

Fall 2018 Application - Texas Master Naturalists, North Texas Chapter

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The application deadline is Wednesday, June 20, 2018. Class size is limited. Each application will be reviewed by the New Class Committee to evaluate the applicant's dedication to the Texas Master Naturalist mission and commitment to volunteer service. Strong applicants are those who express a commitment to stewardship of our natural resources; a willingness to contribute their time to volunteer service; and a desire to complete the course work, homework, and field trips.

Please note that this form cannot be saved in progress. Please allow 20-30 minutes to complete the application. Applicants will be notified of acceptance status by July 20, 2018. If you have questions about the Master Naturalist program, please email Rose Mercer at fallclass@ntmn.org.

* Required

1. Email address *

2. You must read and agree to the statements below. *

By checking the boxes below, you are indicating that you have read and agree to the following statements. Please enter today's date.

Example: December 15, 2012

3. Classes every Thursday night for 12 weeks *

I will be available for the classes every Thursday evening beginning August 30, 2018. I understand that, other than one class which may be missed without penalty, I am required to attend all other scheduled classes in order to attain initial certification. Make-up classes are sometimes, but not always, available. I understand reading and homework assignments are to be completed between each class meeting.

Check all that apply.

Read and Agree

4. Three required Field Trips *

I understand that I am required to attend three field trips, one in each category of Forest, Aquatics and Prairie, in order to attain initial certification. Field trips are usually scheduled on Saturdays but may also be scheduled on Sunday. Make-up field trips are sometimes, but not always, available.

Check all that apply.

Read and Agree

5. Volunteer Service and Advanced Training *

I understand that, in addition to classes and field trips, I am required to complete 40 hours of approved volunteer service and 8 approved advanced training hours by December 31, 2019, in order to attain initial certification. Each year, after initial certification, an additional 40 volunteer hours and 8 advanced training hours will be required to maintain certification.

Check all that apply.

Read and Agree

6. Liability Waiver, Code of Ethics, Standards of Conduct, and Background check, requiring disclosure of my Social Security Number *

I understand that membership in the Master Naturalist program is contingent upon passing a background check in order to protect the safety of our youth and adults. Online forms for Background Check Authorization, Liability Waiver, and acknowledgement of Code of Ethics and Standards of Conduct must be completed before class begins. Volunteer service cannot commence until background check is completed.

Check all that apply.

Read and Agree

7. Class fee of \$180.00 *

Upon acceptance in the class, I agree to pay the class fee of \$180.00, by PayPal due by July 30, 2018. Scholarships are available. Additional information will be provided upon acceptance.

Check all that apply.

Read and Agree

Personal Information

8. First Name *

9. Last Name *

10. Full name as it should appear on your Name Badge *

11. E-mail address *

12. Street/Apt.# *

13. City *

14. County *

15. State *

16. Zip Code *

17. Telephone Day [Please enter in format ###-###-####] *

18. Telephone Evening [Please enter in format ###-###-####] *

19. Telephone Cell [Please enter in format ###-###-####] *

20. Preferred Phone Number: *

Mark only one oval.

- Day
- Evening
- Cell

21. Emergency Contact Information *

Please list name and best contact information for Thursday evenings and weekends. This should be someone who is not in class with you.

Program Interests

22. What about the Master Naturalist program inspires you to commit to being a part of it? *

23. How do you plan to take what you learn in the class and apply it in your local community? *

Program Requirements

24. **Classes meet every Thursday from August 30 through November 15, 2018; do you anticipate missing any classes due to prior commitments? ***

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No

25. **If yes, please list the dates you plan to miss. If no, enter N/A. ***

26. **Can you fulfill your 40 hours of volunteer service and 8 hours of advanced training by December 31, 2019? ***

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No

27. **If no, please explain the circumstances. If yes, enter N/A. ***

28. **When do you plan to schedule your volunteer service activities? ***

Check all that apply.

- Evenings
- Weekends
- Weekdays
- Other: _____

Volunteer Experience

29. List organizations/societies of which you are a member/volunteer and provide pertinent details. *

List organization names, position(s) held, volunteer hours, years.

30. From your work, student, volunteer, and life experience, what skills, knowledge, and abilities will lead to your success as a participant in the Texas Master Naturalist program? *

Program Participation

In this section, your responses to the following questions will help us understand your commitment and interests.

31. What naturalist subjects interest you most? *

Check all that apply.

- Mammals
- Snakes
- Amphibians
- Insects
- Birds
- Fish
- Flowers
- Trees
- Streams
- Forests
- Prairies
- Wetlands
- Geology
- Don't know yet - looking to learn more about nature and ecology
- Other: _____

32. Do you prefer to work inside or outside? *

33. What type of volunteer work interests you most? **Check all that apply.*

- Public outreach at events and presentations
- Habitat restoration and preservation
- Wildlife rescue
- Plant rescue
- Trail maintenance
- Leading outdoor walks and talks
- Teaching and educational activities
- Docent at nature center
- Herbarium
- Removal of invasive species
- Identification of species
- Citizen Science or species monitoring
- Speakers Bureau
- Administration (board and committees for the North Texas Chapter or volunteer partners)
- Don't know yet - looking to learn more about all the possible activities
- Other: _____

34. Chapter Service *

The North Texas Chapter is the largest chapter in the state. How do you anticipate contributing to chapter administration?

Check all that apply.

- Programs
- Outreach
- Project Leadership
- Technology implementation or support
- Special events
- Newsletters
- Board position
- Accounting
- Website maintenance
- New class planning
- Record keeping
- Archives
- Writing (grants, newsletter content)
- Social media
- Photography
- Public speaking
- Curriculum development
- Don't know yet - looking to learn more
- Other: _____

35. What is your favorite plant or insect and why?

Demographics

36. Are you employed full time, part time, or retired? *

Check all that apply.

- Full Time
- Part Time
- Retired
- Not currently employed outside the home
- Full time student
- Part time student
- Other: _____

37. If working, what is your profession; if a student, what is your field of study? *

38. Place of Employment. If not employed, enter N/A. *

39. What languages do you speak, read, or write? *

40. Have you applied previously? *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No

41. Are you applying together with friends or family members? *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No

42. If Yes, please list their name(s).

43. Do you know anyone in the Master Naturalist Program? If so, please provide a name or names. *

44. How/where did you hear about the Master Naturalist program? *

A copy of your responses will be emailed to the address you provided

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