

Examples and Ratings of Actual Volunteer Service Project Requests

Unacceptable	Acceptable	Preferable
Being “on call” as a wildlife rescuer for a non-partner organization	Actually performing a wildlife rescue event for a partnering organization of the local chapter	
Planting exotic plants at a local school	Planting native plants or a wildscape at a local school	Leading 5 th graders and staff in implementing a native plant garden/wildscape at a local school
Monarch monitoring in Colorado	Monarch monitoring in Texas	Monarch monitoring within your local chapter’s area
Cleaning the elephant cage at a zoo	Caring for the prairie chicken area at a local zoo that is in partnership with the local chapter	Leading interpretive programs about prairie chickens at a local zoo that is in partnership with the local chapter
Maintenance at a private native plant nursery	Maintenance of a demonstration garden at a park/nature center or being part of a native plant propagation team for the city’s botanical garden	Holding a workshop on how to install and maintain a wildscape or other similar type of native habitat.
Conducting wildlife management activities on your own or a neighbor’s land	Conducting wildlife management practices/activities on public land	Teaching/assisting landowners to develop their own wildlife management plans that the landowner would carry out
A teacher receiving service credit for natural resource education activities he/she conducts in their classroom	A teacher receiving service credit for natural resource education activities he/she conducts as an unpaid after school environmental club leader	A teacher /volunteer who organizes and conducts a natural resource education workshop for other Master Naturalists or the general public.
Stream clean-up by a volunteer who works for a local watershed protection program	Stream clean-up by volunteers who do not work for a local watershed protection program	Master Naturalist volunteers conducting stream or watershed restoration practices. Or Master Naturalist volunteers coordinating a stream clean-up for the local community to participate in.
Receiving service credit for time spent serving as a board or committee member for another natural resource/environmental organization NOT in partnership with your local Texas Master Naturalist chapter.	Receiving up to a set limit of service credit (e.g., 10 hours per year as set by your local chapter) for serving as a board or committee member for another natural resource/environmental organization that is ALSO a partner with your local chapter, providing the chapter with resources such as meeting space at little or no cost.	Receiving service credit for time spent serving as a board or committee member for a natural resource/environmental organization in partnership with your local chapter and because the organization invited you to serve and represent your local Master Naturalist chapter in this capacity.
	Conducting endangered species surveys; developing nature trails or habitat brush piles at a local park/nature center which is in partnership with your local chapter.	Maintaining a nature classroom/training area for that same partner who also allows the chapter to keep an office and/or hold chapter meetings in this same space.