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Save the Date

FALL

BiG CHAPTER PROJECT

Saturday, October 25th

Dallas College Campus
3030 N. Dallas Ave. Lancaster, Tx.

More info:
Brenda Catlett
btcatlett@gmail.com

Big Chapter Project at Dallas College - October 26th

Activity:	Save the date and join us for our fall Big Chapter Project at Dallas College. We will be planting native forbs and grasses, collecting seeds and removing invasive plants.
Location:	Dallas College: Cedar Valley Campus, 3030 N. Dallas Ave., Lancaster, TX
Date/Time:	Saturday, October 26 th , 8:30 am until 1:00 pm
Hours:	VH, 3.5 Hours: Big Chapter Project AT, 1 hour, AT: NTX: Chapter Offered Training
Sponsor:	NTMN
Contact Person:	Brenda Catlett (972) 989-0546
Registration:	TBD
Notes:	Contact Brenda with questions or additional information.

Join the NTMN Members Project on iNaturalist

Activity:	Combine NTMN member observations within our chapter area to be included in the quest to reach 1 million observations by Texas Master Naturalists within Texas. An umbrella project for all Texas Master Naturalist chapters was created in November 2024. The North Texas iNaturalist project was created to represent NTMN in the statewide umbrella project. Currently, the Texas Master Naturalist umbrella project has 850k+ observations with 14 chapters participating. Currently, NTMN is responsible for roughly 10% of the total observations. Help us get the project to 1 million observations by joining. By joining all past and future observations a member does on iNaturalist within our service area will be included in the umbrella project. It's also a great way to interact with MN from other chapters, see what they see, and create friendships through common interests. Like a social network for nature nerds! North Texas Master Naturalist Chapter Project: Texas Master Naturalist Project:
Location & Times:	iNaturalist Observation can be made anytime and any day.
Sponsor:	North Texas Master Naturalist
Contact Person:	Joshua Ebright (310) 347-7554
Notes:	Contact Joshua for more information.

Community Forester Academy

Activity:	Learn basic tree physiology, tree identification, proper planting and maintenance, and more. Both classroom and field training included. Registration required before August 31, 2025, by email to CommunityForester@dallas.gov
Location:	Trinity River Audubon Center, 6500 S Great Trinity Forest Way, Dallas, TX 75217
Date/Time:	5 Saturdays, 9/6, 9/13, 9/27, 10/11, and 10/25
Hours:	AT, AT: Dallas Citizen Forester Training
Sponsor:	City of Dallas Forestry
Preston Willms	Preston Willms (214) 671-2140

Preservation Society for Spring Creek Forest

1st Tuesday Speaker Series

Activity:	Ian Seamans: Connections between Clean Energy and Conservation What does clean energy have to do with protecting Texas' lands, waters, and wildlife? In this talk, Environment Texas City Hall Advocate Ian Seamans will explore the connections between renewable energy and conservation — from how solar and wind power can reduce air and water pollution to how energy efficiency helps preserve natural resources. Ian will also provide an overview of the current state of renewable energy in Texas and share practical steps individuals can take to shrink their energy footprint, save money, and make the switch to 100% renewable electricity at home.
Location:	Join Zoom Meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89187002517?pwd=Ujc1UTEyVjNNbDhUUFJYMjFCV2lNdz09 Meeting ID: 891 8700 2517 Passcode: 212786
Date/Time:	Tuesday, September 2 nd , 7:00 pm
Hours:	AT, 1 hours, AT: NTX: Other Pre-Approved Training
Sponsor:	Preservation Society for Spring Creek Forest
Contact Person:	Nancy Boeding (817) 542-2390
Notes:	Monthly, First Tuesday, 7:00 pm, Sept. - May

Cedar Ridge Preserve - Young Naturalist

Activity:	The 1st Saturday of every month, from 9 AM to noon, fourth and fifth grade (10 & 11 yr,) students will be learning a variety of topics. We'll spend time both in the classroom and in the field at the preserve. Please join us. We will email you about a week ahead to remind and clarify directions and times.
Location:	Cedar Ridge Preserve, 7171 Mountain Creek Pkwy, Dallas TX 75249
Date/Time:	Saturday, October 4 th from 8:00 am until noon
Hours:	VH; 2 hours, Cedar Ridge Preserve: Educational Talk
Sponsor:	Cedar Ridge Preserve
Contact Person:	Ginger Greatens (214) 701-6220
Sign-up:	https://volunteersignup.org/TRCLF
Notes:	

Cedar Ridge Preserve Jr Rangers and Expeditions

Activity:	NTMN Volunteers are needed for both of these youth/family educational programs held at Cedar Ridge Preserve. The CPR Junior Ranger Hikes are monthly, one-hour guided hikes and exploration offered on Saturdays once a month. Two NTMN volunteers lead the JR Rangers hikes. The Expeditions program is a new youth education program offered on Saturdays, once a month. CRP needs two NTMN volunteers to help the program lead.
Location:	Cedar Ridge Preserve, 7171 Mountain Creek Pkwy, Dallas TX 75249
Date/Time:	Sunday, May 18 th , from 8:30 am until noon
Hours:	VH; 2 hours, Cedar Ridge Preserve: Educational Talk
Sponsor:	Cedar Ridge Preserve
Contact Person:	Sergio Vargas , CRP Education Director; (561) 847-5761
Sign-up:	https://volunteersignup.org/KYPEY
Notes:	When you arrive, there will be a line of cars to enter, slowly pull ahead of the line and tell the parking attendant you are a volunteer. There is a parking lot for volunteers that is past the regular lot, take a left onto a gravel trail behind the CRP education building this will take you to volunteer parking.

Blackland Chapter NPAT's Speaker Series

Activity:	Escape the heat and join us indoors for our Fall Speaker Series at North Haven Gardens! This August through October, we're hosting a lineup of inspiring speakers in the comfort of NHG's air-conditioned classroom: • August: Bob Mione shares insights from his restoration work at Connemara Meadow. • September: Dr. Jamie Baxter-Slye (UNT) and Peter Schulze (Austin College) explore ecological perspectives and partnerships. • October: Wayne Knight (Holistic Management International) discusses regenerative land stewardship. Come learn, connect, and be inspired!
Location:	North Haven Gardens, 7700 Northaven Rd, Dallas, TX
Date/Time:	Sunday, August 17 th at noon.
Hours:	AT; 1 hours AT: NTX: Other Pre-approved Training
Sponsor:	Blackland Chapter of NPAT
Contact Person:	Tina Rush (706) 987-7584
Registration:	You must register to attend: https://texasprairie.org/event/bnpat-monthlymeeting-august2025/

NPSOT NLCP: Landscapes for Birds

Activity:	Learn about the benefits of native plants, desirable plants for your area and design considerations for your landscape. NLCP is a state-wide program, but classes focus on the characteristics and plants in the region in which they are taught. This class is specific to the DFW area. In the class you will: - Learn about the importance of birds and Texas' role in bird migration - Identify threats to birds and steps to reduce them - Understand the relationship between birds and native plants - Create and maintain bird-friendly native plant landscapes - Become familiar with up to 50 native Texas plants that benefit your local birds Native Landscapes for Birds is a companion class to the Native Landscape Certification Program (NLCP). It doesn't involve a test or a certificate. There is no prerequisite for this class.
Location:	Zoom & Spring Creek Forest Preserve
Date/Time:	Zoom meeting: Saturday Sept. 27 th , 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. Plant walk: 9:00 am until 11:00 am at Spring Creek Forest Preserve
Hours:	AT; 8 hours AT: NTX: Other Pre-approved Training
Sponsor:	Native Plant Society of Texas
Contact Person:	Linda Foss (830) 218-7211
Registration:	You must register to attend: https://www.npsot.org/our-work/class-schedule/

NPSOT NLCP: Level 1 Intro to Native Landscapes

Activity:	Learn about the benefits of native plants, desirable plants for your area and design considerations for your landscape. NLCP is a state-wide program, but classes focus on the characteristics and plants in the region in which they are taught. This class is specific to the DFW area. In the class you will: - Learn the value of including and preserving native plants in landscapes - Understand the differences between sustainable and conventional development - Discover your Texas ecoregion, vegetation, and soil. - Become familiar with 45 native Texas plants recommended for your landscape and 5 plants to avoid NLCP Level 1 is a prerequisite for Levels 2 - 3 which may be taken in any order.
Location:	Zoom & Laura W. Bush Native Texas Park
Date/Time:	Zoom meeting: Saturday Oct. 18 th , 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. Plant walk: 9:00 am until 11:00 am at Laura W. Bush Native Texas Park
Hours:	AT; 8 hours AT: NTX: Other Pre-approved Training
Sponsor:	Native Plant Society of Texas
Contact Person:	Nancy Wilson (214) 405-0329
Registration:	You must register to attend: https://www.npsot.org/our-work/class-schedule/

Naturalist Social Camp out

Activity:	Join us for the Naturalists Social Campout at the Learning Gardens—a relaxed weekend of connection, exploration, and shared learning. This is a chance to gather with fellow naturalists, swap knowledge, and enjoy the outdoors together. With over two miles of trails, a community outdoor kitchen, and both primitive and pull-in campsites, you'll have everything you need for a comfortable and inspiring stay. There won't be a formal schedule—programming will emerge organically based on the interests and skills of those who attend. Come ready to learn, teach, and connect!
Location:	Learning Gardens: 7380 FM 1861, Athens, Texas 75752
Date/Time:	Friday, Dec. 5 th thru 7 th 2025, from 3 pm
Hours:	N/A
Sponsor:	Learning Gardens
Contact Person:	Susie Stillwell (469) 818-7322
Notes:	



NATURALIST SOCIAL CAMPOUT:

December 5 - 7, 2025
Athens, Texas



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