

Training Director Round Table

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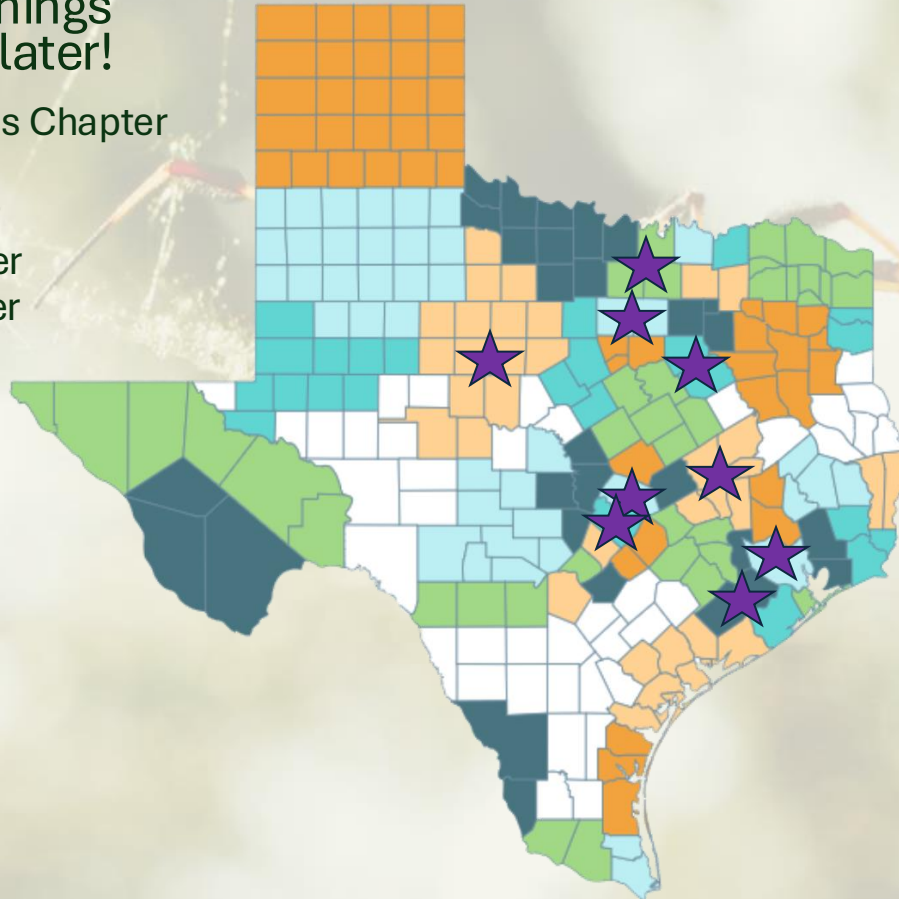
- This meeting will last for 1 hour
- The recording will be uploaded to the Naturalist News page later this week
- Our final initial training class director round table of 2025 will be held at the Annual Meeting (time and date TBA, the meeting will be recorded).
- Volunteer note taker: Mary Beth Lampe



Fill out the 2025 Training class form to have your fall classes added to the website!

9 Chapters have trainings starting in August or later!

- Balcones Canyonlands Chapter
- Big Country Chapter
- Brazos Valley Chapter
- Coastal Prairie Chapter
- Cross Timbers Chapter
- Elm Fork Chapter
- Good Water Chapter
- Gulf Coast Chapter
- Indian Trail Chapter



A screenshot of the Texas Master Naturalist Program website. The header is green with the text "TEXAS Master Naturalist" and "Texas Master Naturalist Program". Below the header is a navigation bar with links: Home, About, Events, Naturalist News, For Chapters, 2025 Annual Meeting, and #TMNTuesdays. The main content area features a large image of a dragonfly and a section titled "The Mission". Below the mission statement is a grid of six tiles: "Want to be a Master Naturalist?", "Log Volunteer Hours", "2025", "Specialty License Plate", "#TMNTuesday Webinar Series", and "2025 Volunteer Training Classes". A large yellow arrow points down from the "2025" tile to the "2025 Volunteer Training Classes" tile, which is circled in yellow.



#TMNTuesday Commonly Asked Q's

- Are 2025 TMNTuesdays available for AT hours for trainees?
 - Yes! AT hours from TMNTuesdays within the same year can be applied to initial training.
- How long after I watch a #TMNTuesday video can I log my AT hours?
 - You can log it right away! However, in order to stay within the 45-Day rule for logging AT hours, you will need to log your hours at most 45 days after watching the video. Because you can view the video after the live event, please report the day you view the video, not the original date the video aired.
- Will the #TMNTuesday events be recorded?
 - Yes! These will be recorded each month and shared to this website by the following day.
- Do I need to register for the #TMNTuesday each month?
 - Register for the whole year's series with one page - <https://txmn.tamu.edu/tmntuesdays/>
- Are previous year's TMNTuesdays available for 2025 AT hours?
 - No. Only calendar year TMNTuesdays can be counted for AT. But you can watch them for your own education/entertainment!

Online Webinar Speaker Series #TMNTuesdays				2025
January 14	February 11	March 18*	April 8	
May 13	June 10	July 8	August 12	
September 9	October TBA	November 18*	December 9	
Save the dates for our 2025 #TMNTuesday lineup! All webinars will be the second Tuesday of each month at 12pm CT with a few exceptions. Keep an eye on socials and emails for details!				



Annual Meeting Commonly Asked Q's

- Can a trainee attend the Annual Meeting?
 - Yes! The Annual Meeting is open to the public
- Can a trainee earn AT/Service hours at the Annual Meeting?
 - Yes! AT/service hours from the Annual Meeting can be applied to hours for initial certification
- Will the Annual Meeting be recorded?
 - No, the Annual Meeting is in-person only and will not be recorded; however, this year we are doing a #TMNTuesday "live from the Annual Meeting." Time/day TBA.
- What's on the agenda at the Annual Meeting?
 - The schedule will release soon! We hope to share the schedule in the beginning of July. Keep an eye on our socials, email listserv and this web page for updates:
<https://txmn.tamu.edu/2025-annual-meeting>
- When can I register for the Annual Meeting and how much is it?
 - These details will also be released soon! Keep an eye on our socials, email listserv and this web page for updates: <https://txmn.tamu.edu/2025-annual-meeting>



Group Discussion

Featuring questions from you included in the 2024 Training Survey



Photo: Tom Hausler, Hays County Chapter

How do you thank instructors?

*Note: it is not common practice to be paying your speakers to come. Agency employees cannot accept payments. However, you may provide gifts of appreciation and/or thank you notes.

What should chapters consider when starting a second training class? What are lessons learned by chapters that offer more than one training class a year?

How do other Training Directors prep speakers? How do they convey the chapter's desired outcome, expectations, etc.?

Is there anything in your training process that you believe would be valuable for other chapters to incorporate?

What approaches have other chapters found effective to increase demographics that are underrepresented in their chapter (Gen Z, etc.)?

How do large chapters coordinate/work with trainees having to travel long distances for VH/AT?



Thank you!

See you at the Annual Meeting!

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