

Virtual Meeting Room Etiquette

We will get started right at 12:00pm CT.



If you are experiencing issues with WebEx, please refer to our WebEx Help Guide -

https://txmn.tamu.edu/tmntuesdays/



Chat function is open for on-topic discussion only. Please be professional and respectful in all comments & questions in the chat room.



This session will run for **ONE** hour and can count for a single AT hour. The **recording** will be posted to our website by the end of the following day. If you missed the live webinar, watching the recording can count for one hour of AT also.



Attendees are not able to unmute during the WebEx Event. Please use the Chat Box to ask questions.

Help Support Future Events Like This!



Scan this code to complete a short, **voluntary** survey so that we can continue to remain eligible for funding that helps pay for events like this.

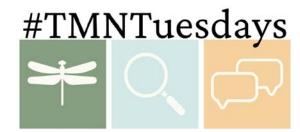
OR

Click the link to answer the short **voluntary** survey so that we can continue to remain eligible for funding that helps pay for events like this:

https://survey.tpwd.state.tx.us/TakeSurvey.aspx?PageNumber=1&SurveyID=96K M5lmL&utm_source=QR&utm_medium=print&utm_campaign=usfwssurvey2023#

Thank you for your participation!







Improving TMN Reporting

How to Report your time for attending today:

For attending/viewing today's event report your time as follows:

General Members:

Opportunity = Advanced Training

AT Description = July 2024 TMNTuesday

Chapter Presidents:

Chapter Presidents only - Pick to report either as AT or Chapter Business

Project Category = AT or Chapter & Program Business Admin - President's Duties

Service Description = July Joint TMNTuesday and Presidents meeting with the state office

July is a Joint #TMNTuesday & Presidents Meeting

Other Joint TMNTuesday and Presidents + Advisors Meetings this year

- July 9 *Joint TMN Tuesday
- November 12 *Joint TMN Tuesday
- December 10 *Joint TMN Tuesday

2024 #TMNTuesdays

January 9
February 13
March 5*
*first week of the month

April 9

May 14
June 11
July 9
August 13





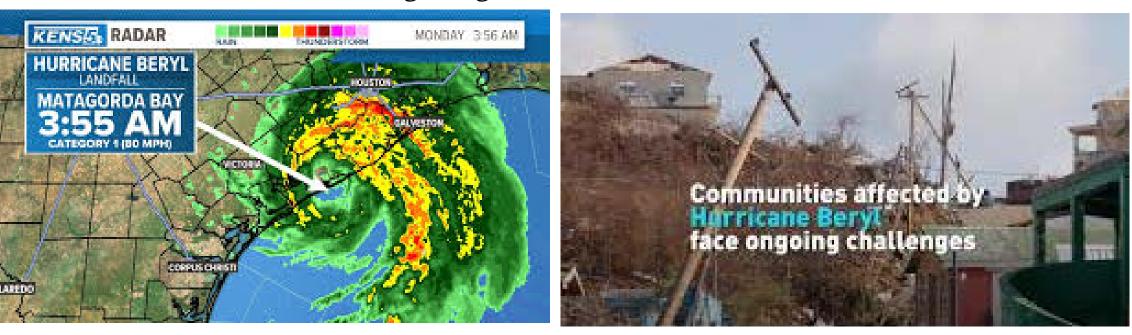
September 10 October 8 November 12 December 10





July is a Joint #TMNTuesday & Presidents Meeting Hurricane Beryl had other plans....

Our thoughts go out to those affected



Stay Safe out there!

#TMNTuesdays



JULY 9TH, 2024

Plastic Free July: A Project Highlight







SPEAKERS





Texas Master Naturalist Galveston Bay Area Chapter

To be Rescheduled

John O'Connell

Brazoria County Extension Agent and Texas Master Naturalist Cradle of Texas Chapter Advisor







Texas Master Naturalist State Program Office

"Annual Meeting 101"

#TMNTUESDAY

Program Updates





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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

2024 PROGRAM PLANNING

PROGRAM GROWTH

- New ProgramSpecialist
- VMS Update

PROGRAM BRANDING

- Brand Guide
- Website Update
- AgriLife Learn
 Store

CHAPTER EVENTS

- 2024 Basic Trainings
- Chapter
 Anniversaries

STATE EVENTS

- TMNTuesday
- Virtual
 Volunteer Fair
- Annual Meeting 2024

LONG TERM PLANNING

- License Plate
- Friends of TMN
- TMN Endowment

TMN VMS UPDATE

Updated Contract & New Account Manager this year

VMS is undergoing a re-fresh, move and conolidation with the remainder of the TPWD account.

Changes coming in August to late fall that are intended to make things more efficient.

This re-fresh will incorporate updates, upgrades and new features of the system that have taken place since our initial build.

• There are no changes in the member reporting side of the system.

JANUARY 2024 #TMNTUESDAY 14

DEVELOPING A SUPPORT ORGANIZATION FOR TMN "FRIENDS OF TMN"

To form a financial support organization for the Texas Master Naturalist Program to alleviate any financial and logistical concerns from both sponsoring state agencies - Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Texas AgriLife Extension.

Seeking a resource person with experience in the IRS legalities of nonprofit development



RESOURCES FOR YOUR TMN JOURNEY THIS YEAR





Texas Master Naturalist Program



Mika Geiger, Balcones Canyonlands

About ▼ Events Naturalist News For Chapters ▼ 2024 Annual Meeting #TMNTuesdays

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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













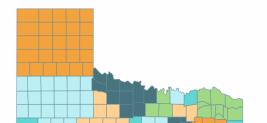




ALL EVENTS >

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 NATURALIST NEWS:

HTTPS://TXMN.TAMU.EDU/NEWS/

EVENTS CALENDAR:

HTTPS://TXMN.TAMU.EDU/EVENTS/

TMN STATE 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 <u>are not</u> <u>automatically approved</u> 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/



TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST PROGRAM

2023 Annual Report



Members contributed 553.106 hours of service—a new record vear!-to TMN in 2023 and more than 6.93 million hours to date.



Reached over 251,067 vouth, adults, and private landowners in 2023 and more than 7.115 million people to



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.

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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



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.











https://txmn.tamu.edu/25th-anniversary/

Fall 2024 Training Classes Starting Soon!

16+ chapters with class starting in August or later this Fall!

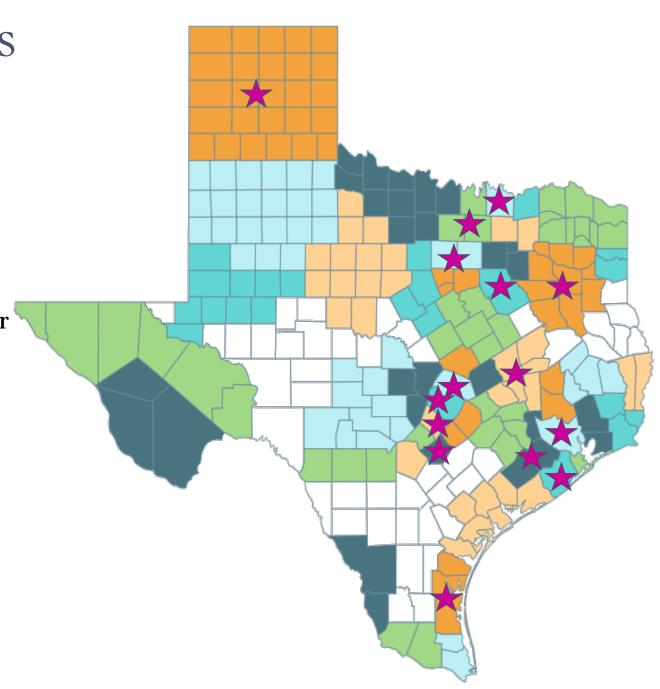
Fill out the form to be added to the web page:

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

Balcones Canyonlands Chapter Bluestem Chapter

Brazos Valley Chapter Capital Area Chapter Coastal Prairie Chapter Cradle of Texas Chapter Cross Timbers Chapter East Texas Chapter Elm Fork Chapter

Good Water Chapter Guadalupe Chapter Gulf Coast Chapter Hays County Chapter Indian Trail Chapter Panhandle Chapter South Texas Chapter And More!



2024 CHAPTER ANNIVERSARIES

10th Anniversary

- •Balcones Canyonlands Chapter
- •Guadalupe Chapter

15th Anniversary

•Sabine Neches Chapter

20th Anniversary

•Coastal Prairie Chapter

25th Anniversary

- •Cross Timbers Chapter
- •Elm Fork Chapter
- •Gulf Coast Chapter

6 Month check in

- What are your plans?
- How will you/Have you celebrated?
- We will be celebrating your chapters at the Annual Meeting



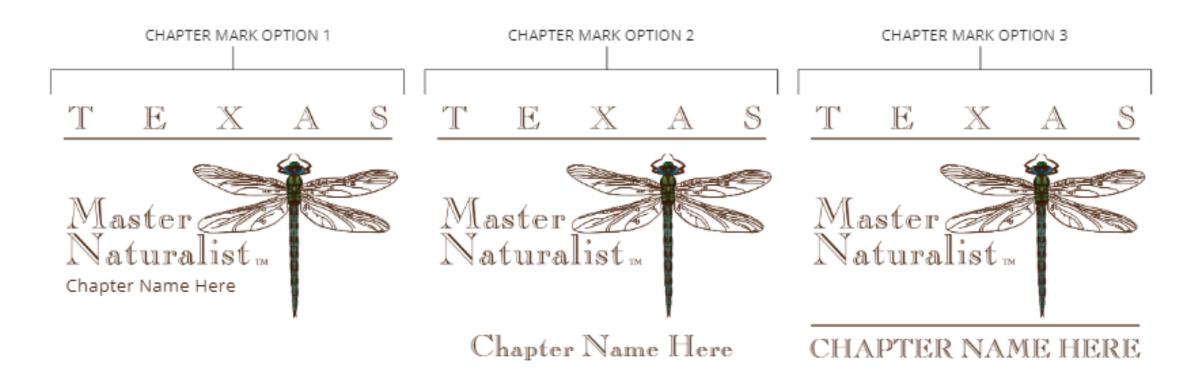
Reminders to our membership

- The Texas Master Naturalist title, your Chapter name and your Program/Chapter membership should never be used in connection with advocacy or to invoke policy.
- TMN Title and Certification should never be used for personal gain or profit.
- REMEMBER: The TMN logo and title are trademarks. You must seek state office approval when adding them to chapter t-shirts, merchandise, flyers, etc.
- Review guidelines here: https://txmn.tamu.edu/chapter-resources/chapter-documents/



Branding Guide Reminders

- Chapter "logos" are prohibited; HOWEVER, a Chapter "mark" is allowed.
- All examples below can be made for your chapter by the state office





AgriLife Learn Store

NEW items & shirts are in stock now!!

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

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
- 687 total sold as of Q2 2024
- Need to get to 800

Thanks for your Support!



















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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



Annual Meeting





SAVE THE DATE!

OCTOBER 24 - 27TH 2024

COUNTDOWN TIMELINE

- **June 1, 2024** Call for Proposals Deadline
 - Get your presentation proposal submitted before our June 1 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 30, 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.



Agenda Highlights

Wednesday

7 Pre-event field sessions

Thursday

- 16 Pre-event field sessions
- Registration opens at 2:00pm
- Welcome Dinner at Meadows Center

Friday

- 14 rooms & 7 hours of classroom sessions
- Keynote Presentation

Saturday

- 14 rooms & 7 hours of classroom sessions
- Student Science Fair Winners at lunch
- Quiz Bowl
- Awards Dinner

Sunday

Contest Awards at 8:00am



TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST PROGRAM

SKELETON AGENDA

Wednesday 10/23

Pre-Event Field Sessions

Thursday 10/24

Pre-Event Field Sessions

Chapter Leadership Luncheon

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

Conference Wrap up by Noon!

Post-Event Field Sessions

HTTP://TXMN.TAMU.EDU

Agenda Access

- · Ways to view the agenda: CVENT Website, Full-sessions PDF, Title Only PDF
- All available via: https://txmn.tamu.edu/2024-annual-meeting/#Agenda





2024 ANNUAL MEETING LD SESSIONS ances alongside vibrant greenery. As the sunlight filters The San Marcos Springs, the lifeblood of this ecological Texas Master Naturalist Program. We have scheduled over 200 different presentations and field essions with a variety of topics and speakers from around the state. Outside of the classroom, that stands as a testament to the town's commitment to sessions with a variety of topics and speakers from around the state. Outside of the classroom, we also have plenty of popurbunities to meet new friends and old friends alloe, beautiful artward, photos entered into our annual contest, and a wide variety of chapter projects on display in the Project Fair. Enjoy this weekend of comradery and learning! Thank you for being here with us to celebrate another year of incredible conservation impacts on the land! erts about projects, ways to get involved, and lessons to take fed explorations of the region's top naturalist sites. THURSDAY OCTOBER 24 tendance and typically fill up quickly. This year, with the help apter, Capital Area Chapter, Balcones Canyonlands Chapter uadalupe Chapter, we have more options than ever before fo h the San Marcos area. A wait list will also be available for each g pages to plan accordingly. Please note that sessions are key below for those sessions that have an added cost or have cluded in each of the session descriptions on the following 2:00pm - Registration op 4:00pm - Buses Depart for Meadows Cent **WELCOME DINNER** ions this year. We encourage all attending Master Naturalists te Slack Channel will be set up for each field session and sent to Shield Ranch: Conservation Project & Campsite at Shield Ranch 9-00am - 5-00nm Biodiversity and Land Stewardship at Bamberger Ranch Preserve 📆 🕦 💲 1:00pm - 5:00pm Habitat Restoration for the Houston Toad 📆 🕦 🧪 Migration and Overwintering Crounds of the Colden-Cheeked Warbler

Wild Medicinal Plant Walk - NON Advanced Training

TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST





- Field sessions during this year's Texas Master Naturalist Annual Meeting are provided to explore these unique surroundings and learn from local experts about projects, ways to get involved, and lessons to take home to your community. Session options include pre and post event sessions, volunteer service projects, tours of local chapter partnership projects, and guided explorations of the region's top naturalist sites.
- As always, these field sessions are limited in attendance and typically fill up quickly.
- A wait list will also be available for each of the sessions through registration, once active.
- Thank you to the local coordinating chapters: Hays County, Capital Area, Balcones Canyonlands, Lindheimer, Lost Pines and Guadalupe
- Some sessions may have an added cost or have special gear required. Additional notes are included in each of the session descriptions on the agenda.
- Transportation is NOT provided for field sessions this year. We encourage all attending Master Naturalists to carpool or caravan where possible.
- A private **Slack Channel** will be set up for each field session and sent to all final attendee in early October. Through this private discussion board, attendees will be able to make shared travel arrangements.

Lodging

- Book now!
- Closes September 23rd!

Call the Hotel Front Desk if there are any issues booking: 512-392-6450

2024 Annual Meeting

LODGING

EMBASSY SUITES BY HILTON SAN MARCOS
HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER

1001 E McCarty Ln, San Marcos, TX 78666



Room Block Dates:

Wednesday, Oct. 23, to Sunday, Oct. 27th, 2024

Includes:

- Free made-to-order breakfast
- Complimentary evening reception
- Complimentary self parking
- Complimentary guestroom internet
- Complimentary access to fitness & business center

\$185

Plus 15.98% local occupancy tax

For more information about the Annual Meeting, visit: www.txmn.tamu.edu/2024-annual-meeting

Registration Process



- Registration will open first week of August.
- Will be announced via TMN Listserv, Facebook and Instagram simultaneously

Registration process

- 1. Name, Contact Information, Dietary
- 2. Registration Type
- 3. Sessions Registration (based on type) *guarantees a seat for you in the
 field/class session
- 4. Optional Items
- 5. Checkout

Plan for this time!







BECAUSE OF THIS, THE REGISTRATION PROCESS TAKES TIME AND SESSIONS WITH LIMITED SPACE FILL UP FAST!



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Registration Prices

- Registration will open first week of August.
- Will be announced via TMN Listserv, Facebook and Instagram simultaneously
- Early Registration Closes August 31st
 - Early Full Event Registration \$450.00
 - Early Two Day (Thurs & Fri or Fri & Sat) \$425.00
 - Early One Day (Thurs or Fri or Sat) \$275.00
- Standard Registration Open September 1st September 30th
 - Full Event Registration \$500.00
 - Two Day (Thurs & Fri or Fri & Sat) \$475.00
 - One Day (Thurs or Fri or Sat) \$325.00
- Guest Registration Add-Ons
- Guest Meals Only Pass \$375.00

Meadows Center – Welcome Reception

Getting There:

Shuttle busses will begin running back and forth between the Embassy Suites and Meadows Center starting at 4:00pm for departure and 9:00pm for the return trip. If desired, you can drive yourself. Parking is limited and will have a cost at the Meadows Center.

Vehicles parked at the Meadows Center must display a valid Texas State University parking permit between 7:00pm Sunday - 5:00pm Friday. One-day temporary permits are available for \$3 at the pay-and-display station located near the ticket kiosk.

201 San Marcos Springs Drive, San Marcos, Texas 78666

Timeline:

2:00pm - Registration opens at Embassy Suites

4:00pm - Buses Depart Embassy for Meadows Center

5:00pm - Welcome Reception Open Glass-Bottom Boat

Tours & Boardwalk open

6:51pm - Sunset

8:00pm - Blacklighting for moths and fungi

9:00pm - Buses Depart for Embassy Suites

What to Wear and Bring:

TMN shirts or gear!

Sunscreen and Bug Spray

Hat and/or Sunglasses

Boots or Closed-toed Shoes

Weather Gear *if needed

Cameras and/or Binoculars

Your preferred Portable Device



Silent Auction

Asking for Item Donations from Chapters

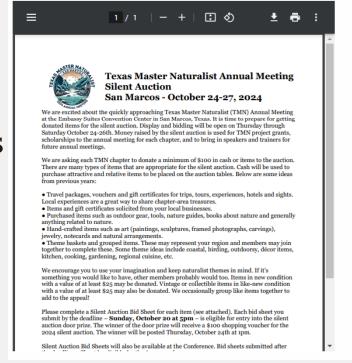
Regional representations of your chapter's ecoregion

Naturalist items

Travel packages

Hand crafted items

Themed baskets



Submit Form

Item Drop Off – Thursday October 24th 1pm – 5pm Auction Open until – Saturday 6:00pm Accepting cash, checks, and cards!



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
 - O Videos of 1 minute to 3 minutes
- Photo, Art & Media Contest Pending
 - Entries to be submitted online between August 1st and September 15th
 - O 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 Balin,
Texas Parks and Wildlife Urban Biologist,
Trans Pecos Chapter Advisor
She is a wonderful role model to our Texas Master Naturalists

We are all very proud to have her as our leader and advisor.

Overall, Lois is an outstanding Texas Master Naturalist Chaptadvisor

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

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

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 to learn about projects other chapters are doing and 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 to learn about projects other chapters are doing and 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 to learn about projects other chapters are doing and holds this competition during the projects of the TMN Program. Our chapter members continually list this fair as a favorite to learn about projects other chapters are doing and holds the projects in their are contact Michelle contact Michel

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 <u>#TMNTuesday Speaker Session</u> 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

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

Rules on website by End of Week

Photo, Art & Media Contest

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









QUESTIONS?





THANK YOU!

AND
SEE YOU NEXT WEEK!

