

Code of Ethics

Texas Master Naturalist Program

Each member, in striving to meet the mission, goals, and objectives of the Texas Master Naturalist™ Program, pledges to:

1. Subscribe to the highest standards of integrity and conduct.
2. Abide by federal, state, sponsoring agencies and local laws during program involvement.
3. Promote and support the statewide and local Texas Master Naturalist (TMN) Program.
4. Respect the state sponsors, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, their roles and expectations.
5. Disseminate information to promote understanding of and appreciation for the values of our natural resources.
6. Strive to increase knowledge and skills to advance as a TMN volunteer.
7. Promote competence as a TMN volunteer by supporting high standards of education, service, and performance.
8. Encourage the use of sound biological information in education and outreach and in management decisions and recommendations.
9. Support fair and uniform standards of service and treatment of those engaged in the TMN Program.
10. Know and follow established TMN Program protocols and policies.
11. Abide by the Program *Bylaws*.
12. Never use the TMN title, logos, certification, and trademarks for advocacy of any kind, personal endeavors and/or for profit.
13. Act as trustworthy and ethical stewards of the environment.
14. Never inappropriately disturb or harass wildlife. Never inappropriately remove anything from its natural state or area.
15. Have a commitment to safety at all times.

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