



11th Annual Statewide Meeting & Advanced Training
October 22-24th 2010
T bar M Conference Center, New Braunfels, Texas
Tentative Agenda--Subject to change when required.

Friday, October 22, 2010

Lunch on your own prior to arrival

- 12:00 – 2:00 Arrival & TMN Conference Check-in begins (Texas Sage A&B Foyer)
(Some T bar M overnight accommodations might be available for check in at this time, others may not.
Guaranteed check-in time is 4 PM day of arrival)
- 1:15 – 5:00 **Fri 1. Canyon Lake Gorge for the Student Geologist (Off Site AT)** (*meet at TMN
Conference check-in table*)
- 1:00 – 5:00 Master Naturalist Store Set Up. Set-up of chapter project fair displays, scrapbooks,
newsletters, photo and art contest entries and submission of silent auction donations.
- 2:00 – 4:30/5:00 Concurrent Advanced Training Sessions
Fri 2. Riparian Area Assessment & Management
Fri 3. Establishing Biological Assessment Teams
Fri 4. Texacology—Texas’ Extreme Environmental Makeover 1821-1900
Fri 5. Citizen Science and the Texas Master Naturalist
Fri 6. The Carbon Cycle and Global Change for Master Naturalists
Fri 7. There’s an APP for that! —Interpretive Trails for your area
Fri 8. Entomology 101 Crash Course
Fri 9. Ethnobotany
- 4:00 All overnight accommodations guaranteed available for check-in by this time if not
available earlier.
- 5:15 - 5:30 Load the bat-mobile for Special **Bracken Bat Cave and Nature Preserve** Session
(*This is an optional special session limited to 22, by pre-registration only. An
Additional fee applies*) Boxed dinners will be provided to eat on-site at the Preserve.
This session will arrive back by 9:00 PM
- 5:15 – 6:15 Social (with Cash Bar) SUPPER and TMN ‘Family Reunion’**
- 6:15 - 7:15 Welcome & Debbie Figueras-Cano from Waste Management presenting: “*Creating
Wildlife Habitat - The Importance of Engaging our Communities*”.
- 7:15 - 8:30 Final set up for silent auction, chapter project displays, photo, art, scrapbook and
newsletter contest entries. ALL Project Fair displays, photo, art, scrapbook & newsletter
contest entries must in place by this time. Master Naturalist Store open.

7:30 – 8:30 Concurrent Roundtable Discussions(RT), AT Short Sessions(SS) and TMN Project Presentations (PP)(*no pre-registration needed for any of these*)

RT 1: Leading your Texas Master Naturalist Chapter

RT 2: Enhancing the TMN State Webpage

RT 3: Enhancing the TMN Bookstore Items

PP 4: Master Naturalist Volunteer Project Presentations

- (7:30-7:50) The Panhandle Chapter's "51 Flowers of Alibates" Service Project

- (7:50-8:10) The Galveston Bay Area Chapter's Prairie Partnerships—Projects for Every Preserve!

- (8:10-8:30) Monarch Monitoring + Monarch Joint Venture Projects, Kip Kiphart

SS 5: The North TX Chapter's Success with Establishing an on-line TMN Membership database tool

SS 6: Master Naturalist Chapters: Working with your local Scout Councils, Districts or Units

SS 7: Stream Team- How to lead demonstrations with the NPS model

8:30 - 9:30/10:00 Social (Cash Bar on Texas Sage A&B Porch)

Master Naturalist Store, Silent Auction bidding, & popular vote contests voting all

open. *Note:* Ballots for the popular vote contests are in your registration welcome packs received at conference check-in.

Saturday, October 23, 2010

7:00 – 8:00 BREAKFAST

7:00 – 8:00 Commuter Arrival & Check-in Desk open (*Texas Sage A&B*)

8:00 – 8:15 Off-site field trip training participants—*meet for shuttle/car pool instructions. Carpool/vans will leave promptly at 8:15.*

Sat 1 A. Canyon Lake Gorge for the Student Geologist (*AM or PM sessions available*)

Sat 2 A. Off Site Trip: Function and Health of Aquifers, Edwards Aquifer Training Tour (*Available AM only*)

8:00 – 8:15 All other participants migrate to on-site AT sessions which start at 8:15 AM sharp!

8:15 – 12:00/12:15 Concurrent AT Sessions Start/Continue and Judges can begin reviewing project displays

Sat 3. Texas Seeds of Success—The Millennium Seed Bank Project (*all day*)

Sat 4. Texas Stream Team Training (*all day*)

Sat 5. River Critter Workshop-Mussel Watch & Basking Turtle Surveys (*all day*)

Sat 6. Growing Up WILD (*AM or PM sessions available*)

Sat 7A. Times (and Audiences) They are Changing (*AM only*)

Sat 8A. The Carbon Cycle & Global Change for Master Naturalists (*AM only*)

Sat 9A. Insect Collecting and Collections (*AM only*)

Sat 10A. Paleontology and the Pleistocene Era Friesenhahn Cave (*AM only*)

Sat 11A. Geology and Geology of the Texas Hill Country (*AM only*)

11:30 to 6:00 Master Naturalist Store open

12:00 - 1:00 LUNCH

1:00 - 4:00/5:00 Half Day AT Sessions repeat or start, All Day AT continues

Sat 1 P. Canyon Lake Gorge Trip (*Off site session*) (*repeats*)

Sat 2 P. Mesquite Creek Wildlife Habitat Training Tour (Off Site Session) (*PM Only*)

Sat 3. Texas Seeds of Success-Millennium Seed Bank Project (*all day*)

Sat 4. Texas Stream Team training (*all day*)

Sat 5. River Critter Workshop-Mussel Watch & Basking Turtle Surveys (*all day*)

Sat 6. *Growing Up WILD* (*AM or PM sessions available*)

Sat 7. P Angler Education for the Joy of Fishing, Habitat and Stewardship (*PM only*)

Sat 8 P. Getting Started with Rainwater Harvesting (*PM only*)

Sat 9 P. Tracking TX Hummingbirds--An Update on TX Hummingbird Roundup (*PM only*)

Sat 10 P. Brush Busters: Tactical Brush Management Technology for the Landowner (*PM only*)

4:00 – 5:00 AT sessions wrap up/Arrive back, check/refresh Project Fair displays, Master Naturalist Store open.

5:15 – 6:00 Master Naturalist Store Open, Project Fair Judging continues, chapter representative(s) man their project fair display for questions, Annual Slide Show and Silent Auction bidding and popular vote contests voting all open. Cash Bar Open.

6:00 – 7:00 SUPPER

7:15 – 8:45 Master Naturalist Volunteer Awards Ceremony
Master Naturalist photo slide show presentations
Chapter Anniversary Celebrations, Silent Auction bidding & TMN Store Open after awards ceremony. Cash Bar open.

9:00 All bidding closes for Silent Auction, all popular vote contests voting closes.

9:00 – 9:30 Winning bidders begin settling their bids

9:15 – ? Campfire sponsored by the Cross Timbers Chapter (*Lone Star Courtyard*)

Sunday, October 24, 2010

7:00 – 8:00 Commuter Arrival & Check-in Desk open (*Texas Sage A&B*)

7:30 – 8:30 BREAKFAST

7:30 – 8:30 President's Breakfast (*room TBA*)

****CHECK OUT OF ROOMS BEFORE 11:00 AM (or you will be charged for an additional night)****

7:30 – 8:30 Remaining winning Silent Auction bidders can settle up their bid payments (*See Hays County Chapter reps*), pack up and check out of rooms (*check out at front desk*)

****CHECK OUT OF ROOMS BEFORE 11:00 AM (or you will be charged for an additional night)****

8:30 – 8:45 Master Naturalist photo slide show presentations

8:45 – 9:15 Annual Meeting Contests Awards and Special Presentations

9:15 – 10:00 **Keynote Presentation:** Andrew Sansom, Exec. Director, River Systems Institute, Texas State University and Former Texas Parks & Wildlife Department Director presenting: *“Texas Natural Resources: Challenges for a New Century”*

10:15 – 12:15 Concurrent Advanced Training Sessions

Sun 1. Three Presentations: Creative Solutions to Common Chapter problems

- (10:20-10:50) Galveston Bay Area Chapter’s “Tenners” Advanced Training component.

- (10:55-11:25) Lindheimer TMN Traveling Trunk Show-A Community Education & Recruitment Tool

- (11:25-11:55) Heart of TX Chapter’s Pilot of a Year Round, Open Enrollment training program

Sun 2. The Camera as a Tool for the Master Naturalist

Sun 3. Monitoring Habitat for Quail and other Grassland Birds

Sun 4. Learning & Working w/ WordPress-the TMN website development software

Sun 5. Texas Stream Team Quality Assurance/Refresher Training

Sun 6. Land Photodocumentation

Sun 7. Entomology 101 Crash Course

Sun 8. Marketing & Identity for the Master Naturalist Chapter

Sun 9. Monarchs Ask: “Where is my Garden”?

Sun 10. Become a part of the TPWD Dove Banding Program

12:15 – 1:15 LUNCH

Final chance to settle your winning silent auction bid

Last chance to make purchases at the Master Naturalist Store

Pack up and head home, Happy Trails!