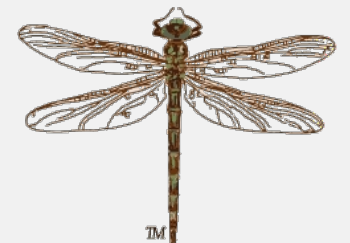


April 30th Chapter Presidents & Advisors Meeting

- 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 after the meeting

- We'll get started at **12:00pm**
- Volunteer Note Taker – _____



April 30th
Chapter Presidents & Advisors
Monthly Meeting



Agenda

- **2024 Planning**
 - TMN Training Class Survey
 - TMN Curriculum Survey
 - Pins Ordering
 - TMNTuesdays
 - Spring Training
 - April 2024
 - Virtual Volunteer Fair
 - Annual Meeting
- **Chapter Resources**
 - State Website
 - Regional WebEx
 - WordPress
 - TMN VMS Update
 - TMN Merchandise
 - License Plate
 - TMN Endowment
- **Roundtable & Calendar Check**



- 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

WHO YOU GONNA' CALL?



Website

Chapter Policy Question

Elections/Voting Question

Events Registration

Meeting Recordings

TMN Listserv

Annual Meeting information

TMN Curriculum -> **TAMU Press**

TMN Gear -> **AgriLife Learn**

Michelle & Mary Pearl

Chapter Management Issue

Discipline Action/Incident Report

Advanced Policy Question

Hannah Ferguson

Chapter Training Resources

TMN Brand and Logo Questions

Chapter – State Office Communication

VMS Help Desk

Request for New Account & Training

VMS Reports

<https://texasmasternaturalist.freshdesk.com/support/home/>

AgriLife First Call

Chapter Website Issue

WHO YOU GONNA' CALL?



Hannah Ferguson

Current State Level Projects:

New Training Class Survey

25th Anniversary Report ✓

Brand Guide Update

National Volunteer Month ✓

Chapter Templates/Resources (socials, promotional materials, etc.)

Chapter Level Opportunity:

Chapter Liaison for new training class programs--invite her to welcome your next class! (In-person or virtual depending on schedule and distance)

Chapter major events speaker

National Volunteer Month Recap



THANK YOU!

You are part of our state's largest conservation and stewardship movement.
YOU ARE our Texas Master Naturalist family!

2023 Annual Report and National Volunteer Month Pictures:

- <https://txmn.tamu.edu/blog/national-volunteer-month-2024/>



Social Media Campaign

Check out our Instagram and Facebook!

<https://www.facebook.com/TexasMasterNaturalistProgram/>

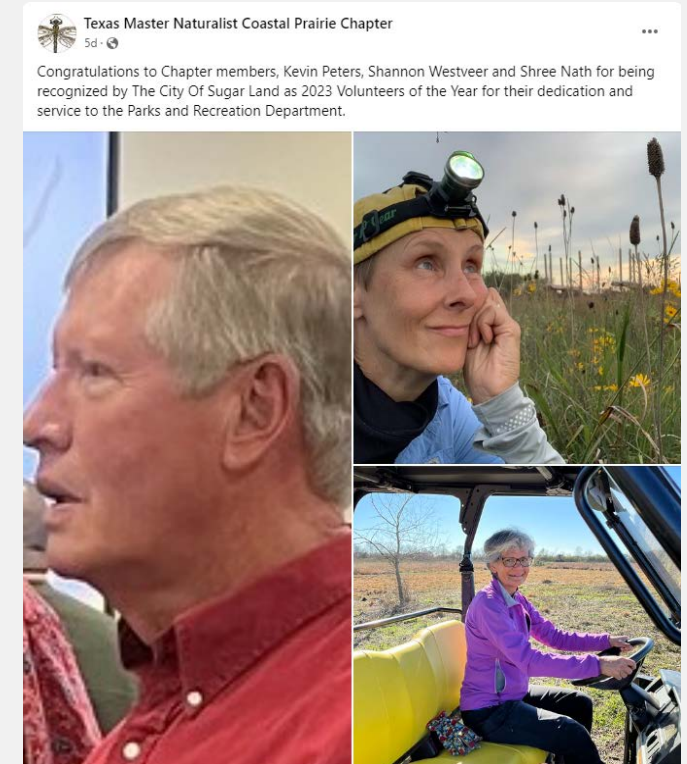
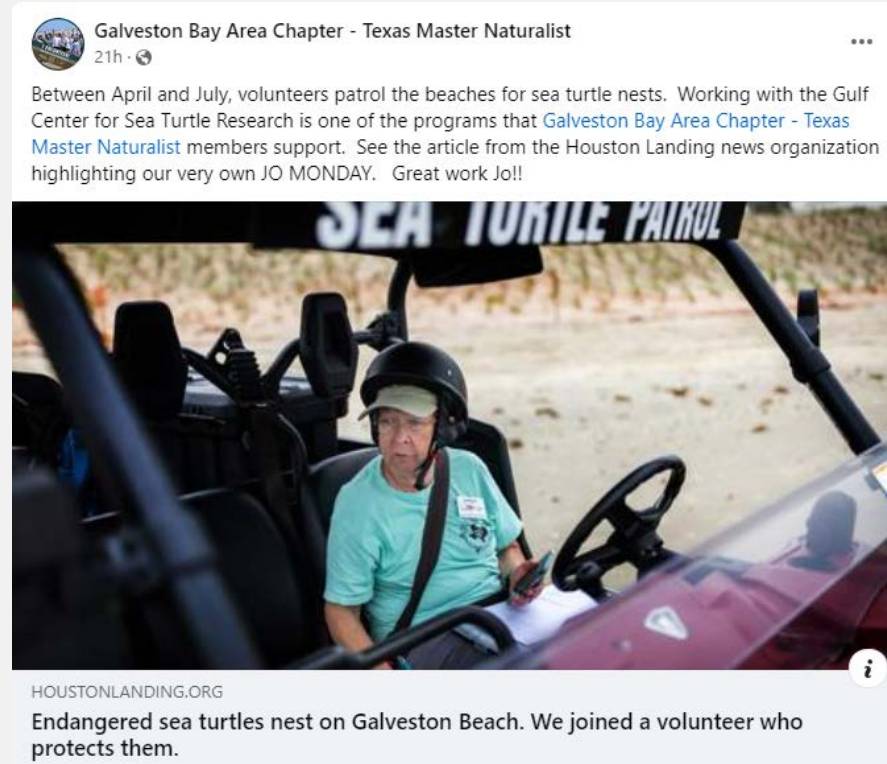
<https://www.instagram.com/texasmasternaturalist/>



Social Media Campaign

Chapter Shoutouts during National Volunteer Month!

Send us posts about your awards/distinctions/accomplishments to be featured on Facebook.





TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST PROGRAM

2023 Annual Report



Members contributed **553,106** hours of service—a new record year!—to TMN in 2023 and more than **6.93** million hours to date.



Reached over **251,067** youth, adults, and private landowners in 2023 and more than **7.115** million people to date.



Developed or maintained **9 NEW** miles of trail in 2023 and more than **2,305+** miles of trail to date.



There were **685** new members trained in 2023 and more than **16,000** members have been trained to date.



Service hours in 2023 were valued at **\$12.72** million and more than **\$159.52** million since the program's inception.



Provided stewardship and management through new projects on **872** acres in 2023 and made an impact on more than **234,815** acres to date.

ABOUT

Since 1997, our skilled volunteers have worked with organizations and their local communities across **49 chapters covering 216 counties** to implement youth outreach programs, help operate parks, nature centers, natural areas, and lead local natural resource conservation efforts. Master Naturalists are an invaluable resource in their communities because of their heart for volunteering and specialized knowledge of natural resources.

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.

SPONSORS

The Texas Master Naturalist organization is sponsored by **Texas Parks and Wildlife** and **Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service**.



TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST PROGRAM

2023 Annual Report



TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST
2024 ANNUAL MEETING
OCTOBER 24-27

Get excited for our Texas Master Naturalist 2024 Annual Meeting—to be held October 24-27th in San Marcos, Texas. The Annual Meeting provides opportunities in networking, advanced training and more!



TMNTuesdays are a way to learn about the top conservation issues in Texas, earn advanced training hours, and interact with natural resource professionals from across the state in an online webinar format.

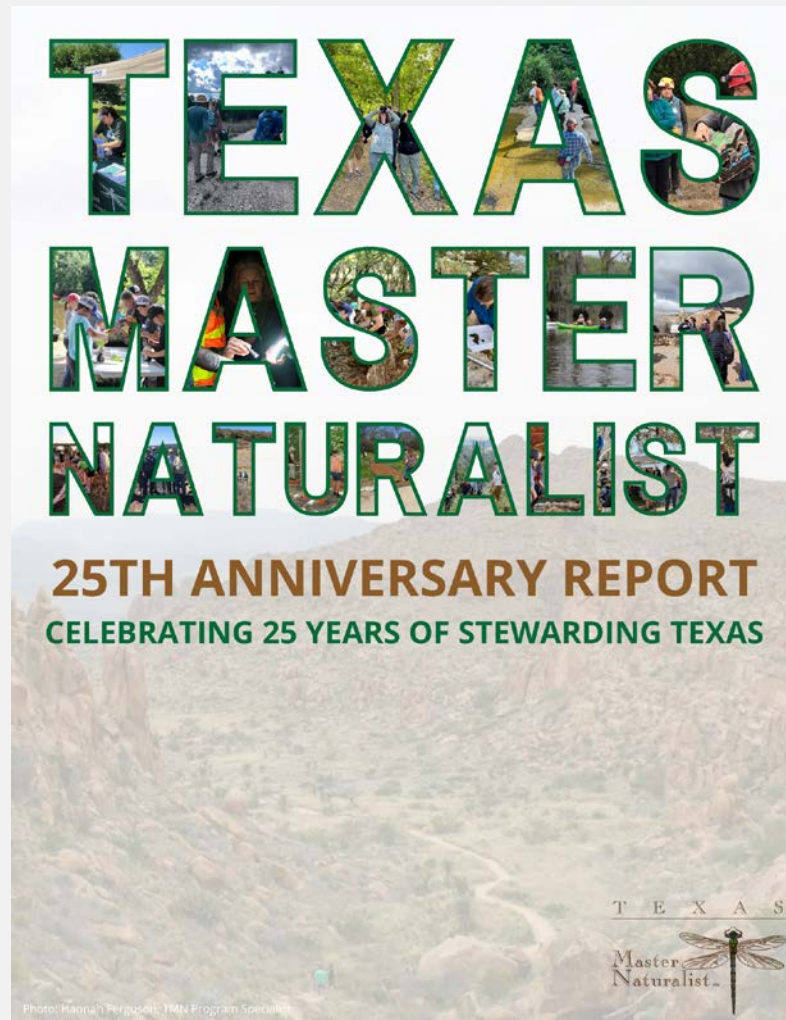


Show off your support of the Texas Master Naturalist program and provide direct financial support by purchasing a license plate! ANYONE can purchase this plate and \$22 of each annual plate fee comes directly back to TMN.

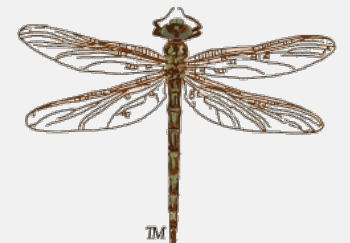


The mission of the Texas Master Naturalist Endowment is to further enhance TMN, its chapters and volunteers, now and into the future, for the benefit of natural resource education, conservation and stewardship.

25th Anniversary Report



- Coming Soon!
- Includes:
 - TMN Timeline
 - Storytelling Project
 - Awards
 - Statistics across the years
 - Chapter Project Highlights
 - History of the program
 - The future of the program
 - ...and more!



A close-up photograph of a crayfish on a gravelly surface. The crayfish is dark brown and has its large claws raised. The text "2024 Planning" is overlaid in a white, serif font across the center of the image.

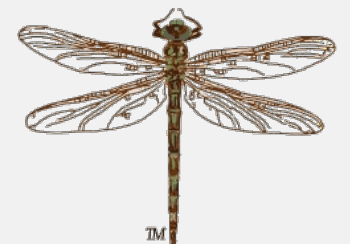
2024 Planning

TMN Training Class Survey

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

Two Surveys:

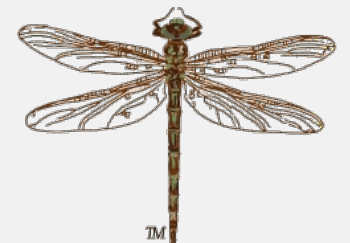
- **Texas Master Naturalist New Member Training Class Survey**
 - Designed to collect information about each chapter's new member training
 - Single response per chapter requested. Survey questions provided as a PDF.
- **Texas Master Naturalist Speaker Master List Survey**
 - Designed to create a master list of potential speakers for chapter use upon request (housed by the state office)
 - Multiple-response survey. Each speaker is one submission.
 - To avoid duplicates, please have one representative fill out the survey.



TMN Training Class Survey

Survey Questions:

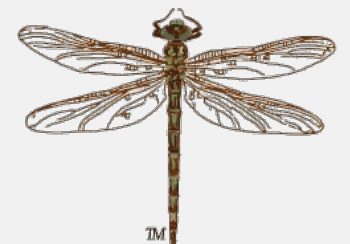
- **Texas Master Naturalist New Member Training Class Survey**
 - Survey sections include: Demographic Questions, New Member Applications, Training Schedule, Financial, Curriculum Units, Engagement, End of Training and Concluding Questions.
- **Texas Master Naturalist Speaker Master List Survey**
 - Survey questions include: chapter, speaker's name, company/affiliation, location, contact information (phone and email), topic area, notes/comments.



TMN Training Class Survey

Timeline:

- Surveys hitting inboxes of April 30th
 - Sent to Training Directors and President contacts as listed in VMS as of today
 - Both survey links and a PDF copy of the New Member Training Class Survey
- Texas Master Naturalist New Member Training Class Survey
 - Responses due **May 31st**
- Texas Master Naturalist Speaker Master List
 - Responses due **June 30th**
- Results from the New Member Training Class survey presented virtually at the end of summer and in person at the Annual Meeting



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/>



TMN Curriculum Survey

- final days to submit your responses -

We are starting the project to review, update and print a second edition of our TMN Statewide Curriculum!

Keep in mind, this will be a multi-year project, but the time to start it is now.

And we need your help!

To get our review and update started, we have two requests to our readers:

1. The first is to help us gather information on **how** our book is being used. This information will be shared with our TAMU Press redesign team as they are looking to make updates to the layout and functionality of the book. Please complete this survey by **May 1, 2024**.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/tmn2ndedition>

2. The second is to help us collect **errors/updates** in the current edition. Each unit will be getting reviewed and updated, but two sets of eyes are better than one. Please share any errors or update suggestions in the linked survey below. **Note - it's vital that you share page and paragraph information to help us find these areas of edit need.**

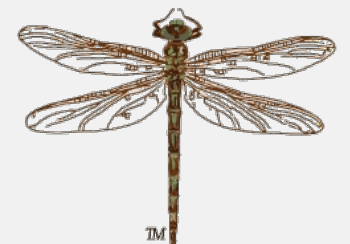
This survey will remain open.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/tmnbookerrata>



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).
 - <https://txmn.tamu.edu/chapter-resources/4000-above-pins/>



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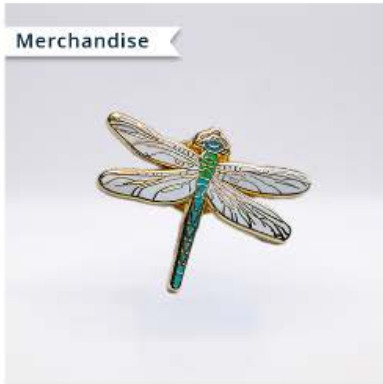
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Merchandise



Texas Master Naturalist Initial Certification
\$0.00

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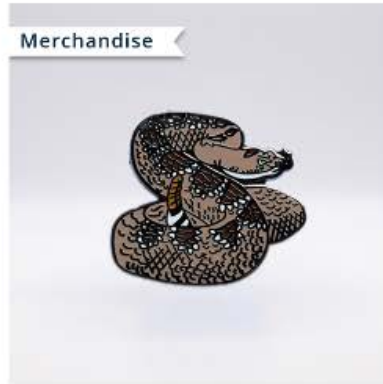
Merchandise



Texas Master Naturalist Other Pins
\$0.00

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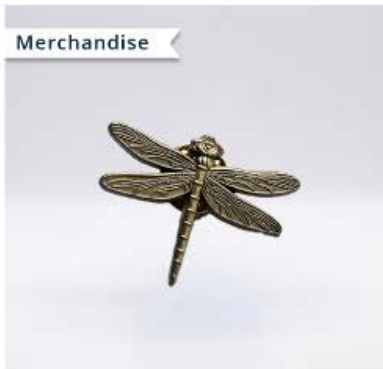
Merchandise



Texas Master Naturalist Annual Recertification Pins
\$0.00

VIEW OPTIONS

Merchandise



2024 #TMNTuesdays

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 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 – No Mow Zones

June 11th

July 9th *Joint #TMNTuesday/Presidents Mtg

August 13th

September 10th

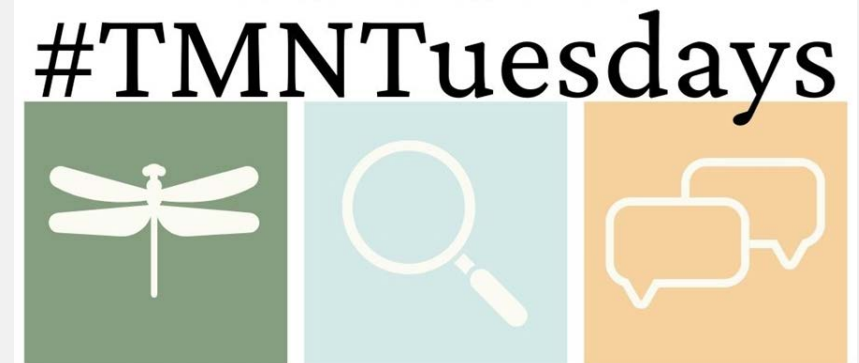
October 8th - TMN Project Fair Competition

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?





TEXAS MASTER
NATURALIST
VIRTUAL VOLUNTEER FAIR

TUESDAY APRIL 9TH 10:00AM – 1:15PM

How do I Sign up to Volunteer?

At the completion of EACH project proposal and then again at the end of the event, we will share the “**Project Volunteer Registration**” survey.

[Complete the volunteer survey!](#)

Sign-ups closed on **April 26th!**

Project Leaders
receiving lists and
contacting members
who signed up

<https://txmn.tamu.edu/blog/virtual-volunteer-fair-2024/>

TMNTUESDAY

MAY 14TH

Mowing is time consuming. Mowing is expensive. Mowing, in most cases, doesn't provide any benefit to wildlife. So why are so many of our community greenspaces dominated by mowed fields? This presentation will cover the benefits of reduced mowing programs, best management practices for "no mow" zones, and tips for starting a successful program in your community.



May 2024
Speaker Series

#TMNTuesdays

**Rachel Richter,
Urban Wildlife
Biologist, TPWD**

presents

**"No Mow
Zones"**

May 14, 12pm



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!



**SAVE THE
DATE!**

OCTOBER 24 – 27TH 2024

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

COUNTDOWN TIMELINE

- **May 15, 2024** - Call for Proposals Deadline (**Share the Call for Proposals TODAY**)
 - Get your presentation proposal submitted before our May 15th 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.



Call for Presentation Proposals



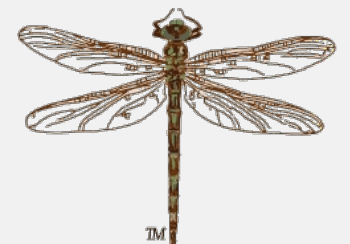
- Seeking presentations on TMN focused topics
- 1-, 2-, 3- and 4-hour concurrent advanced training sessions
- Submission website open now!
- Deadline May 15th
- **Help us:**
- Share the call for presentations with speakers you'd like to hear! Or those with a broad focus you've heard before but other TMNs would enjoy hearing from too!

[**Submit Classroom Presentation Abstracts Here**](#)

Deadline May 15th, 2024

[**Submit Field Session Abstracts Here**](#)

Deadline May 15th, 2024



Agenda Overview

- Chapter Leadership Reception
 - (aka Presidents Meeting)
- Thursday October 24th - 4:30pm - 6:00pm in the Ballroom
- Please make sure you (or your designee) are registered for this session for a headcount



TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST PROGRAM

SKELETON AGENDA

Thursday
10/24

Pre-Event Field Sessions

Afternoon Concurrent Advanced Training Sessions

Chapter Leadership Reception

Welcome Dinner

Friday
10/25

Field Sessions

Concurrent Advanced Training Sessions

Keynote Address

Saturday
10/26

Field Sessions

Concurrent Advanced Training Sessions

Annual Awards Reception & Dinner

Sunday
10/27

Contest Awards

Post-Event Field Sessions

Conference Wrap up by Noon!

Contests & Awards

- **Pre-Annual Meeting Entries – all due by 5pm Sunday September 15th**
- **Chapter Advisor Awards**
 - Nominate your chapter's advisor(s) to be recognized
- **Chapter Project Fair**
 - Submit your chapter project for our virtual fair!
- **Video Contest**
 - Videos of 1 minute to 3 minutes
- **Photo, Art & Media Contest**
 - Entries to be submitted online between August 1st and September 15th
 - Note: Photos & Media must be taken somewhere in Texas and within the current year: 2024.

Chapter Advisor Award

- Nominate your chapter's advisor(s) to be recognized

2023 TMN Chapter Advisor Award Winner



Lois Ballin,
Texas Parks and Wildlife Urban Biologist,
Trans Pecos Chapter Advisor

She is a wonderful role model to our Texas Master Naturalists and our community.

We are all very proud to have her as our leader and advisor. Overall, Lois is an outstanding Texas Master Naturalist Chapter advisor.

She is a dedicated and knowledgeable individual who goes above and beyond to support and empower chapter members in their efforts.

Her leadership and guidance contribute to the success and impact of our Trans-Pecos Chapter and has helped foster a community of passionate naturalists!

Chapter Project Fair

- Submit your chapter project for our virtual fair!

Exemplary Project Fair Awards: First Place

First Place:
\$800 Project Grant

Rio Brazos Chapter
Brazos River
Cleanup/Campout and
Educational Extravaganza



Photo, Art & Media Contest

- Submit your best photos and art from the past year!
- Entries to be submitted online between September 1st-30th



Video Contest

- Videos of 1 minute to 3 minutes

10th Annual TMN Video Contest 1st Place



Sabine-Neches Chapter
"Hey Texas Master Naturalist, What are you doing?"

Chapter Advisor Award

The Texas Master Naturalist Program presents the annual **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.

Applications are due by **September 15th, 2024.**



Chapter Project Fair

The Texas Master Naturalist Program holds this competition during our Annual Meeting each year to share and award the premier projects of the TMN Program. Our chapter members continually list this fair as a favorite way to learn about projects other chapters are doing and how they may be able to replicate such projects in their areas.

Entry, Criteria & Judging

1. Each Chapter will provide a short-written paragraph describing the project by **September 15, 2024**.
2. A pre-selected panel of judges will join the live 20-minute presentation of each Project Fair entry during our October [#TMNTuesday Speaker Session](#) on **October 8th, 2024**
3. Awards will be announced at the Annual Meeting and will be in the form of monetary project grants which are intended to further support the winning projects or new project implementations of the chapters' choice.

Chapter Video Contest

Release the Director in YOU!

- Showcase the “behind the scenes” work that goes on within your chapter.
- Share trainee experiences, your experience as a TMN volunteer, or a highlight of a Chapter project, your Chapter's impact, an event, partnership effort, or anniversary year.
- Videos should be a minimum of 1 minute 30 seconds and a maximum of 3 minutes. Uploads should be either formatted as .mp4, .mov, .wmv, or other YouTube-ready format.
- Video Contest submissions will be accepted until **September 15th, 2024**. Entries will be reviewed and top videos will be announced and awarded at our 2023 Annual Meeting Awards Ceremony.



Photo, Art & Media Contest

Entry window – August 1st – September 15th (tentatively)

Categories

- Individual member submissions categories:

- Photo –
 - Plants and Fungi
 - Wildlife: Birds
 - Wildlife: Insects and arachnids
 - Wildlife: Reptiles and Amphibians
 - Wildlife: Other
 - Chapters at work/play
 - Scenic
 - Macro
 - Digitally Enhanced Photos

- Art –

- Paintings or Drawings
- Sculptures, Carvings, & Ceramics
- Sewing or Stitchery

- Chapter submissions categories –

- Newsletter
- Scrapbooks
- Brochures

Photo, Art & Media Contest

- Submit your best photos and art from the past year!
- Entries to be submitted online between September 1st-30th



Sponsorship

- All sponsorships receive 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:



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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, plus:
- Organization highlight page on website

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 hallways of the San Marcos Embassy Suites.

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 financial need to be able to attend our conference the following year.

Vendor Booth Space Information:

- Vendor setup will be on **Thursday, October 24th from 1:00pm – 3:00pm**, with take down and move out by **10:00am on Sunday, October 27th**. 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 available, potentially at an additional cost.
- Please have all vendor applications emailed to Mary Pearl Meuth, mpmeuth@tamu.edu, by **5pm on September 15th, 2024**.

[HTTP://TXMN.TAMU.EDU](http://txmn.tamu.edu)

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VENDOR FORM

Vendor Fee

Commercial Vendors - \$300

Non-Profit Vendors - \$150

- Includes all coffee and break service.
- Registration required to attend technical sessions.

Name of Company/Organization

Items or Services Being Sold

Contact Name

Phone

Email

Silent Auction Donation Item

Please make all checks out to:
Texas Master Naturalist Program
495 Horticulture Drive 2138 TAMU, College Station, TX 77843

[HTTP://TXMN.TAMU.EDU](http://txmn.tamu.edu)

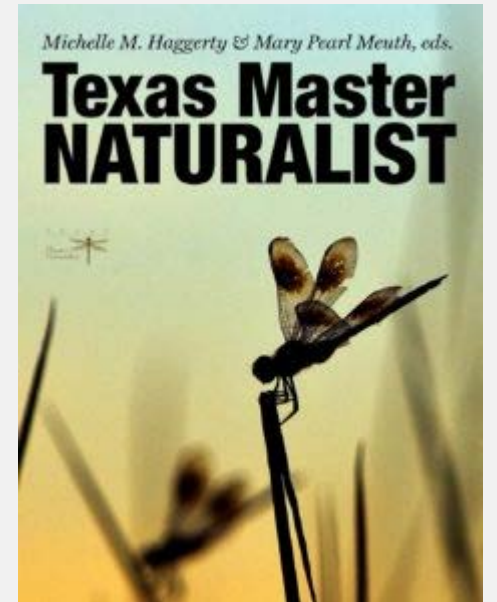
TMN Curriculum Bulk Orders at Annual Meeting

BULK Curriculum Orders for Annual Meeting pickup will be available once again!

Order form will be sent out mid-August.

Deadline TBA (usually early October)

Please designate who will be picking up these books (heavy!)



Two small sparrows are perched on a thin, light-colored branch. The bird in the upper left is facing left, while the bird in the lower right is facing right. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green. The text 'Chapter Resources' is overlaid in the center in a white serif font.

Chapter Resources

Thomas Cochran, North Texas Chapter

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.

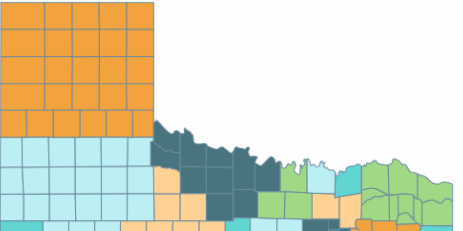


Mika Geiger, Balcones Canyonlands

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

[TXMN.TAMU.EDU](https://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/CHAPTER-RESOURCES/EMAIL-LISTSERV](https://txmn.tamu.edu/chapter-resources/email-listserv)

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/>

TMN WordPress Website Trainings

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

**May 7th at
12:00pm**

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_MWUyOGY2NDctYzhmMi00NWY3LTkxYjctMTMyMGIxNTJkNTIx%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%229fd7580a-6472-4d9c-a142-d131d3a7a116%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%224d932ccec678-482e-b5e9-679c1e1f9e66%22%7d



TMN VMS Updates

First set of changes coming soon:

- Updating MN "Certification Status titles and definitions

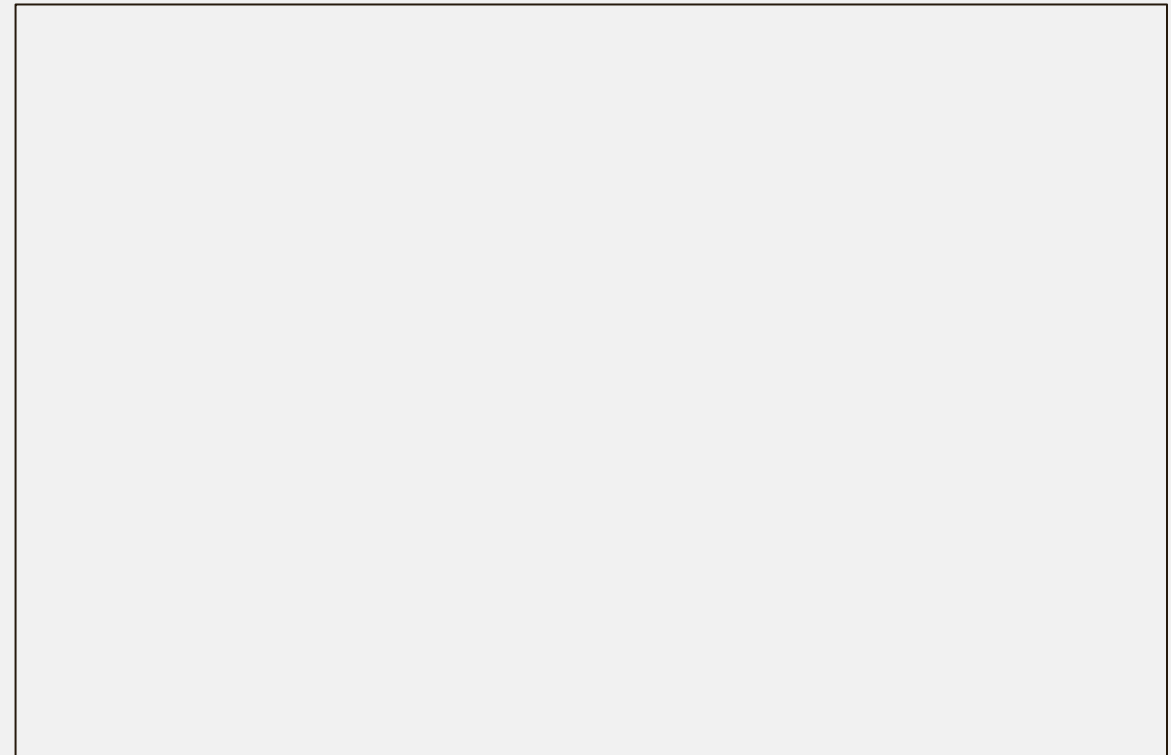
Next step is moving to "life without folders"

- for chapters, this will not be a big change
- Chapters will use grids and filters to organize info vs. information in folders
- Advance Notice, Information and training will be provided prior to this taking place.

Other than that, Still getting our data ready to be moved over into one system with TPWD

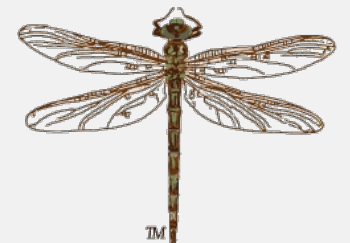
- Our VMS Team will be involved in testing the rebuild
- We will have training sessions for VMS admins, members when the time comes (estimated LATE fall)
- As fields and data are being readied, may see some anomalies—Report those to the help desk

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



VMS Photo Collection

- As you know, we are in the process of upgrading our VMS system—and we have a request of you! Each chapter will be given a landing page with a place for a photo alongside the TMN logo. To help us best represent your chapter, please **select and send one photo** that you feel best represents your members, projects, and location.
- Photos should include members of your chapter working on a project—preferably wearing their nametags and/or a TMN shirt. You should select a project that is a highlight for your chapter, or that happened in an area showcasing the region of Texas your chapter is located in.
- **Please select and send one photo by May 3rd.** If you do not send a photo of your choosing by this deadline, we will use a photo sourced from your chapter social media accounts for National Volunteer Month posts. *Note: The photo you select may also be used for other marketing and promotional purposes from the TMN office to represent your chapter.*
- Submit your photo here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/tmn-vms-icon>
- Reach out if you have any questions. I look forward to seeing your photo selections!



UPDATING YOUR OFFICERS LIST



VMS ADMINISTRATOR WILL NEED TO COMPLETE

Regional WebEx Accounts Reminders

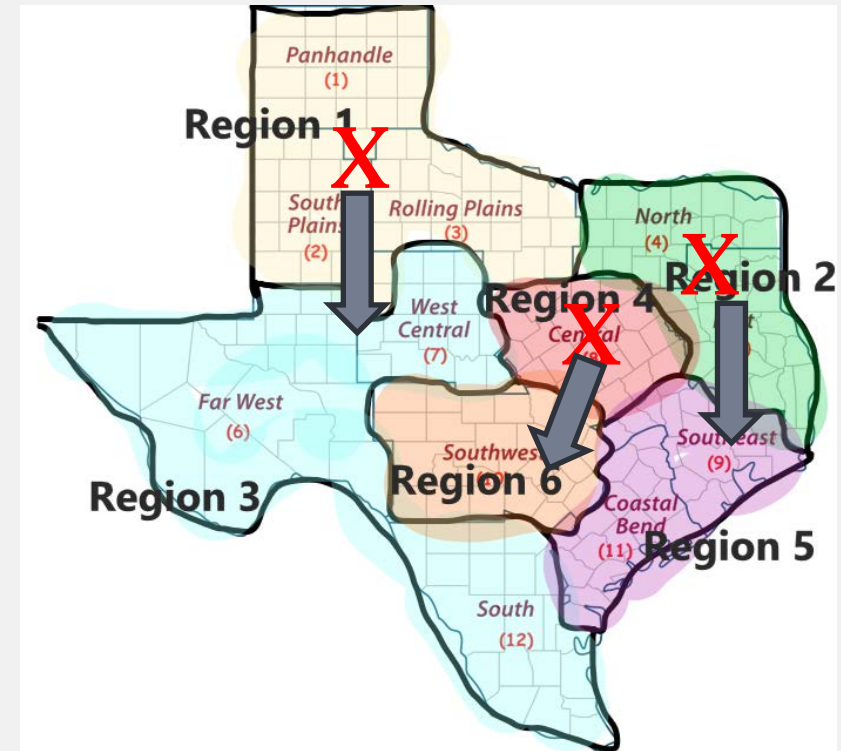
Regional Accounts

- 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.

Account Use Reminders:

Michelle still manages WebEx account recording storage load

- Agency site manager manages backend of account (deleted 'trash')
 - Don't forget to download and then delete any recordings on platform asap.
- Reminder that avatar/profile picture and WebEx account Name – does NOT change
- CHECK the CALENDAR before setting new meetings
- Be specific with your meeting titles including chapter name, meeting title and organizer
 - Ex: Rio Grande Valley Chapter Monthly Membership meeting (A. Gonzales)





AgriLife Learn Store

NEW items & shirts are in stock now!!

<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
- 647 total sold as of Q1 2024
- 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:

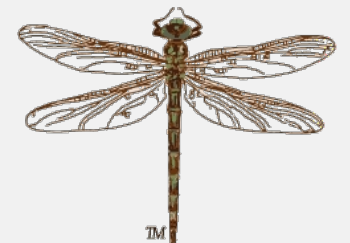
<http://give.am/TexasMasterNaturalist>



THANK YOU
to all who
have given!

Presidents Questions Submitted

- **North Texas:**
 - Are any other chapters working on translating educational materials (i.e., into Spanish).
 - Do other chapters have DEI committees?
- **Rio Brazos Chapter**
 - Struggle filling position(s) – “have not been able to find a volunteer who can help fill in for the president as needed or be at a majority of our monthly meetings”
- **What other questions do you have for the Chapter Presidents and Advisors on the call now?**



Calendar Check

May

- 7 – Tech Tuesday
- 14– TMNTuesday
- 28 – Chapter Presidents

Presidents Meetings

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



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