

Spring 2022 Application - North Texas Master Naturalist

The application deadline is Tuesday, November 15, 2021. 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.

Participation in this course will require:

Class Time of 3 hours on Tuesday nights for 13 weeks. This will be face-to-face and online.

Homework of 1-2 hours per week

40 hours of volunteering by December 31, 2022 (class project hours count towards 40 hrs VT)

Volunteering for Class Project: Plan to spend a minimum of 10-15 hours between February 1 - May 31 and an additional 8 hours of Advanced training (AT) by December 31, 2022

Please note, this form cannot be saved in progress. Please allow 25-30 minutes to complete the application.

(A pdf version to help you prepare is available on the ntmn.org web site. Click on "How to Join and Class Schedule".) Applicants will be notified of acceptance status by December 3, 2021.

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

* Required

1. Email *

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: January 7, 2019

3. Classes every Tuesday night for 13 weeks *

I will be available for the classes every Tuesday evening from February 1 through April 26, 2022. Classes are expected to be held face-to-face and online. Face to face classes will be held at Brookhaven College. I understand that I will need access to a computer or tablet for the classes. 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, Wetlands 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. Background check, requiring disclosure of my Drivers License Number; Liability Waiver; Code 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>). I also understand I must be 18 or older to participate in the Texas Master Naturalist program.

Check all that apply.

Read and Agree

6. 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, 2022 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

7. Class fee of \$200 *

Upon acceptance in the class, I agree to pay the class fee of \$215.00. You will receive an invoice after acceptance. Payment will be due by December 15, 2021. 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. Street/Apt.# *

12. City *

13. State *

Mark only one oval.

TX

14. County *

Please enter the County of your residence. The North Texas chapter of Master Naturalists serves primarily Dallas, Rockwall and Kaufman Counties. If you live outside these counties, please refer to Texas Master Naturalist website to find a chapter more suited to your location.

Mark only one oval.

- Dallas County
- Kaufman County
- Rockwall County
- Other: _____

15. If outside the named 3 counties, please explain why you have chosen the North Texas Chapter (As mentioned earlier, there are many chapters serving the north Texas area.) If within 3 named counties, please respond "n/a". *

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 class with you.

Program Interests

Please limit answers to 2,000 or fewer characters per section

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

21. How do you plan to take what you learn in the class towards fulfilling our mission which is: Providing education, outreach and service dedicated to the beneficial management of natural resources and natural areas with all communities of North Texas in an inclusive and equitable manner? *

Four horizontal lines for text entry.

Program Requirements

Please limit answers to 200 or fewer characters

22. Classes meet every Tuesday from February 1, through April,26 2022; 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". *

Four horizontal lines for text entry.

24. Can you fulfill your 40 hours of volunteer service and 8 hours of advanced training by December 31, 2022? *

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

Please limit answers to 2,000 or fewer characters

27. Are you currently or have you previously volunteered for TPWD programs? If so do you have tpwd.samaritian/VMS account?

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

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

List organization names, position(s) held, volunteer hours, years with any program or organization. If you are currently volunteering for organizations with a focus on nature and natural resources or 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.

29. 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.

30. 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: _____

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

32. 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: _____

33. 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: _____

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

Demographics

35. If you are accepted into the Class, you will receive a Chapter tee shirt. What size shall we order for you? *

Mark only one oval.

- S
- M
- L
- XL
- XXL
- XXXL

36. Please indicate your employment status: *

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 occupation/profession; if a student, what is your field of study; if retired what was your occupation/profession? *

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

39. What languages do you speak, read, or write? If yes are you a beginner, intermediate or fluer

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40. Describe your experience/relationships working or volunteering in multicultural communities North Texas?

41. Have you applied in a previous year? *

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

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

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

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

44. Do you know anyone in the Master Naturalist Program? If so, please provide a name or name
If not, please enter "n/a". *

45. How/where did you hear about the Master Naturalist program? Be as specific as possible. (e.
Name of organization, list serve, library branch, event) *

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