



Guadalupe Chapter
Texas Master Naturalist
210 E. Live Oak
Seguin, TX 78155
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GUADALUPE CHAPTER, TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST PROGRAM

Dear Prospective Master Naturalist:

Thank you for your interest in the Guadalupe Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalist program, a statewide organization sponsored jointly by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension. The mission of the Texas Master Naturalist program is to develop a corps of well-informed volunteers to provide education, outreach and service dedicated to the beneficial management of natural resources and natural areas within their communities.

Classroom and field training will be provided by experts who will cover a wide selection of topics related to Central Texas ecosystems. Attendance at all scheduled classes is required although a missed class may be made up. ***In exchange for this training, Master Naturalists are expected to complete a minimum of 40 hours of volunteer service and 8 hours of advanced training in approved Master Naturalist projects and programs, in their communities, within one year of the completion of the class. Only those completing all classes and the 40/8 hours will be awarded the Master Naturalist certification.***

Volunteer work is expected to take place in the area the Chapter serves. To retain certification, completion of 40 hours of approved volunteer service and 8 hours of advanced training is required annually. As you strive to meet the yearly commitments, you will have the opportunity to work with various experts and other volunteers on a variety of projects to benefit our community and promote stewardship of our natural resources.

The next Master Naturalist training session for the Guadalupe Chapter will begin on **Tuesday, September 5, 2017**. Classes will be held every other Tuesday evening from 6:00 – 9:00 PM at the Schertz Community Center North, 3501 Morning Drive, Schertz, TX. The final class will be November 28, 2017. Carpools from Seguin will be organized.

Our curriculum committee is currently revising the course with inclusion of more hands-on field experiences. These field experiences, which are part of the required curriculum, will be scheduled on various Saturdays. They do, however, enrich the learning process and provide a true vision of what Master Naturalist do in their volunteer projects. Volunteer opportunities will be available during the course to allow students to complete a portion of the first year's required 40 hours of volunteer service.

The registration fee of \$110.00 covers the cost of the Master Naturalist curriculum book, handouts and materials, t-shirt, name tag, speaker expenses and background check. The **deadline for sending your application is August 15, 2017**. Your registration fee, either a check or money order, must be included with the application form [refundable until the first class.]

Early registration is recommended. In order to provide a quality experience for each student, class size is limited to 25 participants. Application, registration fee and Liability Release [pages 2, 3, 4] may be delivered in person or mailed to:

Guadalupe Master Naturalist Registration
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Bldg.
210 E. Live Oak St., Seguin, TX 78155

Sincerely,
Tom Hardaway
Marilyn Anderson
Co-Chairmen, Training Class Committee

Class Informational Meetings, Come-and-Go 6:30 – 7:30 pm
1] Tuesday, August 1, Schertz Community Center North,
3501 Morning Dr., Schertz, TX
2] Thursday, August 3, AgriLife Extension Bldg.
210 E. Live Oak, Seguin, TX

**Guadalupe Chapter
Texas Master Naturalist Program
2017 Application**



DATE: _____

NAME: _____

Nickname or name you prefer to be addressed by: _____

MAILING ADDRESS:

Street/Apt. #: _____

City: _____ State: TX Zip: _____

TELEPHONE:

Home: _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____

E-MAIL: *[Communication will be conducted via e-mail; please provide an address you check regularly]*

Place of employment or school attending, if full-time student.

Occupation: _____

If retired, what was your former occupation? _____

1. To help us learn a little bit about you, please describe why you would like to become a Master Naturalist.

2. Please describe your skills/interests that would be helpful to the Master Naturalist program.

[Include any relevant training or education related to native wildlife and plants, ecology, natural history, conservation, geology, etc. Those skills may include computer, photography, data entry, writing, graphic arts, public speaking, teaching, etc.

Specific skills are not a requirement to become part of the Master Naturalist program.]

3. How did you hear about the Master Naturalist program?

Please read and give careful consideration prior to registration if you are able to make this commitment. Please initial each section and sign and date below.

Please Initial:

_____ **Yes**, I am 18 years of age or older

Please Initial:

_____ **Yes**, I will be available for seven [3 hour] Master Naturalist classes, three [4 hour] field trips and four [3 hour] self-directed activities for a total of 45 class hours. I understand that I am required to attend all scheduled classes or make them up to graduate.
I agree to complete 40 hours of approved volunteer service and obtain 8 hours of approved advanced training within one year of completion of the class to achieve recognition as a certified Master Naturalist. I also understand that in order to maintain certification as a Texas Master Naturalist I must complete 40 hours of volunteer service and 8 hours of Advanced training annually.

Signature

Date

Quick Reference:

- Date: Every other Tuesday beginning September 5, 2017 and ending November 28, 2017
- Time: 6:00 – 9:00 P.M.
- Location: Schertz Community Center North, 3501 Morning Dr., Schertz, TX
- Application Deadline: August 15, 2017
- Tuition: \$110.00 Please make checks payable to: Guadalupe Master Naturalists

Completed application, along with the \$110.00 fee, and Liability Release may be mailed or delivered in person to:

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Texas Master Naturalist Training Class Registration
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Bldg.
210 E. Live Oak, Seguin, TX



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LIABILITY RELEASE:

Initials

I understand that in consideration of being accepted as a participant in the Texas Master Naturalist™ volunteer program, I hereby **release, discharge and agree to hold harmless** the program and its sponsoring state agencies, their agents, employees, officers and successors, from and against the program and sponsoring state agencies, their successors, employees or officers for all personal injuries [including death,] known and unknown or damage to property caused by or arising out of activities performed under the Texas Master Naturalist Program.

I understand that I will be required to undergo a criminal background check as a condition of participation in the Texas Master Naturalist Program because many Master Naturalist activities can involve contact with children. By submitting this application, I am consenting to this check being performed. A portion of my registration fee will be applied to that purpose. I understand that this check will be performed at the state level and that no one in the Guadalupe Chapter will be informed of the detailed results, only whether I passed the check. I understand that I will not be able to certify until I have completed the process.

Signature

Date