

# HOW TO BECOME A TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST

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Master Naturalist™



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## FIND YOUR CHAPTER

There are 49 TMN chapters spread across the state of Texas. Use the map at [txmn.tamu.edu](http://txmn.tamu.edu) to locate the chapter nearest to you. Note: you can attend training from a chapter outside of your county that better fits your schedule/interests.



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## FIND TRAINING DATES

Each chapter holds training sessions in the spring or fall of each year. Training classes are held once a week (plus field trips) for a few months. Look on [txmn.tamu.edu](http://txmn.tamu.edu) or contact the chapter's Training Director for specifics regarding training sessions.



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## APPLY

The application for training sessions can be found on each chapter's website or obtained by emailing the chapter's Training Director. Note: You must be over 18 years of age and pass a Criminal Background Check (CBC) to enroll in the TMN training class and be a member.



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## PAY YOUR DUES

Dues vary per TMN chapter and can be found on the chapter's website or application. Dues generally include a textbook, other printed course materials, and an official Texas Master Naturalist nametag and polo for you to keep.



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## KNOW WHAT'S REQUIRED

During your training session, you must obtain 40 hours of combined field and classroom instruction. To certify in your first year, you must complete 40 hours of volunteer service and 8 hours of Advanced Training. You must complete these same requirements each subsequent year to re-certify.



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## HAVE FUN!

Joining the Texas Master Naturalist community connects you with a close-knit group of naturalists, plus opportunities to meet thousands of volunteers from around the state at our Annual Meetings!

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