October 24th Chapter Presidents & Advisors Luncheon



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- Those of you joining online:
 - O Share video (if you like and if your bandwidth allows)
 - O We will be monitoring the chat room
 - Will be recording the meeting
 - O Will share slides and notes
- We'll get started at 12:00 Noon
- Volunteer Note Taker ______
- State Office: Remember to PRESS RECORD!



October 24th Chapter Presidents & Advisors Luncheon

- Introduce yourself:
 - o Name
 - Chapter you represent
 - Your role in 2024 (or '25)

- Reminder of our remaining 2024 Monthly Chapter Presidents and Advisors Meetings
 - November 12 *Joint TMN Tuesday TMN Technical Guidance Projects Showcase
 - December 10 *Joint TMN Tuesday



Agenda

- Introductions
- Thank YOU for your Leadership!
 - o Thank you item
 - Project Signs
 - o 25th Anniversary Reports
 - Special Swap Shop Items
- NEW Pollinators for Texas Project
 - Webinar November 4th
 - Project Splash on Friday
- 2024 Planning
 - o TMN Resources, Logo and Branding
 - TMN Training Class Survey
 - o TMN Curriculum Survey
 - o TMNTuesdays
 - o Fall/Winter and 2025 Trainings
- Annual Meeting
 - What to Know
 - o What to help Communicate
 - Meadows Center Welcome Dinner

- Chapter Resources and Program Updates
 - o State Website
 - WordPress
 - o TMN VMS Updates
 - TMN Merchandise
 - o License Plate
 - o TMN Endowment
- Looking Ahead
 - End of Year Succession Planning
 - Updating Leadership Lists for 2025
 - O Some 2025 things to be aware of
 - Triennial Review of Governing Documents
- Roundtable & Calendar Check



Welcome our New Student Program Aides



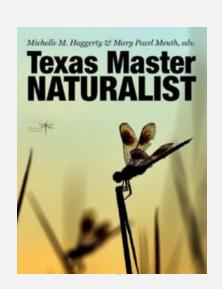


Thank YOU!

for your leadership and the work of your chapter!

Also pick up:

- Thank YOU for your Leadership!
 - O Chapter Presidents Thank you item Leather Notebook for **2024** Presidents & Advisors in attendance
 - Project Signs
 - o 25th Anniversary Reports
 - Special TMN Swap Shop items just for your chapters (limited quantities)
 - o Some chapters has award orders to pick up today
- Other items you may need to pick up throughout the weekend
 - o TMN Curriculum Order pick-ups (please don't leave this for Sunday!)
 - Swap Shop
 - Silent Auction wins
 - Native Plants



Pollinators for Texas



a partnership with







Pollinators for Texas Project HAS LANDED!

- A new partnership with HEB Our Texas, Our Future
- Officially launched October 15th
- Pollinator Project Awards (~\$3,000!)
- Deadline November 30th
- We have a Project Application Webinar scheduled November 4th
- You'll be hearing more tomorrow!



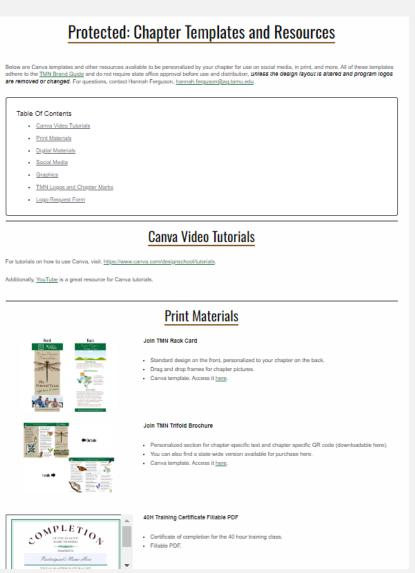


2024 Planning



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 for program
 consideration





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 presented on Saturday at the Annual Meeting!
- A remote presentation will happen TBD

THANK YOU for filling out the Speaker Master List survey!

- Master List is live! Housed in the State Program Office
- Email Hannah to request speakers for curriculum topics
- 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-trainingclasses/



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Spring 2025 Training Classes!

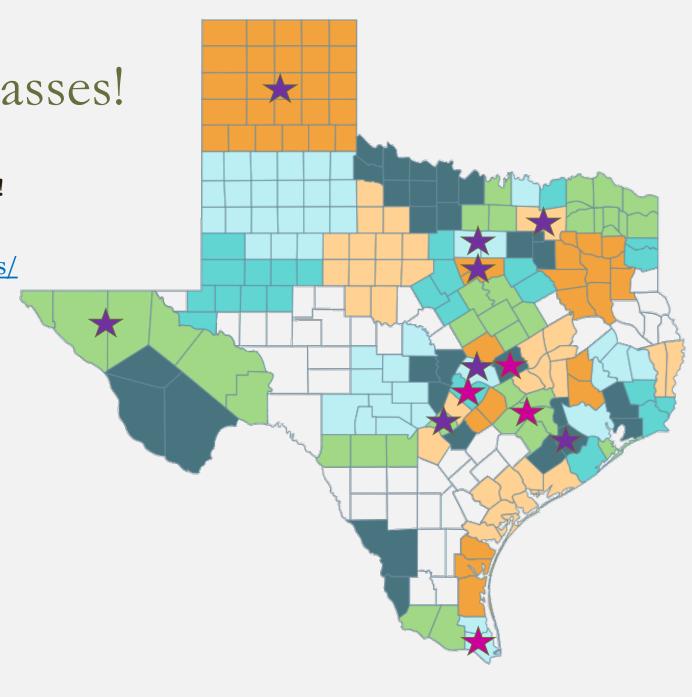
12 chapters with classes starting in January or later!

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 Lincecum Chapter
Rio Grande Valley Chapter
Trans-Pecos Chapter
Rio Brazos Chapter
Coastal Prairie Chapter
Panhandle Chapter
Lindheimer Chapter
Cross Timbers Chapter
Blackland Prairie Chapter

Good Water Chapter



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

- How have/will you celebrate?
- We will be celebrating your chapters all weekend long at the Annual Meeting



2025 CHAPTER ANNIVERSARIES

10th Anniversary

South Texas Border Chapter

15th Anniversary

- Central Texas Chapter
- · Good Water Chapter
- · Indian Trail Chapter
- · Piney Wood Lakes Chapter

20th Anniversary

- Brazos Valley Chapter
- Gideon Lincecum Chapter
- Heartwood Chapter
- Red River Chapter
- Rio Brazos Chapter
- Tierra Grande Chapter

25th Anniversary

- East Texas Chapter
- Lindheimer Chapter
- Lost Pines Chapter
- Mid-Coast Chapter

- **16** Chapters celebrating an Anniversary next year!!!
- Put this on your radar to plan and celebrate in the new year
- Now you have some great ideas from chapters that celebrated in 2024

Fall Pins Ordering Update

- Recertification Pins & Milestone Pins Ordering System- New process with this year – reminder to your incoming chairpersons
- Orders for Certification **certificates+pins**, **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 created an entitled "Chapter Name" account that grants 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
 - ORDER online: https://txmn.tamu.edu/chapter-resources/4000-above-pins/
 - PVSA Pins are recently BACK IN STOCK and all backorders have been ordered!
 - NOTE: If the person is registered for the Annual Meeting, they will receive
 their awards Saturday night at the Annual Meeting Awards Banquet.
 - NOTE: All other PVSA (+) Awards are here for you to pick up today





HOME BROWSE BY CATEGORY ✓ COURSES PUBLICATIONS MERCHANDISE EXTENSION STAFF ONLY ✓ CONTAC

Home > Search Results

1 - 20 of 453 Results for "master naturalist pins"

Sort By

Best Match

Filters Clear All Category All Categories Browse by Category (385) Courses (180) Publications (177) Merchandise (91) Extension Staff Only (70) CDA Renewal (3) Observation and Assessment (3) Pre-Service (5) Child Growth and Development (10) Junior Master Gardener (25) Category Animals and Livestock (72)

Business Operations (23)

COVID Response (1)

Child Care (112)



Texas Master Naturalist Initial
Certification
\$0.00
VIEW OPTIONS



Texas Master Naturalist Other Pins **\$0.00**





Texas Master Naturalist Annual Recertification Pins

\$0.00

VIEW OPTIONS







2024 #TMNTuesdays

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

April 9

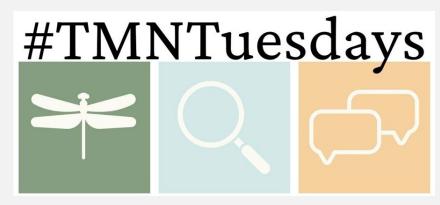
May 14 June 11 July 9 August 13



September 10 October 8 November 12 December 10



#TMNTuesdays 2024



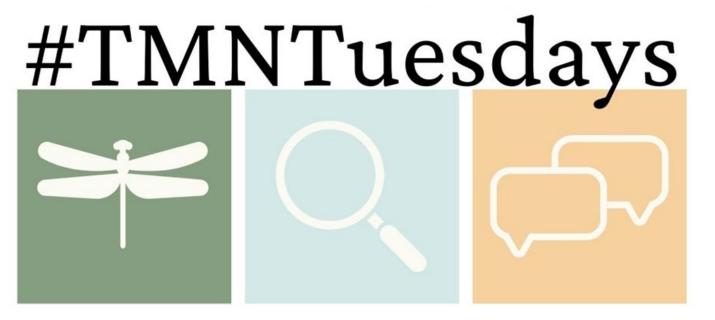
November 12th *Joint #TMNTuesday+Presidents Mtg

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?



NOVEMBER 12TH, 2024 TMN Technical Guidance Projects Showcase

How TMN Chapters provide landowner and community technical guidance assistance through their specialized service projects – projects to be emulated or adapted by other chapters across the state

Register for the year's Series:

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

- Hill Country & Hays County Chapters:
 LMAP and HELM chapter developed
 projects providing technical guidance to
 landowners big and small
- South Texas Chapter's "Blucher Bunch" Technical Guidance with Corpus Christi's Parks and Recreation and Stormwater departments
- Municipal Mutualism: Blackland Prairie
 Chapter's building strong and productive relationships through TMN member technical guidance for the Frisco Urban Forestry and municipal advisor boards
- Piney Wood Lakes Chapter's East Texas
 Conservation Expo
- Building on the Landowner Field Day model established by the El Camino Real Chapter at the Cedar Hill Nature Preserve – TPWD staff presenting



THE COUNTDOWN IS OVER YOU HAVE ARRIVED!

 $OCTOBER 24 - 27^{TH} 2024$

TMN Annual Meeting by the Numbers!



- 636 Total Registrants
 - o 130 in first hour
 - o 382 in first day
 - + Another 110 Presenters
- 44 Chapters Attending
 - 0 44/49 = 90%

More than 744 people will be in and out of here throughout the weekend!

The Agenda:

- 143 Classroom sessions
- 34 Field sessions
- 216 Speakers
- 29 Sponsors
- 20 Vendors
- 499 Photo, Art & Media Contest entries
- 6 Video Entries
- 5 Project Fair Entries
- 3 Advisor Entries

Attendee Hub & App

Attendee Hub & App



Have you logged on yet?

The meeting app is the main and primary place we will be communicating with TMN Annual Meeting Registrants. This is where timely and the most up to date information about the meeting will be shared.

Check out all the great sessions, contests, networking events, and more on the attendee hub and app!





Slack Communication

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

https://youtu.be/6wjmH5qL3Ms





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







Agenda Highlights

Wednesday

• 7 Pre-event field sessions

Thursday

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

Friday

- 14 rooms & 7 hours of classroom sessions
- HEB Partnership Launch
- 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



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.

Today/NEXT:

Thursday 2:00 - 4:00pm Veramendi EF



THURSDAY OCTOBER 24

WELCOME RECEPTION

Join us on Thursday. October 24, for a Welcome Dinner and outing at The Meadows Center for Water and Environment. With transportation provided from the Conference Center, our casual welcome dinner opening the Annual Meeting will be hosted on the Headwaters Green lawn with scattered seating available, classic Austin area TexMex food by Chuy's, and beer and wine offered by Roughhouse Brewing (a local TMN owned brewery!! TMNs will be entertained with glass-bottom boat tours offered by Texas State

student docents, open tours of the boardwalk, and more along the trails at the Center.





THE MEADOWS CENTER FOR WATER AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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.

201 San Marcos Springs Drive, San Marcos, Texas 78666

From IH-35, take exit (206) and travel west from the light. Continue on Aquarena Springs Drive through z stop lights. Take a slight right to continue on Aquarena Springs Drive (do not go over the overpass). Go over the railroad crossing and use the left lane to turn left at Post Road. Then turn right on San Marcos Springs Drive (across from Bobcat Stadium). Follow the signs to The Meadows Center for Water and the Environment.

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 at the pay-and-display station located near the ticket kiosk, or using the OR code below:





Parking Lot Location: R30 Meadows Center Add Vehicle Information: Plate#, State, and Vehicle Make Enter payment information for parking fee



WELCOME RECEPTION

TIMELINE:

2:00pm - Registration opens at Embassy Suites

4:00pm - Buses Depart Embassy for Meadows Center

5:00pm - Welcome Reception

- Food Opens
- Glass-Bottom Boat Tours Opens
- Boardwalk Opens

6:51pm - Sunset

8:00pm - Blacklighting for moths and fungi

9:00pm - Buses Depart for Embassy Suites

FOOD AND DRINK PROVIDED BY:







www.meadowscenter.txst.edu

Silent Auction

Asking for Item Donations from Chapters

Regional representations of your chapter's ecoregion

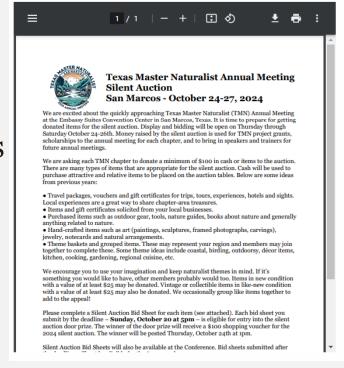
Naturalist items

Travel packages

Hand crafted items

Themed baskets

Item Drop Off – TODAY by 5:00pm Auction Open Friday – Saturday 6:00pm Accepting cash, checks, and cards!



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

Photo, Art & Media Contest Voting Open



















Use the QR codes to cast your vote!
Voting ends at 5:00 PM on Friday, October 25th.
Winners will be announced Sunday Morning.











So Many Great Vendors! Check them Out

CHECK OUT OUR VENDORS

Thursday - 1:00pm - 3:00pm Friday - 7:00am - 7:00pm Saturday - 7:00am - 7:00pm Sunday - 8:00am - 10:00am

- Texas A&M University Press
- Bat Conservation International
- 3 Ecosystem Regeneration Artisans
- USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service
- 5 Nora Steele Art
- 6 DarkSky Texas
- 7 Horned Lizard Conservation Society
- 8 Cibolo Center for Conservation
- 9 Texas Water Resources Institute
- Texas Land Conservancy
- 11 Keep Texas Beautiful
- Texas Raptor Monitoring Network
- Susan Baker Arts
- Firefly Conservation & Research
- Opticron Nature & Sports Optics
- Time to Restore Texas, USA National Phenology Network
- Where'd The Wild Things Go
- 18 Texas Wildlife Association



BALLROOM!

Make Sure to THANK Our Sponsors!



THANK YOU TMN Chapters!



CHECK OUT OUR CENTERPIECES!!



YOU are the... Boots on the Ground

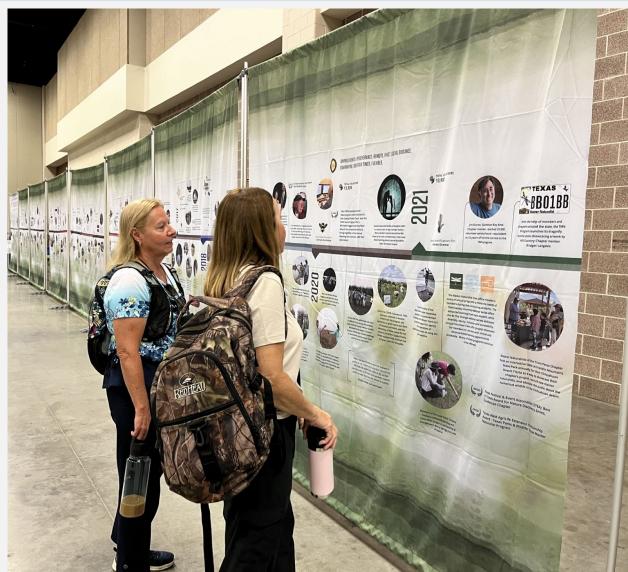
The 2024 State Annual Meeting centerpieces represent all the hours, miles, and sweat equity that our TMN volunteers pour into their passion for Nature!

- *Each hard-working boot has been donated by eco-heroes far and wide and are filled with local native species.
- *Cattails represent our cherished riparian ecosystems.
- *Native grasses were lovingly selected from our own yards: Sideoats grama, Silver bluestem, Shortspike windmill, Mourning lovegrass.
- *Wooden bases serve as the banks for our beloved rivers.
- *Authentic artifacts are hidden to honor the craftsmen before modern times.

THANK YOU!!

25TH ANNIVERSARY TIMELINE UPDATED





TMN Program 25th Anniversary *History Timeline*

Our history sets the foundation for our present and our future!

- Builds upon our 20th Anniversary window cling display, updated this past year
- See the entire newly updated timeline on-site this week!
- History remains to be written! Will you contribute to the next 25 years?



Native Plants

- Plant Pick up after banquet through Sunday Morning
- See Hannah Thornton
- Accepting cash or checks (Credit Card if no other means)



Swap Shop

We've got stuff...

Do you have stuff. . .

We have a swap shop table again this year with some extras from the TMN State Office storage shelves just for YOUR Chapter(s) (draw names and FCFS)

- TMN "Explore" displays (4 available)
- TMN LCD Projectors (5 available)

Take your own TMN related resources to the Swap Shop Table in the hallway to share with your fellow naturalists. . . .





Pop Up Store Overstock

 Pop Up Store with TMN logo items and Annual Meeting logo items!

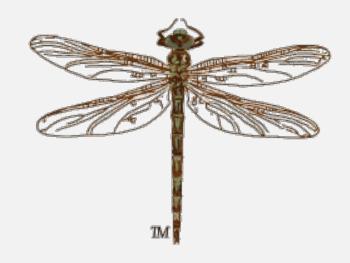
Some Overstock Available for purchase at Annual Meeting







Chapter Resources and Program Updates





Texas Master Naturalist Program



Mika Geiger, Balcones Canyonlands

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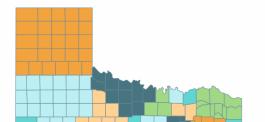




ALL EVENTS >

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 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 Deskhttps://txmn.org/help

Chapter Documents Page

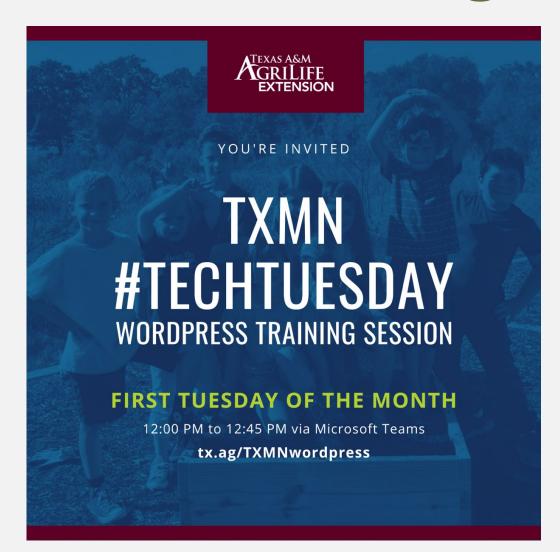
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TMN WordPress Website Trainings

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

November 5th at 12:00pm

• As a reminder – all questions about the websites go to **firstcall@ag.tamu.edu**



TMN VMS Updates

<u>Summer's changes to Administrative backend of</u> 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 Admin(s)

AGAIN:

Nothing changed 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")
 - o for Chapter Admins, this will not be a big change
 - o Chapters will use grids and filters to organize info vs. information in folders
 - It is looking like this could be the first of the year (nothing confirmed)
 - We will give as much advance notice as we are given
 - O We have become aware that some training will be given to the TMN VMS Administrative Team in a development environment in early December.
 - O TMN VMS Administrative Team has begun to collect a team of additional trainers for later deployment
 - o Information and training will be provided as soon as we are made aware

TMN VMS Updates – What's Next?

Next Phase (After our account is moved and consolidated) (Timeframe TBA)

- Development/Implementation of a new "Onboarding" Training Module for volunteers
- Development and Implementation of our "Prerequisites" (=if/then movements through onboarding) process
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 - O New volunteers would work through a few "need to know" modules to fully be accepted (applied) to the program pre-training class
 - O As this gets refined, Chapters will want to continue managing all training applications locally (not through the system)
- Development and Implementation of our "Org Module"
- 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 (& NEW) members the basic volunteer reporting experience shouldn't be too different

<u>VMS Admins:</u> Stop in for the VMS Roundtable tomorrow and be watching for VMS Admins Newsletters from the TMN VMS Admin Team as we learn more

TMN VMS Updates

(This slide from late 2023)

New Account Manager

VMS will go through a re-build to enable updates and new features



Changes coming this time next year that are intended to make things more efficient.

- We dont know what this will look like yet
- Our VMS Team will be involved in testing the rebuild
- We will have training sessions for VMS admins, members

None of this will be taking place for a year

Volunteer Login	
If you are already a Texas Master Naturalist volunteer, please log-in here.	
User ID	Your username
Password	Your password
	Log in Forgot your password?
To login as Texas Master Naturalist Chapter Organization, please log-in here.	

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



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/

Thanks for your Support!

- Quarterly Reports from DMV
- 722 total sold as of Q3 2024
- Need to get to 800



















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 @ ~\$176,000

- 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 those who have given this past year:

Katherine Cunningham

Eric Neubauer, El Camino Real Master Naturalist

Southwest Community Foundation – in honor of Dixie Damp, Hays County Master Naturalist

Texas Master Naturalists Cross Timbers Chapter

Laura King, Hill Country Master Naturalist

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Looking Ahead



Season of Thanks 2024

- We will be doing another Season of Thanks social campaign in 2024! Help us collect your stories!
- A survey will go out in the weeks following the Annual Meeting. Please share the survey with your chapter members!
- The focus this year is...**celebrating our Texas Master Naturalist Family!** We want to pay special attention to families (siblings, parents and kids, aunts and uncles, etc.) who are all members of TMN, volunteering and learning together.
- "Found family" and the "TMN Friends we call Family" are also a welcome topics.

As we enter our Season of Thanks, we want to celebrate the incredible family we've built together within the Texas Master Naturalist community. Whether it's a mother and son duo planting trees, an aunt and niece teaming up for wildlife conservation, or the family you found along the way, your stories of shared passion and dedication inspire us all. We're eager to hear why you love being part of this diverse and supportive family. Please take a moment to share your unique experiences, so we can spotlight the connections that make our program truly special for this year's Season of Thanks celebration.

End of Year Succession Planning

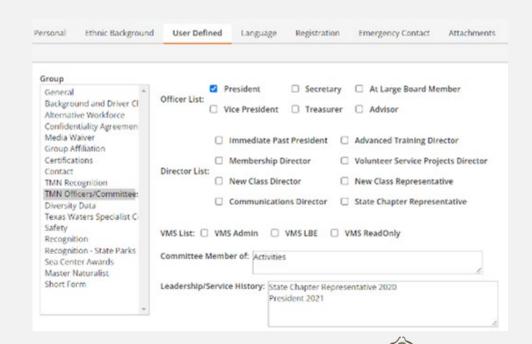
Coming up soon . . .

Elections

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

Chapter Leadership Retreats

- Chapters plan your Board retreats to include incoming and outgoing leaders
- At the end of December/Early January don't forget to enter new leadership including Advisors in VMS
 - Mark in TMN Officers/Directors List



Incoming 2025 Chapter Presidents invited to December Presidents & Advisors Meeting

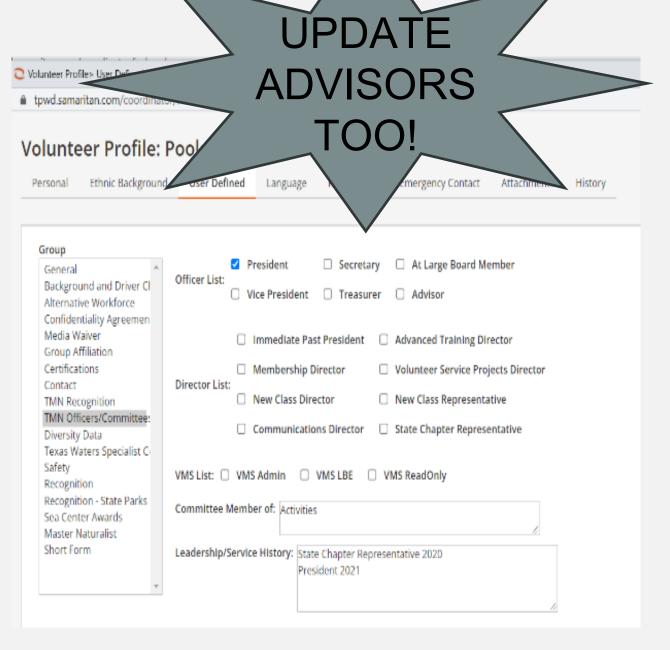
Leadership Transition

<u>Is your chapter planning a Board Retreat?</u>

What are your top goals for 2025? Or what chapter goals do you have for 2025?

Setting up leadership for the next year . . .





UPDATING YOUR LEADERSHIP LIST

UPDATE NEW & CHANGING OFFICERS

MOVE ALL HISTORICAL TITLES AND LEADERSHIP/SERVICE TO HISTORY BOX

VMS ADMINISTRATOR WILL NEED TO COMPLETE THIS ACTION

Chapter Presidents & Advisors Monthly Meetings

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



Beware of Phishing/Scam Issues

Scam we heard of the past couple years:

- o Directors names and email addresses spoofed and appear to be asking others in the chapter for information or funds.
 - Gift card scam
 - Bank account access
 - "I need a favor" or wire money scam
 - through email and/or text messages

• Options:

- o Let your members know that you will never ask for these things via TMN emails/texts
- O Make it your chapter practice and policy (and make it known) that you only 'do business' (like this) during official business meetings, never over email or text
- o Put directors' email list behind password protected page, or on an external share drive
- o Add forms for contacting chapter & use CAPTCHA option
- o Send out directors' email list to chapter members once in external email at beginning of year
- o How else?
- When in doubt call person emailing!



Triennial Review of TMN Governing Docs coming up

- The Texas Master Naturalist™ Program governing documents for a chapter are the:
 - Code of Ethics and Standards of Conduct
 - o Bylaws
 - Chapter Management and Operations Protocols (CMOP)
 - Chapter Operating Handbook (COH)

• All Texas Master Naturalist Governing Documents can be found on the Chapter Documents Page: https://txmn.tamu.edu/chapter-resources/chapter-documents/

TMN Governing Documents

FUTURE

- Documents to be reviewed on regular 3-year cycle:
- Comments & Feedback collected through website
 - https://txmn.tamu.edu/chapter-resources/chapter-documents/governing-documents-feedback-form/
- 2023 Year 1
- 2024 Year 2
- 2025 Year 3
- Summer 2025 Review feedback & edits Compile
- Fall 2025 Completed updates made & sent out
- 2026 New Documents Year 1



Governing Documents Review Timeline

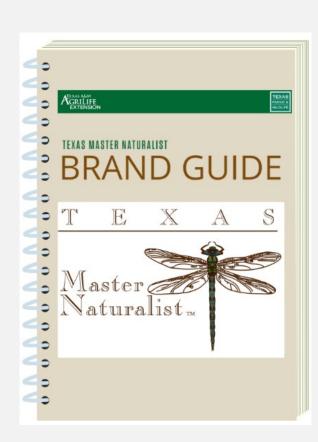
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Other Documents:

Marketing & Brand ID Guidelines

Update pending late 2024/early 2025

https://txmn.tamu.edu/chapter-resources/tmn-brand-marketing/



Presidents Questions Submitted

- What other questions do you have for the Chapter Presidents and Advisors on the call now?
- From the Hill County Chapter regarding Chapter Project Management...
 - Are any Chapters using metrics to indicate project health, viability, and/or sustainability?
 - Are any Chapters using surveys and/or metrics to determine satisfaction with the service we're providing to a partnering organization
 - Is there a best practice and/or lessons learned list that's being maintained?
 - Are any Chapters using a process to fill open project leader positions?
 - From a couple of chapters regarding capturing outreach participant demographics attending chapter outreach projects
 - New survey tools to capture that information



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The End



Other Chapter Resources and Looking Ahead