

Spring 2019 Application - North Texas Master Naturalist

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The application deadline is Friday, November 30, 2018. Class size is limited; applications will go through a review and selection process. Strong applicants are those who express a commitment to stewardship of our natural resources; a willingness and availability to contribute time to volunteer service; a desire to complete the coursework, homework, and field trips; and those already volunteering. Particular consideration will be given to those who express willingness to serve in leadership roles for the Master Naturalist program.

Please note, this form cannot be saved in progress. Please allow 20-30 minutes to complete the application. (A PDF version to help you prepare is available on the ntmn.org How to Join page.) Applicants will be notified of acceptance status by December 20, 2018.

If you have questions about the Master Naturalist program, please email Laura Kimberly at newclass@ntmn.org.

* Required

1. **Email address ***

2. **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. Begin by entering today's date.

Example: December 15, 2012

3. **Classes every Tuesday night for 12 weeks ***

I will be available for the classes every Tuesday evening February 5, through April 30, 2019. Most classes will be held at Brookhaven College (tentative location). 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 and that I will be asked to participate in a class volunteer project.

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. Field trip locations will vary. 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. Nominal dues (currently \$30) are required to maintain membership. I understand that I will need to have access to a computer and be familiar with computer operations to log the volunteer and advanced training hours.

Check all that apply.

Read and Agree

6. Background check, requiring disclosure of my Drivers License Number; Liability Waiver; Code of Ethics; and Standards of Conduct. *

I understand that membership in the Master Naturalist program is contingent upon passing a background check in order to better assure the safety of our youth and adults. Online forms for Background Check Authorization and Liability Waiver must be completed before class begins (links will be sent after acceptance; drivers license number is required to complete the online form). Volunteer service cannot commence until background check is completed. As a Master Naturalist, I also agree to the Code of Ethics and Standards of Conduct

(<https://txmn.org/files/2013/04/TMN-Code-of-Ethics-updated-July-2015.pdf>) and (<https://txmn.org/files/2013/04/TMN-Standards-of-Conduct-updated-July-2015.pdf>).

Check all that apply.

Read and Agree

7. Class fee of \$200 *

Upon acceptance in the class, I agree to pay the class fee of \$200.00, by PayPal, due by January 5, 2019. The class fee includes the membership dues for the initial year. 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. **Name, including last 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. **Preferred phone number [Please use dashes in the format ###-###-####] ***

18. **Alternate phone number [Please enter in format ###-###-####]**

19. Emergency Contact Information *

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

Program Interests

Each question is limited to 2,000 characters.

20. What about the Master Naturalist program inspires your desire to apply and commitment to participate? *

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

Program Requirements

22. Classes meet every Tuesday from February 5, through April 30, 2019; do you anticipate missing any classes due to prior commitments? *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No

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

24. **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

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

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

Check all that apply.

- Evenings
- Weekends
- Weekdays
- Other: _____

Volunteer Experience

27. List relevant organizations/societies of which you are a member/volunteer. *

List organization names, position(s) held, volunteer hours, years--particularly those organizations with a focus on nature and natural resources. If you are currently volunteering for programs associated with the Master Naturalist program, where do you volunteer and what do you do? If you have volunteered for natural areas or natural resources in other locations or in the past, please describe.

28. From your work, student, volunteer, and life experience, what skills, knowledge, and abilities will lead to your success as a volunteer and as a North Texas Master Naturalist? *

For this question consider all your experience such as leadership, technology, educator, writing, and other skills as well as your education, knowledge, and abilities that can support local volunteer programs.

Program Participation

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

29. **What naturalist subjects interest you most? ***

Check all that apply.

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

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

31. What type of volunteer work interests you most? *

Check all that apply.

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

32. Chapter Service *

The North Texas Chapter is the largest chapter in the state. How do you anticipate contributing to sustaining the success and impact of our chapter?

Check all that apply.

- Accounting
- Archives
- Board position
- New Class for Master Naturalists--coordination and planning
- Newsletters
- Outreach events coordination and planning
- Photography
- Program planning for monthly meetings
- Project Leadership
- Record keeping
- Social media
- Special events planning
- Technology implementation or support
- Website maintenance
- Writing (grants, newsletter content)
- Don't know yet
- Other: _____

33. What is your favorite flora, fauna, or rock and why?

Demographics

34. **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: _____

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

36. **Place of employment, school, or university. ***

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

38. **Have you applied previously? ***

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No

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

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No

40. **If Yes, please list their name(s).**

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

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

43. **Have you attended a Master Naturalist Open House?**

Mark only one oval.

- Yes, this year on November 13, 2018.
- Plan to attend on November 13, 2018.
- Yes, in a previous year
- No

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

