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FALL BIG CHAPTER PROJECT

Saturday, October 25th

Dallas College Campus

3030 N. Dallas Ave. Lancaster, Tx
8:30 am to 12:30 pm

Join us for

- Some weeding and invasive removal
- Planting grasses and forbs in woodland area
- Collecting seeds

More info:
Brenda Catlett
btcatlett@gmail.com

Sign Up:

volunteersignup.org/WM7F7

Box lunch will be
provided for volunteers!

Stay for the presentation
by Meghan Peoples,
Texas A&M Native Seed
Program.

Big Chapter Project at Dallas College – October 26th

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| Activity: | Join us for a morning of service and a presentation by Meghan Peoples, Master Naturalist with the Texas A&M Native Seed Program. We will be doing some weeding and invasive plant removal, planting in the woodland area and gathering seeds. We will also enjoy a box lunch provided by Dallas College. |
| Location: | Dallas College: Cedar Valley Campus, 3030 N. Dallas Ave., Lancaster, TX |
| Date/Time: | Saturday, October 26th, 8:30 am until 1:00 pm |
| Hours: | VH, 3.5 Hours: Big Chapter Project AT, 1 hour, AT: NTX: Chapter Offered Training |
| Sponsor: | <u>NTMN</u> |
| Contact Person: | <u>Brenda Catlett</u> (972) 989-0546 |
| Registration: | https://volunteersignup.org/WM7F7 |
| Notes: | Contact Brenda with questions or additional information. |

DEI-Accessibility Subcommittee

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| Activity: | Open to anyone who has an interest in making nature more accessible to everyone. |
| Location: | Zoom |
| Date/Time: | Meetings planned for every other month to monthly. |
| Hours: | VH, 1-2 Hours: NTX: Administrative Work: TMN Admin Report Hours |
| Sponsor: | <u>NTMN</u> |
| Contact Person: | Val Reiss (979) 204-2310 |
| Registration: | https://volunteersignup.org/WM7F7 |
| Notes: | Contact Val if interested in participating |

Frankford Prairie Monthly Saturday Workday

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| Activity: | We will remove invasive non-native plants from the prairie. If time allows we may also collect native grass seeds. Bring garden tools for weed removal, gloves, water, sun and insect protection. Park in front of the white historic Frankford Church. |
| Location: | 17400 Muirfield Dr, Dallas, TX 75287 |
| Date/Time: | Saturday, September 6 th , from 7:30 am until 9:30 am |
| Hours: | VH, 2 hours, Frankford Prairie: Wildscape and Facility Maintenance |
| Sponsor: | Frankford Preservation Foundation |
| Contact Person: | Julia Koch (214) 226-2328 |
| Notes: | Repeats the first Saturday of each month. |

Northaven Trail – Royal Park Garden Workday

Activity: Weeding native plant garden.

Let's get our hands dirty at Royal Park (map). Bring your gardening gloves and implements (shovel, clippers, hand trowels). Remember to bring plenty of water and wear sunscreen & insect repellent.

We welcome participation at any time between 8:30am and 10:30am.

Please be sure to sign this waiver before you arrive.

Location: 3433 Townsend Drive, Dallas, TX, 75229

Date/Time: Saturday, September 6th, from 8:30 am until 10:30 am

Hours: VH, 2 hours, Dallas Parks and Open Spaces:

Sponsor: [Friends of Northaven Trail](#)

Contact Person: [Ceci Behgam](#)

Join the NTMN Members Project on iNaturalist

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| Activity: | <p>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.</p> <p>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!</p> <p><u>North Texas Master Naturalist Chapter Project</u></p> <p><u>Texas Master Naturalist Project</u></p> |
| Location & Times: | iNaturalist Observations can be made anytime and any day. |
| Sponsor: | <u>North Texas Master Naturalist</u> |
| Contact Person: | <u>Joshua Ebright</u> (310) 347-7554 |
| Notes: | Contact Joshua for more information. |

Monarch Tagging

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| Activity: | Catch Monarch, apply tag, release Monarch, and document the info. Contact Ellen Guling for tags and how-to information! |
| Location & Times: | This activity takes place whenever and wherever you see Monarch butterflies. There will be some get-togethers, Schedule depends on the migration days through our area. |
| Sponsor: | Monarch Watch |
| Hours: | VH: Monarch Detection and Monitoring: TMN Field research Hours |
| Contact Person: | Ellen Guling (214) 208-0950 |
| Notes: | Contact Joshua for more information. |

Nominees for 2026-2027 NTMN Executive Board

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| Activity: | Respond to a survey in which you may nominate yourself or other members to the 2026-2027 NTMN Board. Appendix E as listed in NTMN resources You will receive an email from the NTMN Mailchimp account with a link to the survey. |
| Location & Times: | An email will be sent on Monday, September 8 with a link to the nomination survey. |
| Sponsor: | <u>North Texas Master Naturalist</u> |
| Contact Person: | Bruce Stewart (972) 489-2771 |
| Notes: | Contact Bruce 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

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| Activity: | <p>Kimberlie Sasan: Galls - Let's Get Curiously Addicted</p> <p>Galls are fascinating structures found on a wide variety of plants. This presentation will explore the diverse range of galls found in nature, from the simple bumps caused by mites to the complex structures induced by wasps. Join us to learn what galls are, how to identify the organisms that make them, and even how you could find the next undescribed species!</p> <p>Kimberlie Sasan is a Cross Timbers Texas Master Naturalist from the Fort Worth area. She started out with a wide variety of volunteer activities, mostly bluebird nestbox monitoring and working with the Botanical Research Institute of Texas, both of which she still does today. In 2022 she described a gall new to science, <i>Druon laceyi</i>, and helps Gallformers.org as an Administrator. Kimberlie is also an Herbarium and Research Assistant at the Botanical Research Institute of Texas at the Fort Worth Botanic Garden.</p> |
| Location: | <p>Join Zoom Meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89187002517?pwd=Ujc1UTEyVjNNbDhUUFJYMjFCV2lNdz09 Meeting ID: 891 8700 2517 Passcode: 212786</p> |
| Date/Time: | Tuesday, October 7 th , 7:00 pm |
| Hours: | AT, 1 hours, AT: NTX: Other Pre-Approved Training |
| Sponsor: | <u>Preservation Society for Spring Creek Forest</u> |
| Contact Person: | <u>Nancy Boeding</u> (817) 542-2390 |
| Notes: | Monthly, First Tuesday, 7:00 pm, Sept. - May |

Constellation of Living Memorials Monthly Meetings –AT

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| Activity: | Monthly Focus Meetings are held on the last Wednesday of each month at 2:00 PM; these meetings are in partnership with Texas A&M AgriLife. Each gathering will feature: - Shared best practices, per topic, from each cemetery lead A walk-through of the nearby cemetery site following indoor discussions. |
| Location: | Martin Luther King Jr. Recreation Center, 2901 Pennsylvania Ave. Cemetery Walk: Oakland Cemetery |
| Date/Time: | Wednesday, Sept. 24 th , from 2 pm |
| Hours: | AT; 2 hours, NTX: Other Pre-approved Training |
| Sponsor: | Constellation Of Living Memorials |
| Contact Person: | Julie Fineman (213) 700-7481 |
| Sign-up: | https://volunteersignup.org/KYPEY |
| Notes: | Contact Julie with questions |

8th Annual World Cleanup Day

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| Activity: | Join millions of volunteers for the world's biggest cleanup! Since 2018 we have hosted World Cleanup Day in Dallas! Join us in picking up litter at White Rock Lake: gloves, bag, pickers and water will be provided. Please wear clothes that are okay to get dirty/muddy, sturdy shoes/water boots/waders. Bring a refillable water bottle :) |
| Location: | Park at 833 Sunset Inn Circle. We will meet at Sunset Bay at WRL |
| Date/Time: | Saturday, Sept. 20 th , from 8:00 am until 11:00 am |
| Hours: | VH, 3 hours, Dallas Parks and Open Spaces: White Rock Lake Cleanup |
| Sponsor: | We're a rag tag group that just wants our community to enjoy the beautiful outdoors and see animals thriving in their environment! |
| Contact Person: | Van Nguyen |
| Sign-up: | https://forms.gle/L42pZa69pdN9c6Wb6 |
| Notes: | Email Van with questions. |

Volunteers needed for the TPWD building during the opening weekend of the State Fair

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| Activity: | <p>3 days of volunteer opportunities during opening weekend of the State Fair! Texas Parks and Wildlife takes over the poultry building on Friday, Saturday and Sunday to showcase all of their programs and opportunities and to promote agriculture, education and community involvement.</p> <p>You will receive a free ticket to the State Fair as well as free parking on the fair grounds while also earning VH.</p> <p>4 1/2-hour shifts, morning and/or afternoon</p> |
| Location: | State Fair of Texas-poultry building |
| Date/Time: | Friday, Sept. 26 th through Sunday, Sept. 28 th |
| Hours: | VH, 3 hours, NTX Outreach Events |
| Sponsor: | <u>North Texas Master Naturalist</u> |
| Contact Person: | Leea Thompson Fudge (214) 448-6598 |
| Sign-up: | https://volunteersignup.org/AXJ84 |
| Notes: | Email Leea with questions. |

NTMN Table at Texas Discovery Gardens during the State Fair

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| Activity: | Represent the North Texas Master Naturalists at the Texas Discovery Gardens during the State Fair of Texas. Earn VH and receive a free ticket to the fair as well as a parking pass. 4 1/2-hour shifts, morning and/or afternoon |
| Location: | Texas Discovery Gardens at the State Fair of Texas |
| Date/Time: | Starting Friday, Oct. 3 rd at 9:30 am (See Sign-up sheet) |
| Hours: | VH, 3 hours, NTX Outreach Events |
| Sponsor: | <u>North Texas Master Naturalist</u> |
| Contact Person: | Leea Thompson Fudge (214) 448-6598 |
| Sign-up: | https://volunteersignup.org/WBPBH |
| Notes: | Email Leea with questions. |

NPSOT NLCP: Landscapes for Birds

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| Activity: | <p>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.</p> <p>In the class you will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 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 <p>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.</p> |
| 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: | <u>Native Plant Society of Texas</u> |
| Contact Person: | <u>Linda Foss</u> (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

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| Activity: | <p>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.</p> <p>In the class you will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 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 <p>NLCP Level 1 is a prerequisite for Levels 2 - 3 which may be taken in any order.</p> |
| 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: | <u>Native Plant Society of Texas</u> |
| Contact Person: | <u>Nancy Wilson</u> (214) 405-0329 |
| Registration: | You must register to attend: https://www.npsot.org/our-work/class-schedule/ |

Naturalist Social Camp out

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| Activity: | <p>Join us for the Naturalists Social Campout at the Learning Gardens — a relaxed weekend of connection, exploration, and shared learning.</p> <p>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!</p> |
| 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: | <u>Learning Gardens</u> |
| Contact Person: | <u>Susie Stillwell</u> (469) 818-7322 |
| Notes: | |



NATURALIST SOCIAL CAMPOUT:

December 5 - 7, 2025
Athens, Texas



Email Susie for more info:
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