas do you have for collaborating with other chapters on trainings or regional training opportunities?
- What do you want to know about other chapters' training classes?



# TMN Curriculum Survey

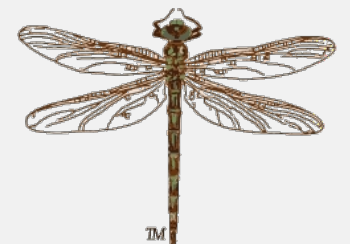
**We are starting the project to review, update and print a second edition of our TMN Statewide Curriculum through TAMU Press! And we need your help!**

- Multi-year project
- An email with two surveys will be sent soon
  - **One helps us learn how the book is being used to help answer formatting questions**
  - **The second helps us collect errors/content updates**



# Pins Ordering

- **NEW Recertification Pins & Milestone Pins Ordering System!**
- Orders for Certification **certificates, 250-hr, 500-hr, 1,000-hr, 2,500-hr, Friends, current year re-certification**, are available through our AgriLife Learn store – <https://agrilifelearn.tamu.edu/s/>
- To view the pins on the AgriLife Learn store, chapters will create an entitled “Chapter Name” account that will be given permissions to view these specific items. Once logged in, search “master naturalist pins” to order.
- Orders for **4,000-hour(PVSA), 5,000 hour, 10,000-hour pins and up**, are filled by Michelle Haggerty ([mmhaggerty@tamu.edu](mailto:mmhaggerty@tamu.edu)).
  - <https://txmn.tamu.edu/chapter-resources/4000-above-pins/>



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Category

All Categories

- Browse by Category (385)
- Courses (180)
- Publications (177)
- Merchandise (91)
- Extension Staff Only (70)
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- Observation and Assessment (3)
- Pre-Service (5)
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- Junior Master Gardener (25)

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- Animals and Livestock (72)
- Business Operations (23)
- COVID Response (1)
- Child Care (112)

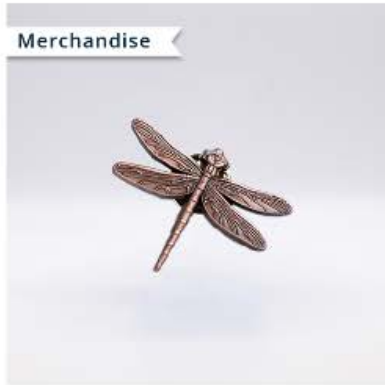
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Texas Master Naturalist Initial Certification  
**\$0.00**

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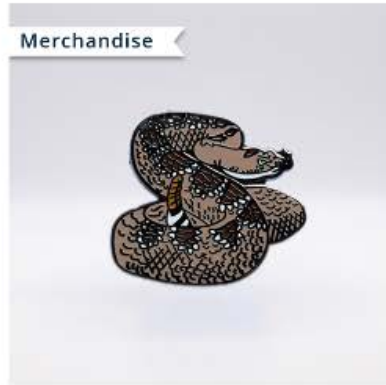
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Texas Master Naturalist Other Pins  
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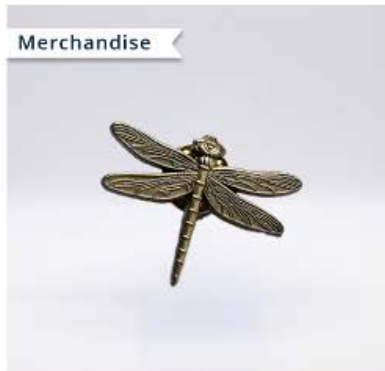
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Texas Master Naturalist Annual Recertification Pins  
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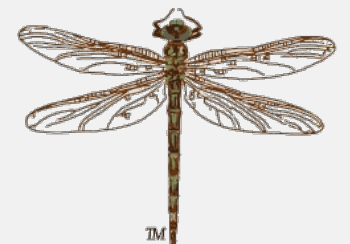
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# Chapters With Pins Entitled Accounts

- Alamo Area Chapter
- Balcones Canyonlands Chapter
- Blackland Prairie Chapter
- Bois d'Arc Chapter
- Brazos Valley Chapter
- Brush y Canyons Chapter
- Capital Area Chapter
- Coastal Prairie Chapter
- Cradle of Texas Chapter
- Cross Timbers Chapter
- East Texas Chapter
- El Camino Real Chapter
- Elm Fork Chapter
- Galveston Bay Area Chapter
- Good Water Chapter
- Guadalupe Chapter
- Gulf Coast Chapter
- Heart of Texas Chapter
- Indian Trail Chapter
- Llano Estacado Chapter
- Mid-Coast Chapter
- North Texas Chapter
- Piney Wood Lakes Chapter
- Prairie Oaks Chapter
- Red River Chapter
- Rio Brazos Chapter
- Rio Grande Valley Chapter
- Rolling Plains Chapter
- Sabine-Neches Chapter
- South Plains Chapter
- South Texas Border Chapter
- [As of 1.27.24](#)



# 2024 TMN Recertification Pin

2024 TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST ANNUAL  
RE-CERTIFICATION PIN

T E X A S

Western Diamondback  
Rattlesnake

*Crotalus atrox*

AKA: Texas Diamondback



February 2024  
Speaker Series

#TMNTuesdays

Chip Ruthven,  
Natural Resource  
Specialist and Project  
Leader

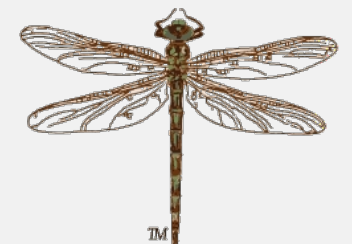
*presents*

*"Rattlesnakes"*

February 13, 12pm



Recording Available at  
<https://txmn.tamu.edu/tmntuesdays/>



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# #TMNTuesday 2024

~~January 9th – State of the Program~~

~~\*January 23rd – TNT Mini Series~~

~~\*February 6th – TNT Mini Series~~

~~February 13th~~

March 5th (shifted a week)

April 9th - Virtual Volunteer Fair

May 14th

June 11th

July 9th \*Joint #TMNTuesday/Presidents Mtg

August 13th

September 10th

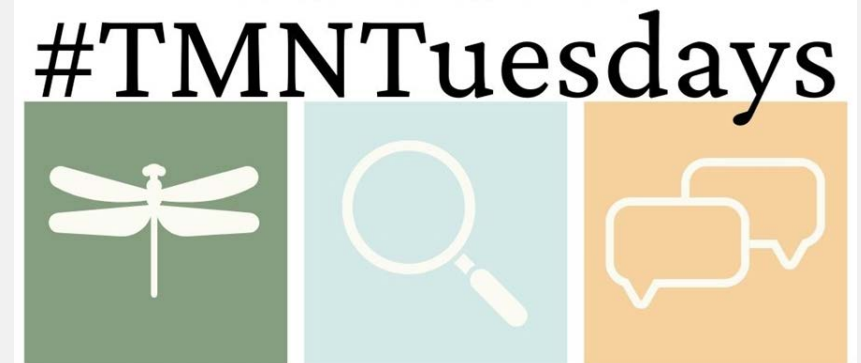
October 8th - TMN Project Fair Competition

November 12th \*Joint #TMNTuesday+Presidents Mtg

December 10th \*Joint #TMNTuesday+Presidents Mtg

- Second Tuesday of Each Month at Noon cst
- Up to 1 Hour Advanced Training (sometimes more)
- Watch Live or Recorded
- Speakers & Topics Announced Monthly
- \*Some additional special #TMNTuesdays added in 2024

**What topics would you like to see?**



# 2024 #TMNTuesdays

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**January 9**                      **May 14**  
**February 13**                **June 11**  
**March 5\***                      **July 9**  
\*first week of the month  
**April 9**                        **August 13**

**September 10**  
**October 8**  
**November 12**  
**December 10**



T E X A S





# TMNTuesday – March 5<sup>th</sup>



Jace Stansbury, Sabine Neches Chapter



## **Texas Raptor Monitoring Network: a participatory science program to monitor the reproductive biology of raptors across Texas**

**Ben Skipper:** Dr. Ben Skipper is an Associate Professor in the Department of Biology at Angelo State University. At Angelo State, Dr. Skipper and his students pursue questions related to the population genetics of raptors and songbirds, trophic interactions among insectivorous birds and their prey, and the evolution and maintenance of song dialects. Prior to arriving at Angelo State, Dr. Skipper studied the urban ecology of Mississippi kites at Texas Tech University. Dr. Skipper has over 15 years working with and studying urban raptors and their habitats.

**Clint Boal:** Dr. Clint Boal is the Assistant Unit Leader for the USGS Texas Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit at Texas Tech University. His research is directed at addressing contemporary research and information needs of wildlife management agencies. Although he studies a broad array of species and management issues, my primary research interests are the ecology and conservation of predatory birds and their roles in biotic communities.

# TMNTuesdays FAQs

- **Are 2023 TMNTuesdays available for 2024 AT hours?**
  - No. Only calendar year TMNTuesdays can be counted for AT. But you can watch them for your own education/entertainment!
- **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 the series or that month.
- **Will the #TMNTuesday events be recorded?**
  - Yes! These are always recorded and shared to the TMN website by the following day of each month.
- **Do I need to register for the #TMNTuesday each month?**
  - Register for the whole year's series with one page - <https://txmn.tamu.edu/tmntuesdays/> !
- **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.
- **Do the TNT miniseries count for AT hours?**
  - Yes, these may be counted in the same manner as TMNTuesday webinars – watched live or recorded!



# TMNTuesday Topics

- What do you want to hear?
- What training topics does your membership need more AT provided on?
- Think chapter management and leadership presentation topics too!

# 2024 New Training Class info

## **Update your Chapter's 2024 info via the Basic Training Class information form**

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 ALL 2024 training classes coming up and application periods open throughout this year*
- *Potential trainees ALWAYS want to know when your next training class is being planned.. Or how they can get on the list*

<https://txmn.tamu.edu/blog/2024-basic-training-classes/>



# April is a busy Month!

- April – National Volunteer Recognition Month
- April 8<sup>th</sup> – Total Solar Eclipse
- April 9<sup>th</sup> – TMN Virtual Volunteer Fair
- Monday April 22<sup>nd</sup> – Earth Day
- April 14<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> 2024 – National Volunteer Week
- April 26<sup>th</sup> – April 29<sup>th</sup> – City Nature Challenge
  - April 30<sup>th</sup> – May 5<sup>th</sup> - Identification Period
  
- What are your Chapter Plans?



## The 2024 CNC takes place in 2 parts

1

**April 26 – April 29, 2024**

Taking pictures of wild plants and animals.

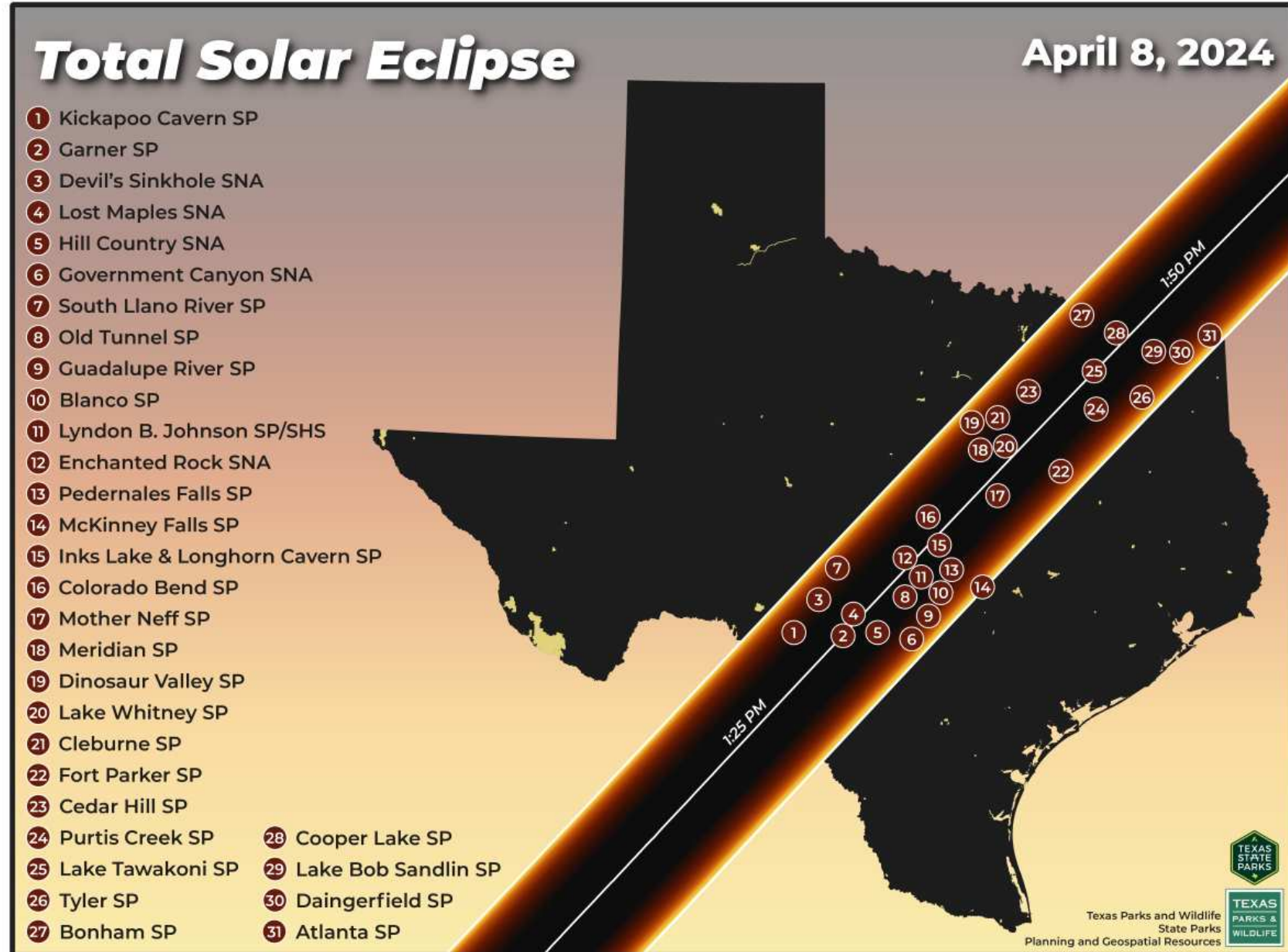
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**April 30 – May 5, 2024**

Identifying what was found.

# Eclipse Plans

- What are your plans?
- Need additional glasses?
  - State Office has about 200 left



# VIRTUAL VOLUNTEER FAIR 2024

**April #TMNTuesday - April 9th**

How we can use your help:

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

**Deadline  
extended to  
March 7<sup>th</sup>!**

TEXAS MASTER  
NATURALIST  
**VIRTUAL VOLUNTEER FAIR**



**SAVE THE  
DATE!**

**OCTOBER 24 – 27<sup>TH</sup> 2024**

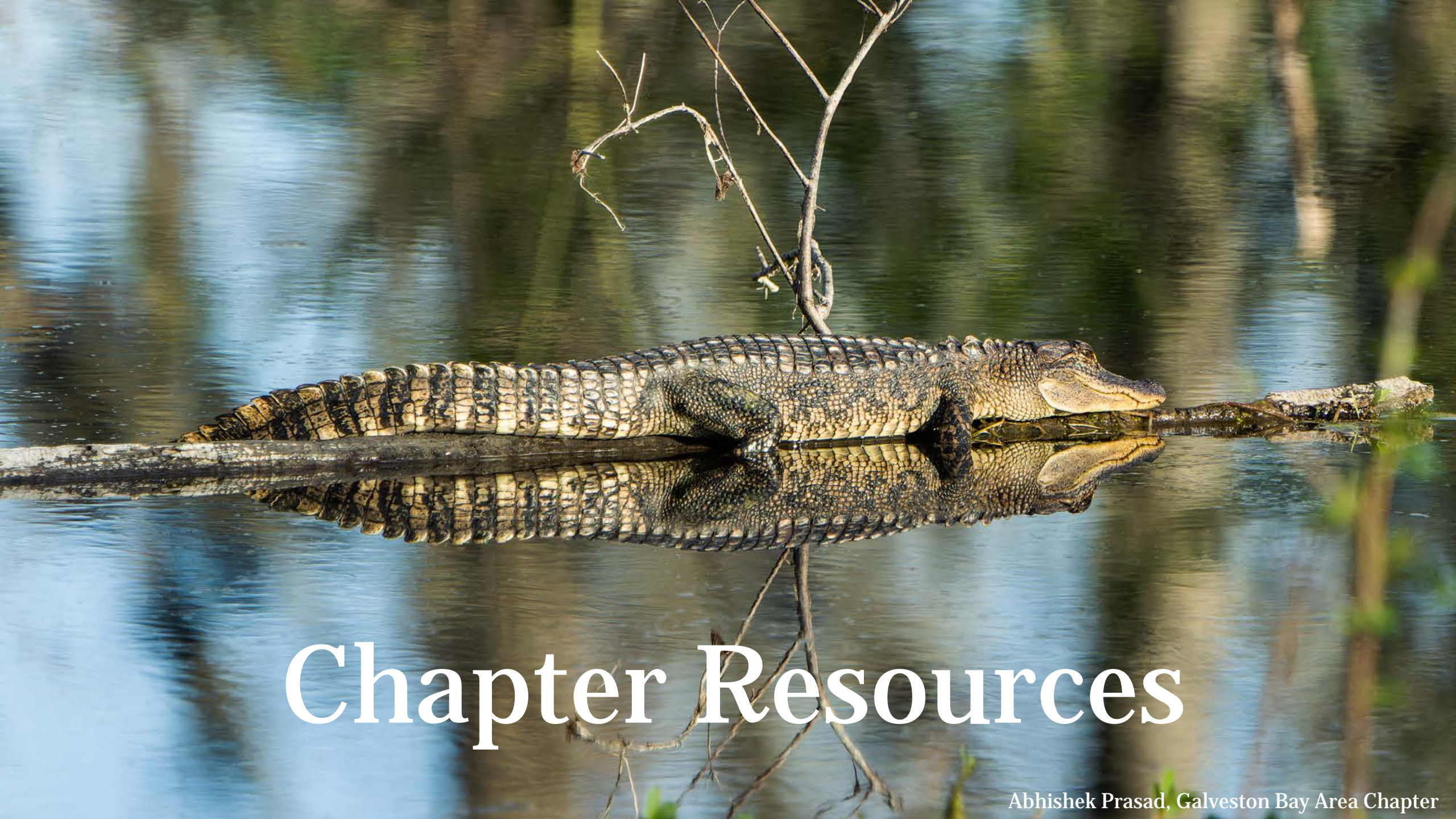
Don't forget - plan around these dates with your Chapter trainings, events, etc.



# COUNTDOWN TIMELINE

- **May 15, 2024** - Call for Proposals Deadline
  - Get your presentation proposal submitted before our May 15<sup>th</sup> deadline!
- **July 2024** - Agenda Launches
  - We hope to share the full agenda for the 2024 Annual Meeting the first week of July.
- **August 2024** - Registration Opens
  - Registration for the 2024 Annual Meeting will open the first week of August.
- **August 31, 2024** – Early Registration ENDS
  - Price increase to ‘Standard Registration’
- **September 15, 2024** – Contests Close
  - Advisors Award, Photo, Art & Media, Video Contest and Project Fair
- **September 20, 2024** – In Person Registration Closes
  - Registration for the 2024 Annual Meeting closes!
- **October 8, 2024** - #TMNTuesday – Chapter Project Fair Presentations
  - Join our monthly TMNTuesday webinar to hear this year’s entries for the Chapter Project Fair.





# Chapter Resources

## 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.

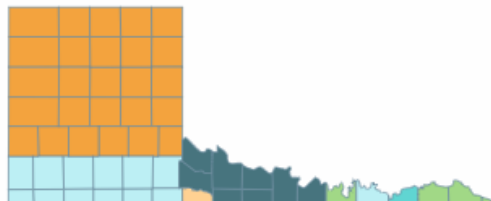
Many communities and organizations rely on such citizen volunteers for implementing youth education programs; for operating parks, nature centers, and natural areas; and for providing leadership in local natural resource conservation efforts. In fact, a short supply of dedicated and well-informed volunteers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



ALL EVENTS

## 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.



# OUR STATE WEBSITE

[WWW.TXMN.TAMU.EDU](http://WWW.TXMN.TAMU.EDU)

NATURALIST NEWS:

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

EVENTS CALENDAR:

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

TMN STATE EMAIL LISTSERV:

[HTTPS://TXMN.TAMU.EDU/CONTACT/](https://txmn.tamu.edu/contact/)

The TMN State Office (and sometimes other members) share & post information and trainings to each of these resources. Events added **are not automatically approved** for AT, please check with and have your local chapter review and approve first.

## Other Quick Links on the Website:

VMS Help Desk-

<https://txmn.org/help>

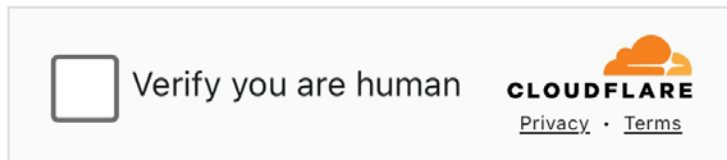
Chapter Documents Page

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

# State Website Security Update

**txmn.tamu.edu**

Checking if the site connection  
is secure



txmn.tamu.edu needs to review  
the security of your connection  
before proceeding.

- We've been getting hit by potential DDoS attacks the last week across various networks and sites.
- WP Engine & AgriLife IT is closing monitoring the situation and has provided additional security measures temporarily until the bot traffic slows down.
- Temporary until the bot traffic slows down.
- WP Engine and our IT Security team scanning sites across AgriLife for any issues, and AgriLife IT team working to update plugins, themes, etc to the latest & secure versions.

**Done for now – but our IT  
team is continuing to watch!**

# TMN WordPress Website Trainings

- AgriLife IT Staff changeover. . . .
- TXMNTech Tuesdays
  - First Tuesday of the month
  - 12:00 – 12:45pm
  - Hosted via Teams
- Back on!

**March 5<sup>th</sup> at  
12:00pm**



# Meeting OWLS

Loaning these out to chapters for training class or seasonal use.

Email Mary Pearl for more information – [mpmeuth@tamu.edu](mailto:mpmeuth@tamu.edu)



# Regional WebEx Accounts

## Regional Accounts

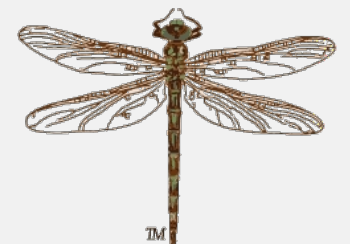
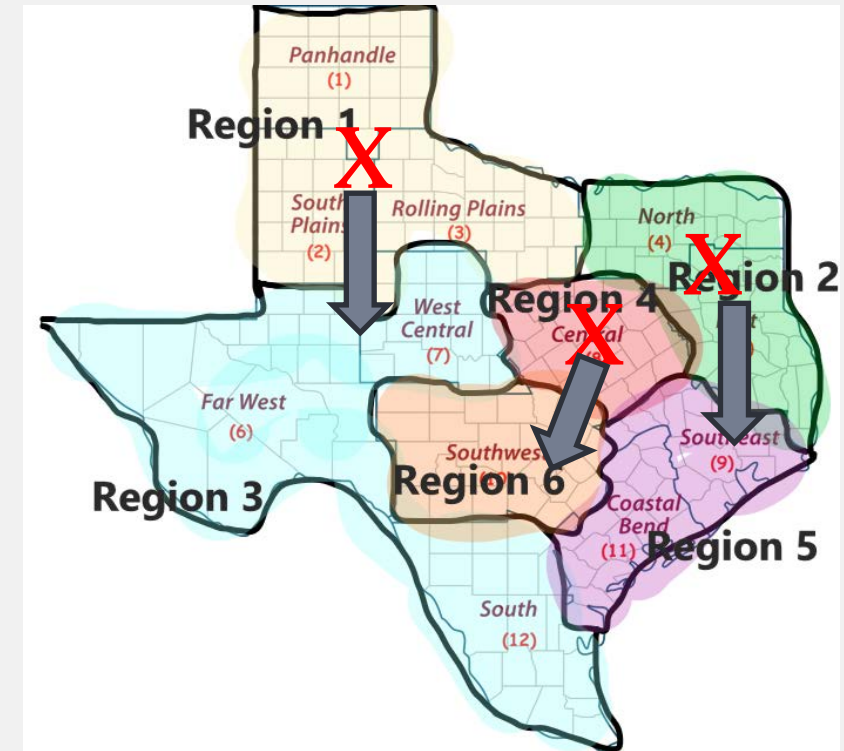
- Discontinued Region 1, 2 & 4 due to non-use for more than a year

Region 1 shares Region 3 account now

Region 2 shares Region 5 account now

Region 4 shares Region 6 account now

- All other state meetings held on our TMN State account that you are meeting on today.



# TMN VMS Updates

**Nothing changing for our users' view at this time. Proceed with entering hours as normal**

- New Account Manager
- Re-Build Project Manager
- Updated Software will enable new features

All work happening behind the scenes at this time getting our data ready to be moved over into an offline testing phase. (WILL NOT affect current system)

- Our VMS Team will be involved in testing the re-build
- We will have training sessions for VMS admins, members when the time comes (estimated LATE fall)
- As fields and data are being readied, may see some anomalies—Report those to the help desk

Hours on or before Dec 15, 2023 may not be entered	
You have until the end of	To enter Hours worked on
Today	Dec 15, 2023
Feb 02, 2024	Dec 19, 2023
Feb 16, 2024	Jan 02, 2024
Mar 01, 2024	Jan 16, 2024
Mar 15, 2024	Today
Hours on or after Jan 31, 2024 may not be entered	





# UPDATING YOUR OFFICERS LIST

UPDATE NEW & CHANGING OFFICERS

MOVE ALL HISTORICAL TITLES AND  
LEADERSHIP/SERVICE TO HISTORY  
BOX

VMS ADMINISTRATOR WILL NEED TO  
COMPLETE

# TMN Displays—Check your panels!

**“Become”** and **“Explore”** panels make a set

- Contact Michelle for shipping instructions



# TMN Merchandise

## **State Offered Items**

- Official Texas Master Naturalist Logo
- Approved with Logo Trademark design & program colors
- Offered with bulk discounts/ordering

## **Local Chapter Produced Items**

- MUST follow TMN Marketing & Brand Guidelines for Logo use
- MUST have previously gotten TMN Logo use approved with TMN State office before production

# State TMN Merchandise

## Curriculum

- <https://txmn.tamu.edu/about/curriculum/>
  - TAMU Press Office
  - 800-826-8911
  - [bookorders@tamu.edu](mailto:bookorders@tamu.edu)
- **New Class Bulk Ordering**
  - If 10 books or more are ordered, the discount is 50% taken off the cover price. To order, fill out the [TMN Curriculum Bulk Order Form](#)
- **Annual Meeting Bulk Ordering**
  - Save on Shipping! Working with Press office to get order set up.
  - Sent out in fall each year.

## Shirts, Hats, Etc

- Two Types of Ordering Systems:

### 1. [AgriLife Learn](#)

- Merchandise stocked in a warehouse
- Limited quantities & sizes
- Add your chapter pins in this order!
- Ships right away!

**Restock on the way!**

### 2. DropShip or MemberItem (PopUp)

- Pop up stores
- Limited purchase time period
- Ships after one month
- Get the exact color & size you want
- Usually reserved for Annual Meeting logo items

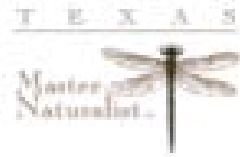


# AgriLife Learn Store

NEW items & shirts coming in March 2024 . . .

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

HOW TO



*Click Here*

ORDER



*Thanks for your Support!*

# TMN License Plate

- Can be ordered on [myplates.com](https://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
- 624 total sold as of Q4 2023
- Need to get to 800



Show us your bumper!





## 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 @ ~\$125,000

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

<https://masternaturalistendowment.org/>

To give directly, follow the link:

<http://give.am/TexasMasterNaturalist>

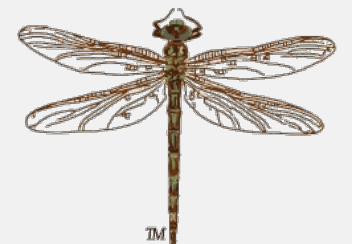


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to all who  
have given!



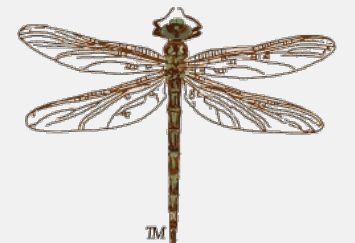
# Presidents Corner

- 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?



# Presidents FAQs

1. Let's work together on events in close proximity to our chapter borders or just across each others' boundaries. Common courtesy.



# Calendar Check

## March

- 5 – TMN Tuesday
- 26 – Chapter Presidents

## Presidents Meetings

- ~~January 30~~
- ~~February 27~~
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- June 25
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# The End

