

September 24th Chapter Presidents & Advisors Meeting

- Introduce yourself & your chapter in the Chat
- Share video (if your bandwidth allows)
- Michelle, Mary Pearl and Hannah will be monitoring the chat
- Will be recording the meeting
- Will share slides and notes after the meeting

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



September 24th
Chapter Presidents & Advisors
Monthly Meeting



Agenda

- **2024 Planning**
 - TMN Resources and Branding
 - TMN Training Class Survey
 - TMN Curriculum Survey
 - TMNTuesdays
 - Fall/Winter Trainings
 - Annual Meeting
- **Chapter Resources**
 - State Website
 - WordPress
 - TMN VMS Update
 - TMN Reporting
 - TMN Merchandise
 - License Plate
 - TMN Endowment
- **Roundtable & Calendar Check**



2024 Presidents Meeting

Monthly Presidents & Advisors Meetings

- September 24
- October 24 –11:00am – 2:00pm - Leadership Luncheon
 - in conjunction with TMN Annual Meeting
- November 12 *Joint TMN Tuesday
- December 10 *Joint TMN Tuesday



Randy Moody, Blackland Prairie Chapter

2024 Planning



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Chapter Templates & Resources

- Live! Email sent out with password to all Chapter Presidents
- New templates added since initial email
- Suggestions or requests? Email Hannah with details.

Protected: Chapter Templates and Resources

Below are Canva templates and other resources available to be personalized by your chapter for use on social media, in print, and more. All of these templates adhere to the [TMN Brand Guide](#) and do not require state office approval before use and distribution, **unless the design layout is altered and program logos are removed or changed**. For questions, contact Hannah Ferguson, hannah.ferguson@ag.tamu.edu.

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Canva Video Tutorials

For tutorials on how to use Canva, visit: <https://www.canva.com/design/school/tutorials>.

Additionally, [YouTube](#) is a great resource for Canva tutorials.

Print Materials



Join TMN Rack Card

- Standard design on the front, personalized to your chapter on the back.
- Drag and drop frames for chapter pictures.
- Canva template. Access it [here](#).



Join TMN Trifold Brochure

- Personalized section for chapter-specific text and chapter specific QR code (downloadable here).
- You can also find a state-wide version available for purchase here.
- Canva template. Access it [here](#).



40H Training Certificate Fillable PDF

- Certificate of completion for the 40 hour training class.
- Fillable PDF.

Digital Materials



Texas Master Naturalist PowerPoint Template – Green Lower Third

- PowerPoint template for cohesive presentations.
- Downloadable PowerPoint. Download it [here](#).
- Also available as a Canva template. Access it [here](#).



Texas Master Naturalist PowerPoint Template – Brown Lower Third

- PowerPoint template for cohesive presentations.
- Downloadable PowerPoint. Download it [here](#).
- Also available as a Canva template. Access it [here](#).



Texas Master Naturalist PowerPoint Template – Minimalist

- PowerPoint template for cohesive presentations.
- Downloadable PowerPoint. Download it [here](#).
- Also available as a Canva template. Access it [here](#).

Social Media



Chapter Social Media Profile Photo Frame

- Two color options (green and brown or green and blue).
- Fillable text for chapter name.
- Drag and drop frame for chapter picture.
- Canva template. Access it [here](#).

Graphics

State Program QR Codes

TMN State Program QR Code – Website Home Page

TMN State Program QR Code – TMNTuesday Web Page

TMN State Program QR Code – 2024 Annual Meeting Web Page

TMN State Program QR Code – Facebook

TMN State Program QR Code – Instagram

TMN State Program QR Code – Email Listserv Web Page

Logo

- ANY use of the TMN logo on printed materials and merchandise must be approved by the TMN state office.
- *Cohesive branding across all chapters is imperative to maintain the integrity and recognition of the TMN trademark, brand and mission.*
- Chapter LOGOS are prohibited; however, Chapter MARKS are allowed.
- Email Hannah for assistance with creating a Chapter Mark.



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.
- Public Comment should only be made as a private citizen. Your TMN title should never be associated with your public comments.
- Review guidelines here: <https://txmn.tamu.edu/chapter-resources/chapter-documents/>



TMN Training Class Survey

THANK YOU for filling out the New Member Training Class survey!
42 of the 49 chapters completed the survey.

- Results will be presented at the Annual Meeting
- A remote presentation will happen – TBD

THANK YOU for filling out the Speaker Master List survey! If you still have speakers you'd like to send, please contact Hannah.




2025 New Training Class info

Update your Chapter's 2025 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 2025 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.*

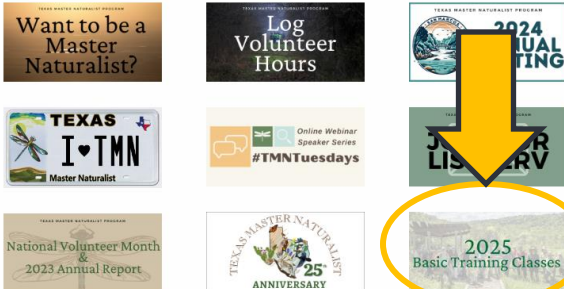
<https://txmn.tamu.edu/blog/2025-basic-training-classes/>



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

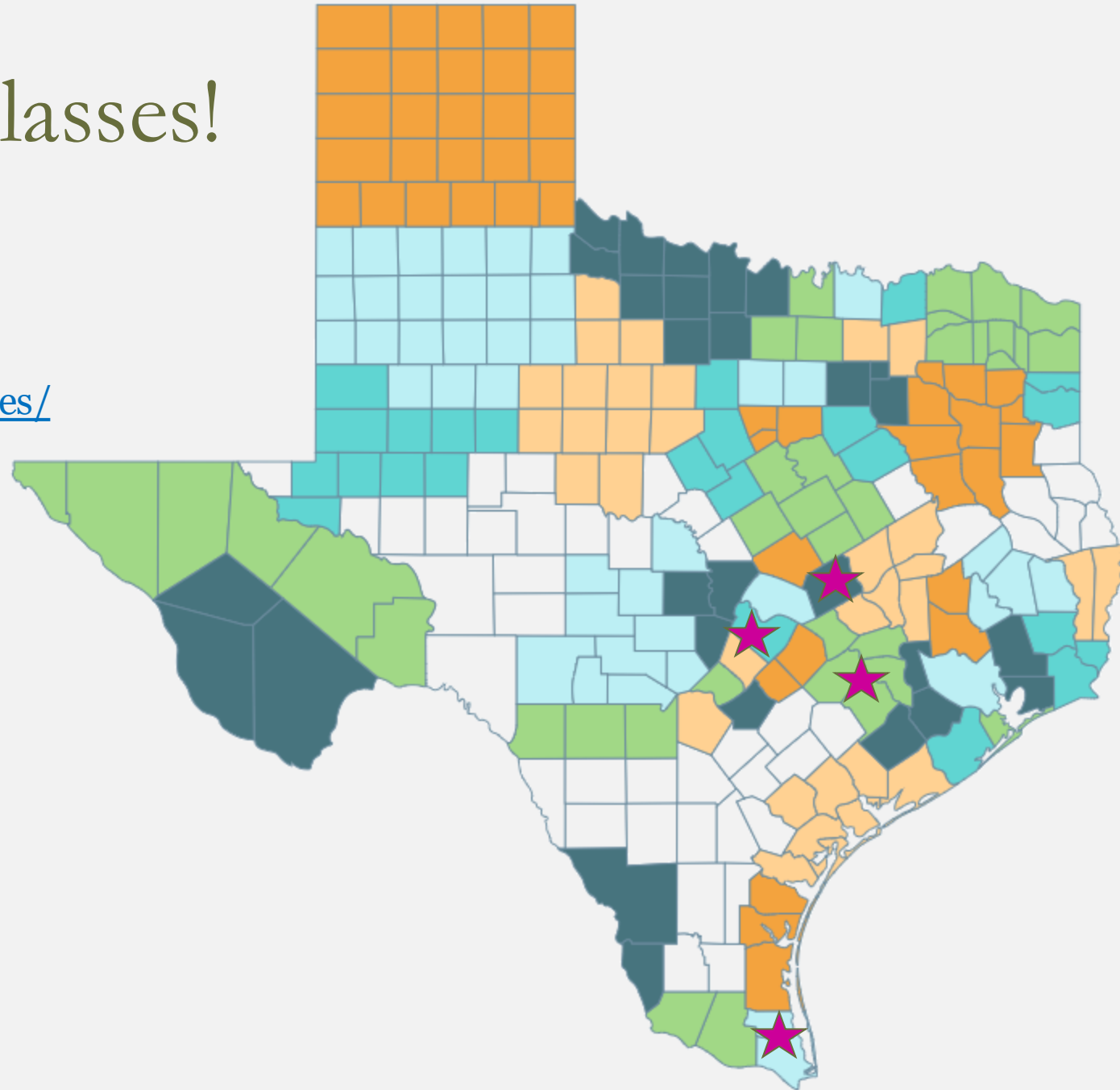
Spring 2025 Training Classes!

4 chapters with class starting in January or later!

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

<https://txmn.tamu.edu/2025-basic-training-classes/>

Capital Area Chapter
El Camino Real Chapter
Gideon Linsecum Chapter
Rio Grande Valley Chapter



TMN Curriculum Second Edition

- errata/updates responses still needed-

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**.

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>



Fall Pins Ordering

- **Recertification Pins & Milestone Pins Ordering System- New this year**
- 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/>
 - PVSA Pins are recently **BACK IN STOCK** and all backorders have been ordered!
 - **If the person is registered for the Annual Meeting we will hold for TMN Annual Meeting Awards Banquet.**



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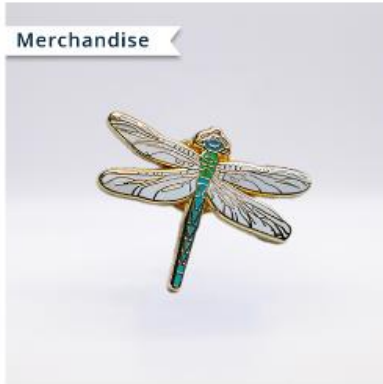
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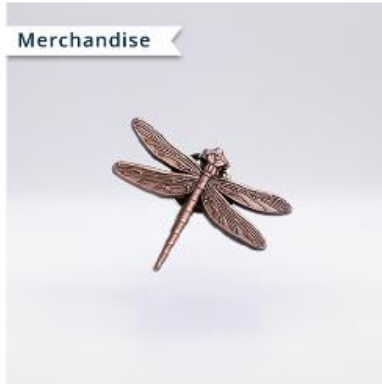
Merchandise



Texas Master Naturalist Initial Certification
\$0.00

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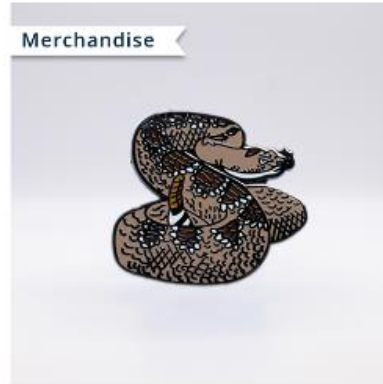
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Texas Master Naturalist Other Pins
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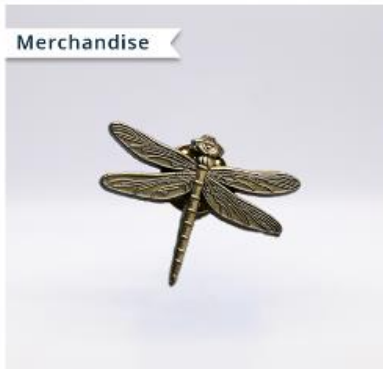
Merchandise



Texas Master Naturalist Annual Recertification Pins
\$0.00

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Merchandise



2024 #TMNTuesdays

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

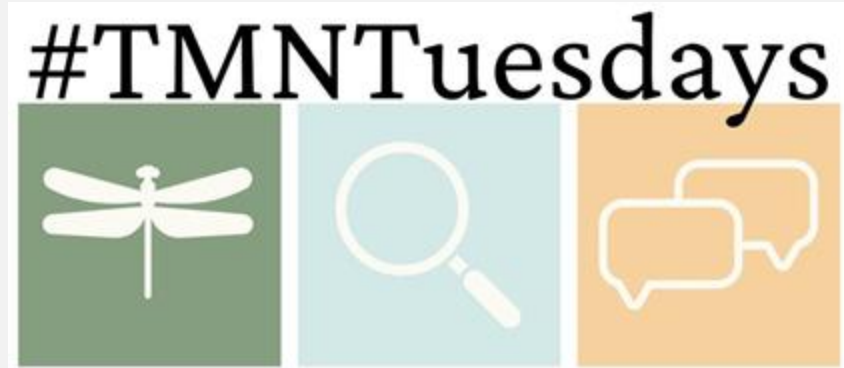
September 10
October 8
November 12
December 10



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#TMNTuesday 2024



September 10th - Spanish for Naturalists- Recording on the Website

October 8th - TMN Project Fair Competition

November 12th *Joint #TMNTuesday+Presidents Mtg

December 10th *Joint #TMNTuesday+Presidents Mtg

FAQ's

- 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?

#TMNTuesdays



OCTOBER 8TH, 2024

TMN Exemplary Project Fair Presentations

Register for the year's Series:

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

2024 Chapter Project Fair

11:30 Introduction

11:40 Galveston Bay Area Chapter

Thunderbirders and Beyond: Youth Birding Clubs Project + Q&A

12:00 Hays County Chapter

Modern Pictographs Project + Q&A

12:20 Bluestem Chapter

Denison Public Library Texas Master Naturalist Bluestem Chapter
Book Award Project + Q&A

12:40 East Texas Chapter

Wildscape and Trail Renovation at the Tyler Nature Center
Project + Q&A

1:00 North Texas Chapter

¿Qué tipo de naturalista eres? Project + Q&A

1:20 Final Wrap Up

Pollinators for Texas



a partnership with



Coming
Soon!



**ARE YOU
REGISTERED?**

OCTOBER 24 – 27TH 2024

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

COUNTDOWN TIMELINE



- **June 1, 2024** - Call for Proposals Deadline (**Share the Call for Proposals TODAY**)
 - 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 ENDED
 - Price increase to ‘Standard Registration’
- **September 15, 2024** – Contests Closed
 - Advisors Award, Photo, Art & Media, Video Contest and Project Fair
- **September 30, 2024** – **All 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.



By The Numbers!

- 630 – Total Registrants
 - 130 in first hour
 - 382 in first day
- 43 – Chapters Attending
 - $43/49 = 88\%$
- 143 – Classroom sessions
- 34 – Field sessions
- 216 – Speakers
- 29 – Sponsors
- 20 – Vendors
- 480+ – Photo, Art & Media Contest entries
- 6 – Video Entries
- 5 – Project Fair Entries
- 3 – Advisor Entries

As of 9.23.24



Stella Carroll, Panhandle

Agenda Overview

- Chapter Leadership Luncheon
 - (aka Presidents Meeting)
- Thursday October 24th - 11:30am – 2:00pm in the ballroom
- Please make sure you (or your designee) are registered for this session for a headcount

If you have not selected this option on your registration, We won't have a meal count saved for you at the lunch! Please make sure you registered for the Chapter Leadership Luncheon.



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

Agenda Highlights

Wednesday

- 7 Pre-event field sessions

Thursday

- 16 Pre-event field sessions
- Registration opens at **4:00pm**
- 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



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**FRIENDS OF THE TEXAS
MASTER NATURALIST PROGRAM**

Photo: Linda Kuhn, Galveston Bay Area Chapter

The Friends of Texas Master Naturalist organization is being established to provide support to the Texas Master Naturalist program and its staff. The goal is to establish a 501(c)3 corporation to provide outside financial support and logistical assistance to the Texas Master Naturalist program.

Immediate responsibilities include collecting and disbursing funds for the annual meeting, which typically amounts to approximately \$125,000 annually, and aiding in the planning of the financial side of the meeting as required by program sponsors. This support organization is necessary due to federal grant regulations prohibiting any appearance of profit-making and selling. The establishment of the Friends group support organization will allow for continued effective management of funds and logistical coordination while complying with regulatory requirements.

Its primary purposes will include fundraising, financial management for TMN activities such as the Annual Meeting, TMN curriculum, the TMN Endowment, and assisting in the overall success of the program. Once the organization has been formed, membership will be open to individuals who are or have been certified as Texas Master Naturalists, irrespective of residency. Members may be involved in the executive board, committees, and elections.

For more information about the Friends of Texas Master Naturalist organization please contact Donna Cole.

Cell: 214-538-4444

Email: donna@donna2112.com

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 A&M AgriLife Extension.

Thursday 2:00 – 4:00pm Veramendi EF



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





Field Sessions

- Field sessions during this year's T... these unique surroundings and l... lessons to take home to your com... volunteer service projects, tours... the region's top naturalist sites.
- As always, these field sessions ar...
- A wait list will also be available f...
- Thank you to the local coordinat... Lindheimer, Lost Pines and Gua...
- Some sessions may have an add... included in each of the session des...

Frequently Asked Questions

How do Wait Lists Work?

Once added, if a spot on the field session opens, you will be emailed and have a chance to add the session to your agenda (Modify Agenda).

Will more spots open?

We don't know! We're asking field sessions hosts if they're open to adding more capacity or duplicating a session. Will announce via social as it happens.

- **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!

Room
Block is
Full

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

\$185

Includes:

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

Plus 15.98% local
occupancy tax

For more information about the Annual Meeting, visit:

www.txmn.tamu.edu/2024-annual-meeting

@Art Arizpe

Registration Prices



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

- **Early Registration – Closed 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 Available**

- **Guest Meals Only Pass – \$375.00**



Silent Auction

Asking for Item Donations from Chapters

Regional representations of your chapter's ecoregion

Naturalist items

Travel packages

Hand crafted items

Themed baskets

Texas Master Naturalist Annual Meeting Silent Auction San Marcos - October 24-27, 2024

We are excited about the quickly approaching Texas Master Naturalist (TMN) Annual Meeting at the Embassy Suites Convention Center in San Marcos, Texas. It is time to prepare for getting donated items for the silent auction. Display and bidding will be open on Thursday through Saturday October 24-26th. Money raised by the silent auction is used for TMN project grants, scholarships to the annual meeting for each chapter, and to bring in speakers and trainers for future annual meetings.

We are asking each TMN chapter to donate a minimum of \$100 in cash or items to the auction. There are many types of items that are appropriate for the silent auction. Cash will be used to purchase attractive and relative items to be placed on the auction tables. Below are some ideas from previous years:

- Travel packages, vouchers and gift certificates for trips, tours, experiences, hotels and sights. Local experiences are a great way to share chapter-area treasures.
- Items and gift certificates solicited from your local businesses.
- Purchased items such as outdoor gear, tools, nature guides, books about nature and generally anything related to nature.
- Hand-crafted items such as art (paintings, sculptures, framed photographs, carvings), jewelry, notecards and natural arrangements.
- Theme baskets and grouped items. These may represent your region and members may join together to complete these. Some theme ideas include coastal, birding, outdoorsy, décor items, kitchen, cooking, gardening, regional cuisine, etc.

We encourage you to use your imagination and keep naturalist themes in mind. If it's something you would like to have, other members probably would too. Items in new condition with a value of at least \$25 may be donated. Vintage or collectible items in like-new condition with a value of at least \$25 may also be donated. We occasionally group like items together to add to the appeal!

Please complete a Silent Auction Bid Sheet for each item (see attached). Each bid sheet you submit by the deadline – **Sunday, October 20 at 5pm** – is eligible for entry into the silent auction door prize. The winner of the door prize will receive a \$100 shopping voucher for the 2024 silent auction. The winner will be posted Thursday, October 24th at 1pm.

Silent Auction Bid Sheets will also be available at the Conference. Bid sheets submitted after

Submit Form

ITEM NO. _____

SILENT AUCTION 2024 Bid Sheet

Item Description: _____

Estimated value: \$ _____ Opening bid: \$ _____

Donated by: _____
Name TMN Chapter

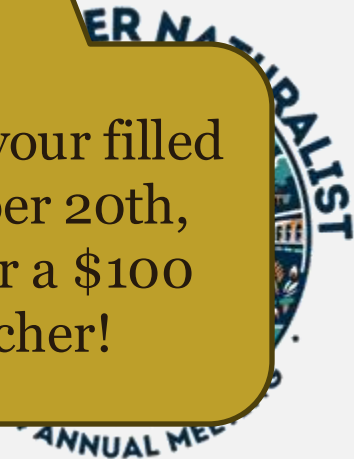
Name (print clearly)	Cell Phone #	Bid (\$ increments)

Item Drop Off – Thursday October 24th 1pm – 5pm

Auction Open until – Saturday 6:00pm

Accepting cash, checks, and cards!

NEW this year: If you turn in your filled out bid sheets by Sunday October 20th, you'll be entered into a raffle for a \$100 silent auction shopping voucher!



Swap Shop

We've got stuff . . .

Do you have stuff. . .

We'll have a swap shop table again this year with some extras from the TMN State Office storage shelves.

Bring your own TMN related resources to share with your fellow naturalists. . . .



Sponsorship

- All sponsorships receive special recognition through conference communication, fliers, announcements, and programs.
- TMN Chapters can be sponsors too! (Thank you to those who have already!)
- 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



Deadlines Before the Annual Meeting

- ~~Early Registration Closes August 31st~~
- ~~Contest Entries Due September 15th~~
- ~~Photo Art & Media Entries Due September 15th~~
- Milestone Hours Reported - September 29th
- Chapter Memorial (Michelle) - September 29th
- Chapter Photo Show (Donna Cole) - September 29th
- ALL Registration Closes - September 30th
- Curriculum Book Order - October 12th



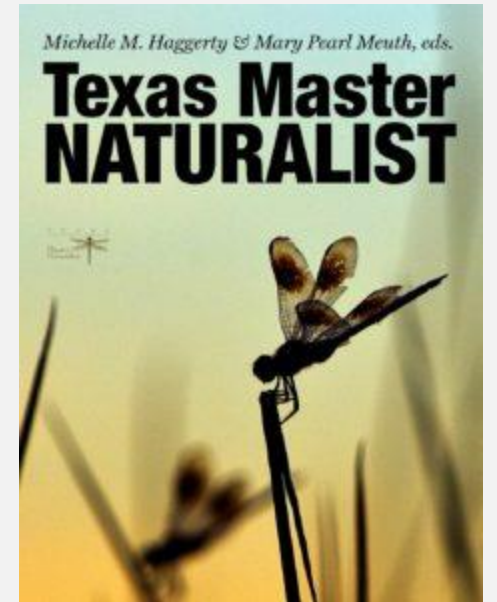
TMN Curriculum Bulk Orders at Annual Meeting

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

Order form sent last week!

Deadline October 12th

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



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



Pop Up Store Delivery

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

Closed September 14th

- Shipped to you PRIOR to the Annual Meeting

Delivery by October 11th

Will be a very LIMITED number of varied colors and sizes of Annual Meeting shirt sold!

TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST



FALL POP UP STORE!

TMN APPAREL SITE OPEN UNTIL SEPTEMBER 15TH!



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 August 31st and SEPTEMBER 30th**
 - (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 6th, 2023 through September 30th, 2024.

The screenshot displays the 'User Defined' tab in the VMS system, specifically for the 'TMN Recognition' group. The interface includes a navigation menu on the left with options like 'Personal', 'Ethnic Background', 'User Defined', 'Language', 'Registration', and 'Emergency Contact'. The main content area is divided into sections for different TMN hour milestones: '250 TMN Hours', '500 TMN Hours', '1,000 TMN Hours', and '2,500 TMN Hours'. Each section contains fields for 'Awards' (a dropdown menu) and 'Earned Date' (a date input field). The '250 TMN Hours' section shows '250 TMN Hours Awarded' set to 'Yes' and '250 TMN Hrs Earned Date' set to '03/23/2019'. The other sections have empty dropdowns and date fields.

ANNUAL MEETING CHAPTER PHOTO SHOW

"Donna Cole's Photo Request"

To be used in scrolling ppt video during annual meeting agenda

Deadline = September 29th or sooner!

Chapter Presidents (or Historians) – please designate ONE person to collect and 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.)
- 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 really want to see your chapter members at work in the outdoors, working on projects and/or celebrating a milestone

Delivery needs to be by Google Photos or Google Drive to Donna Cole donna@donna2112.com

Chapter Memorials Request



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

Email Michelle Haggerty and Donna Cole with name, Chapter and photo

mmhaggerty@tamu.edu and
donna@donna2112.com

Would like to have this **by September 29th**



Slack Communication

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

<https://youtu.be/6wjmH5qL3Ms>



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.



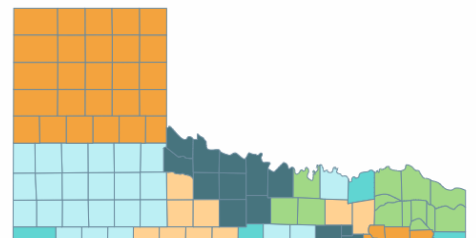
Mika Geiger, Balcones Canyonlands

- Want to be a Master Naturalist?
- Log Volunteer Hours
- 2024 ANNUAL MEETING
- TEXAS I♥TMN Master Naturalist
- Online Webinar Speaker Series #TMNTuesdays
- JOIN OUR LISTSERV
- 2023 Annual Report
- TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST 25th ANNIVERSARY

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>

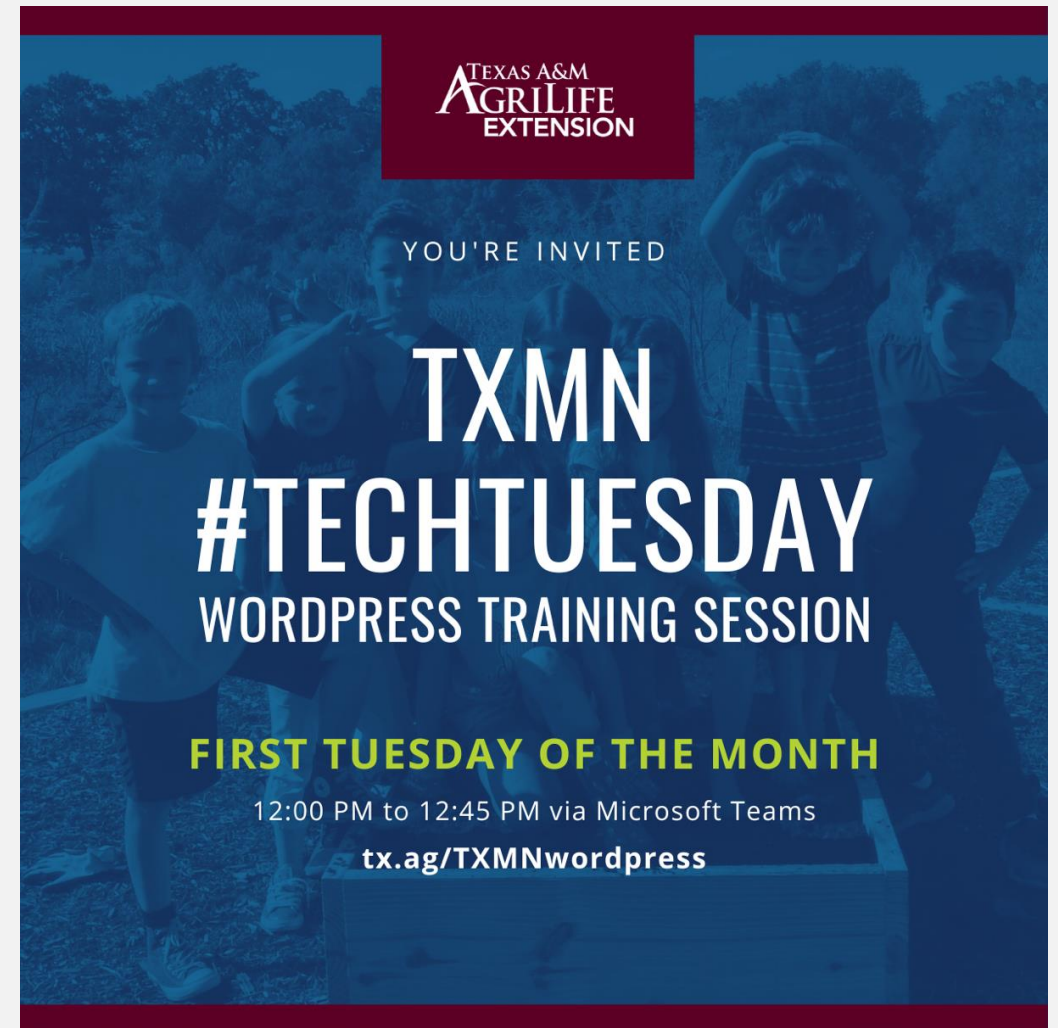
Chapter Documents Page

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

TMN WordPress Website Trainings

- TXMNTech Tuesdays
 - First Tuesday of the month
 - 12:00 – 12:45pm
 - Hosted via Teams

**October 1st at
12:00pm**



TMN VMS Updates

Summer's changes to Administrative backend of VMS:

- Updated list of TMN "Certification Status Fields" (*VMS Update Alert sent to VMS Admins in May*)
- Admin's "Add/Delete" button removed (*Expectation = New trainees create their own TMN VMS Profiles*)
- Samaritan auto log out shortened to 15 mins after no activity
- TMN Roles created and readied for move, consolidation
- SSO Prepped, but not functioning yet. No need to use it at this time.

VMS Training & Help Desk Updates

- Moratorium on VMS Trainings until further notice of updated VMS
- Contact the VMS Help Desk for emergencies (ie. You lose your chapter Admins)

AGAIN:

Nothing changing for our end users (reporting volunteers) at this time.

Proceed with entering hours as normal

TMN VMS Updates – What's Next?

- **Next step is moving and consolidation with the TPWD main account (aka "life without folders")**
 - for Chapter Admins, this will not be a big change
 - Chapters will use grids and filters to organize info vs. information in folders
 - **We have not been given dates as to when this would happen**
 - We will give as much advance notice as we are given
 - Information and training will be provided as soon as we are made aware

Next Phase (After our account is moved and consolidated) (Timeframe TBD) (Rumors = Oct-Dec timeframe)

- Anticipating similar "application"/entry process in the system as now
- Development/Implementation of a new "Onboarding" Training Module for volunteers
 - New volunteers would work through a few "need to know" modules to fully be accepted (applied) to the program pre-training class
- Development and Implementation of our "Org Module"
- Development and Implementation of our "Prerequisites" (=if/then movements through onboarding) process
- MFA will be added for chapter admins using the system *(last item Samaritan will build and implement)*

TMN VMS Updates – Reminders

Reminders:

- REMINDER: that the Opportunity 'sign ups' for chapters will be moving to an **"Opt In" vs the "Opt Out"** process that it is now.
- This is not a complete system rebuild and overhaul
- We are implementing new features and modules of the Samaritan system that were not available before
- Our VMS Team has been involved in weekly(+) meetings, 2xs per week now
- Our VMS Team has been and will be involved in providing input to the re-build development and testing
- We will have training sessions for VMS admins, members when we know more and the time comes (TBD)
- For EXISTING members the basic volunteer reporting experience shouldn't be too different

VMS Admins: VMS Newsletter went out this week. Also be watching for emails and newsletters from the TMN VMS Administrative Team as we learn more

Improving TMN Reporting

One Simple Request (shared via a ppt slide or follow up email):

- For Chapter Meetings, AT, and Service Projects your chapter leadership provides/leads please help with providing guidance on reporting to general members present. Please help ensure they are reporting to the correct category too.

Example for your time here today:

For attending/viewing today's meeting you will report your time as follows:

Opportunity = Chapter Business

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

Service Description = September Presidents & Advisors meeting with the state office



AgriLife Learn Store

NEW items & shirts are in stock now!!

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

HOW TO



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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
- **719 new plates** total sold as of Q3 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>

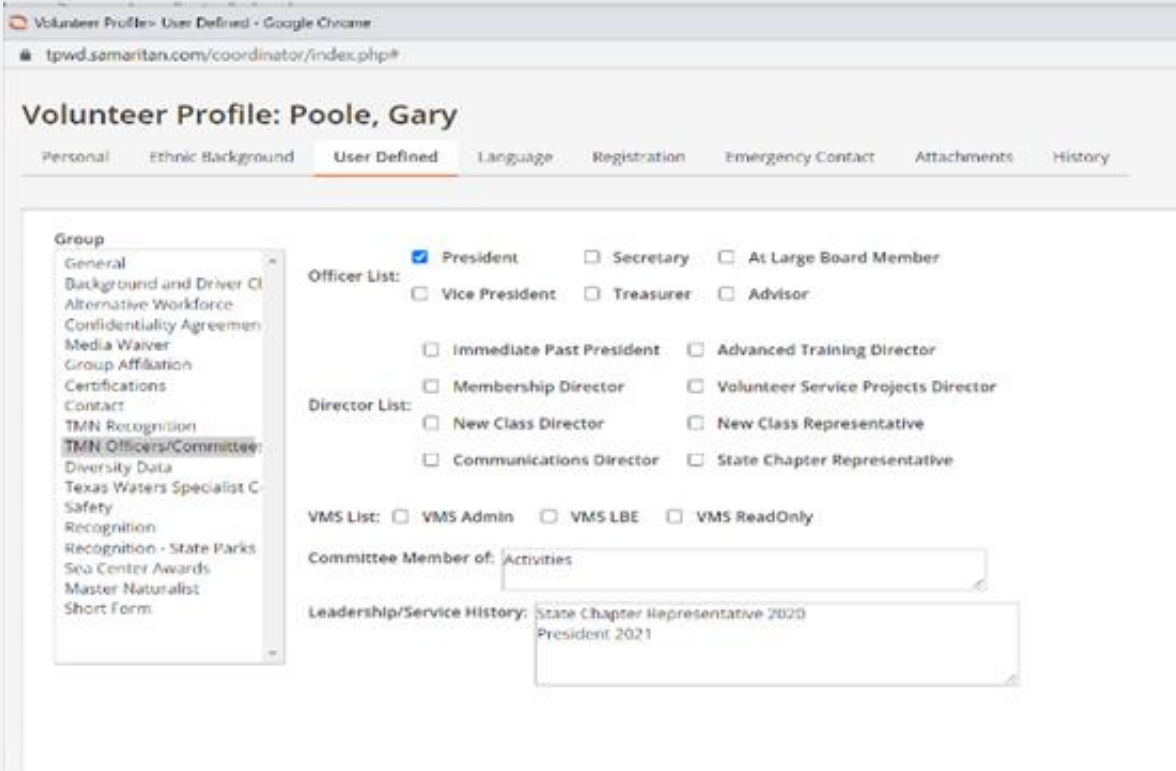


THANK YOU
to all who
have given!

End of the Year Succession Planning

Chapter Nominations and Elections are coming up soon!

- Incoming Presidents (if known) can also attend the Presidents mtg @ TMN Annual Meeting/October meeting
- Chapters, plan your New Year Board Retreats
- In December, don't forget to enter new leadership in VMS
 - Mark in Directors List



Volunteer Profile: User Defined - Google Chrome
tpwd.samaritan.com/coordinator/index.php#

Volunteer Profile: Poole, Gary

Personal | Ethnic Background | **User Defined** | Language | Registration | Emergency Contact | Attachments | History

Group

- General
- Background and Driver CI
- Alternative Workforce
- Confidentiality Agreements
- Media Waiver
- Group Affiliation
- Certifications
- Contact
- TMN Recognition
- TMN Officers/Committee:**
- Diversity Data
- Texas Waters Specialist C
- Safety
- Recognition
- Recognition - State Parks
- Sea Center Awards
- Master Naturalist
- Short Form

Officer List: President Secretary At Large Board Member
 Vice President Treasurer Advisor

Director List: Immediate Past President Advanced Training Director
 Membership Director Volunteer Service Projects Director
 New Class Director New Class Representative
 Communications Director State Chapter Representative

VMS List: VMS Admin VMS LBE VMS ReadOnly

Committee Member of: Activities

Leadership/Service History: State Chapter Representative 2020
President 2021

Calendar Check

- Chapter Memorial and Photo Show - September 29th
- Milestone Hours Report pulled - September 30th
- **Annual Meeting Registration Closes - September 30th**
- **Exemplary Project Fair TMNTuesday - October 8th**
- Curriculum Book Order - October 12th
- **Presidents Meeting Luncheon at Annual Meeting – October 24th**
- **Joint TMNTuesday/Presidents Meeting – November 12th**
- **Joint TMNTuesday/Presidents Meeting – December 10th**

Presidents Questions Submitted

- What other questions do you have for the Chapter Presidents and Advisors on the call now?





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The End

