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**North Texas Chapter
Chapter Meeting Announcements**

August 2, 2023



*Wanted: Your 2024 New Class Project Ideas

Activity:	The Training Class Committee is looking for some great projects for the 2024 Training Class. These projects are a key part of the education process. Bonus- you, my friend, get a useful task done for your favorite NTMN Volunteer Project.
Hours:	VH; NTX-Administration, Committee Work, 2023 New Class
Sponsor:	NTMN New Class Committee
Contact Person:	David Parrish
Phone number:	(469) 733-6089
Notes:	Contact David Parrish for project guidelines and the Training Class Project Template submittal form.

* Nominees for 2024-2025 Executive Board

Project:	Nominations are open to nominate board members and officers for 2024-2025 term.
Activity:	Nominations may be made by NTMN members for themselves or other members on the Nominating Survey which will be sent to you this month.
Positions to Be Filled for the Next Term:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• President• Co-Treasurer• Volunteer Services Director• Communications Director• Public Outreach Director• Diversity and Inclusion Director
Nominations:	Nominations may be made by chapter members on the Nominating Survey coming to your inbox soon.
Election:	Elections are held at the November chapter meeting. See Appendix E of our Chapter Operating Handbook for job descriptions for these positions.
Organization:	North Texas Master Naturalists
Contact Person:	Bruce Stewart

* Help Care for Twelve Hills

Activity:	Volunteers will water plants, weed the butterfly garden, remove invasive plants or their seeds. We'll try to work in shady areas and finish before it's too hot. RSVP to Twelve Hills Nature Preserve
Location:	Twelve Hills Nature Center and Preserve, 817 Mary Cliff Rd, Dallas, 75208
Date:	Sunday, August 6 th – Repeats Every Sunday Morning
Time:	8:30 am (CST)
Hours:	VH, 2 hours, Twelve Hills Nature Center; Natural Resource Management
Sponsor:	Twelve Hills Nature Center and Preserve
Contact Person:	Marcie Haley (214) 535-9373 or Annemarie Bristow (972) 4000-2969
Notes:	Please bring plenty of water or hydration drinks, a snack, sun protection, wear lightweight long pants, socks and closed-toe shoes and a hat. You can volunteer during other times or during evenings 7 to 8:30 PM. Contact us at twelvehillsnaturecenter@gmail.com and we'll arrange this.

* AT at
Your
Convenience

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Or log in for the live meeting
second Tuesdays of the month



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Guest Speaker:
Todd Sink, Ph.D.



Management and Educational
Activities for Community Ponds

August 8, 12pm CST

* Inclusion Workshop at John Bunker Sands Wetlands

Activity:	<p>Please join your fellow Master Naturalists for a great 3-hour advanced training opportunity! David Buggs will lead an Inclusion and Engagement Workshop. David is the Texas Parks and Wildlife Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer. All chapter members are welcome to participate. Choose either the morning (9:00-12:00) or afternoon (1:00-4:00) session; the same content is offered twice to keep discussion groups small. See NTMN Calendar for more details.</p> <p>Expected outcomes are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Better understanding the value of inclusion in all communities2. Outlining what an active and realistic recruitment process looks like for the organization3. Establishing chapter member roles and responsibilities for recruitment and retention4. Creating an outline of activities and measures for inclusion within the chapter
Location:	John Bunker Sands Wetland Center, 655 Martin Ln, Combine, TX 75159
Date:	Saturday, August 12; Two sessions 9am-Noon and 1pm-4pm
Hours:	3 Hours AT; NTX: Chapter Offered Training
Sponsor:	John Bunker Sands Wetland Center & Texas Parks & Wildlife
Contact Person:	Ginger Greatens (214) 701-6220
Registration:	https://volunteersignup.org/QXEQL
Notes:	Snacks, beverages and lunch provided

*BEC New Volunteer Training

Activity:	Are you passionate about environmental conservation? Do you enjoy helping others learn about nature? Become a volunteer for the Biodiversity Education Center at Coppell Nature Park! New volunteer training includes an overview of volunteer opportunities, program logistics, and safety protocol. Volunteers will also become familiar with some of the programs and activities you might facilitate, such as guided hikes, field trips, and group service projects. Come dressed for outdoor adventure! Upon completion of BEC new volunteer training, participants are invited to become a BEC Docent by obtaining CPR/first-aid certification.
Location:	The Biodiversity Education Center, 367 Freeport Pkwy, Coppell, TX 75019
Date & Time:	Saturday, August 26 th at 9:00 am until 12:00 pm (CST)
Hours:	VH, 3.0 hours, Coppell Nature Park: Biodiversity Education Center
Sponsor:	Biodiversity Education Center
Contact Person:	Cynthia Contreras
Phone number:	(972) 304-3581
Sign up:	https://www.coppelltx.gov/810/Coppell-Volunteers
Notes:	Since BEC@CNP is a City of Coppell facility, volunteers must register and sign up through the Coppell online volunteer system: https://www.coppelltx.gov/810/Coppell-Volunteers . For more information or assistance, please contact bec@coppelltx.gov .

*BEC Docent Training

Activity:	Some program activities may be located in relatively remote areas of Coppell Nature Park. BEC Docents are adult volunteers who are certified in CPR/first-aid and are expected to provide aid during an emergency situation until a BEC staff member or first responder arrives at the scene. These life-saving skills qualify Docents to lead outdoor activities (such as hikes, games, and lessons) independently without direct supervision from BEC staff. **New volunteer training is a prerequisite to BEC Docent training.
Location:	The Biodiversity Education Center, 367 Freeport Pkwy, Coppell, TX 75019
Date & Time:	Saturday, August 26 th at 1:00 pm until 4:00 pm (CST)
Hours:	VH, 3.0 hours, Coppell Nature Park: Biodiversity Education Center
Sponsor:	Biodiversity Education Center
Contact Person:	Cynthia Contreras
Phone number:	(972) 304-3581
Sign up:	https://www.coppelltx.gov/810/Coppell-Volunteers
Notes:	Since BEC@CNP is a City of Coppell facility, volunteers must register and sign up through the Coppell online volunteer system: https://www.coppelltx.gov/810/Coppell-Volunteers . For more information or assistance, please contact bec@coppelltx.gov .

* Workshop: Botany From the Ground Up

Activity:	Hands-on workshop about basics of botany and how it relates to gardening and habitat maintenance and restoration. Botany from the Ground Up. Are you confused by all the green out there...overwhelmed by understanding the plant world that surrounds us? You're right to feel this way: there's only one species of humans - Homo sapiens - but about 250,000 "flowering" plant species. In this hands-on workshop, we'll start with a big-picture look at the organization and classification of the plant kingdom, then focus in on plant structures and functions, unique adaptations that help plants thrive, and finally basics of plant. We'll also look at how botany basics apply to landscape management and habitat restoration.
Location:	North Haven Gardens, 7700 Northaven Road, Dallas, 75230
Date:	Three sessions will be offered in the classroom at North Haven Gardens: 1. Sunday, August 13, 1-3pm 2. Saturday, August 19, 10am-12pm 3. Thursday, August 24, 2-4pm
Hours:	2 Hours AT: NTX: Other Pre-Approved Training
Contact Person:	Dana Wilson (469) 531-6856
Notes:	These sessions are free, but each session is limited to 20 participants and RSVP's are required to danawilson59@yahoo.com .

* Laura W. Bush Native Texas Park Guide training

Activity:	New volunteers will be given training and always give tours in teams. Tours begin at 10 am each Saturday from late September to mid-November. NTMN volunteer guides conduct free 45-minute tours of the 15 acre Native Texas Park.
Location:	George W. Bush Presidential Center, 2943 SMU Boulevard, Dallas TX 75205
Date & Time:	Saturday, September 30 th at 10:00 am (CST); every Saturday thru Nov. 4
Hours:	VH, 1-2 hours, Bush library: Native Texas Park Guide
Sponsor:	Laura W. Bush Native Texas Park
Contact Person:	Lois Diggs
Phone number:	(214) 448-8663
Notes:	Contact Lois Diggs to get Training information and link to online application. Training can be scheduled at your convenience. Once trained you will receive a badge that will allow you to park free of charge.

* Native Landscape Certification Program

Activity:	<p>Choose Level 1 on September 23-24 or Level 3 on November 4-5 depending on Prerequisite Requirement. Learn 45 native plants and 5 invasive plants. Learn how to use native plants in your landscape and why they are important.</p> <p>Both classes consists of Zoom lectures on Saturday from 9 am to 2:30 pm and 90-minute plant walks on Sunday morning. The Level 1 walk will be at the Laura Bush Native Park on the SMU campus and Level 3 will be at the Texas Discovery Garden. Level 1 is a prerequisite for Levels 2 and 3, but you can sign up for both classes at the same time. The cost of the class is about \$50 with a discount on Level 3 if you are a NPSOT member.</p>
Location:	Level 1: Laura Bush Native Plant Park. Level 3: Texas Discovery Garden
Date & Time:	See Registration page for details
Hours:	AT, 7 hours, NTX: Other Pre-Approved Training
Sponsor:	Native Plants Society of Texas (NPSOT)
Registration:	NLCP Training
Contact Person:	Nancy Wilson
Phone number:	(214) 405-0329
Notes:	Contact Nancy with questions.

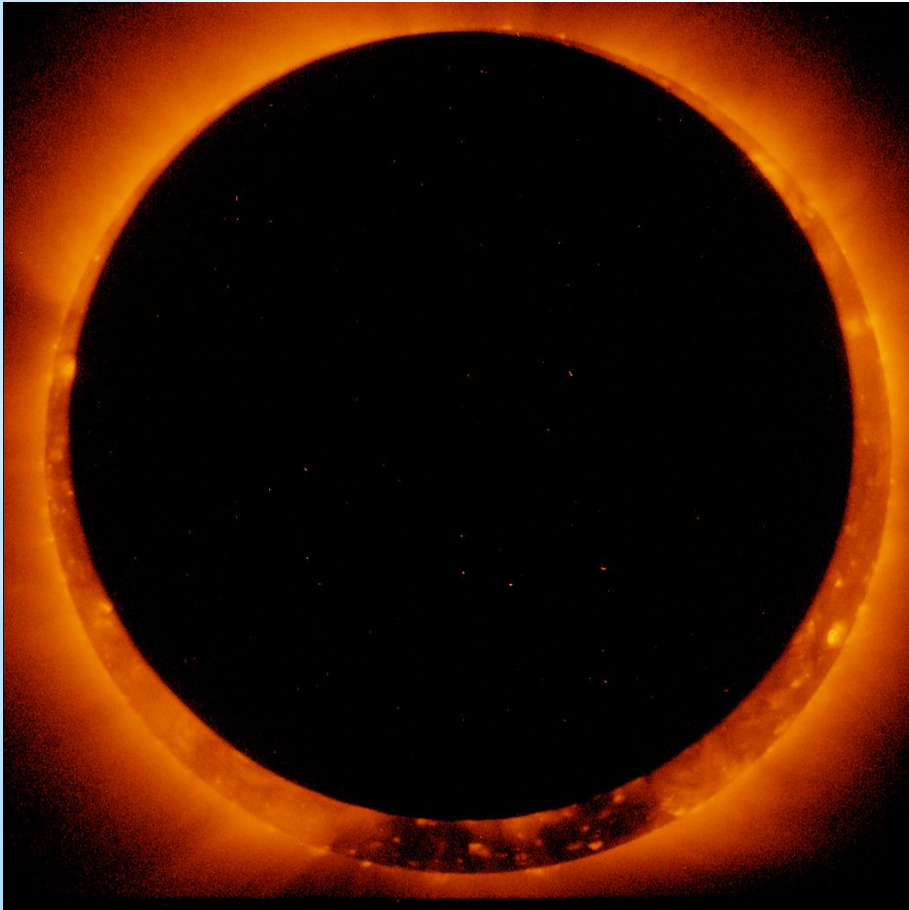
* Save The Date for McAllen

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Registration will open Thursday, August 3rd

Early birds get the session they want

Annular Solar Eclipse Party

A poster for the Annual Meeting 2023. The top half features a stylized illustration of a suspension bridge over a river in a forest. The text 'ANNUAL MEETING 2023' is at the top. The bottom half has a light green background with the text 'TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST' in a large, outlined font. Below this, it says 'October 12-15' on the left, a dragonfly illustration in the center, and 'McAllen, Texas' on the right. There is also a small credit '@alht.studio' and 'Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge' on the right side of the illustration.

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