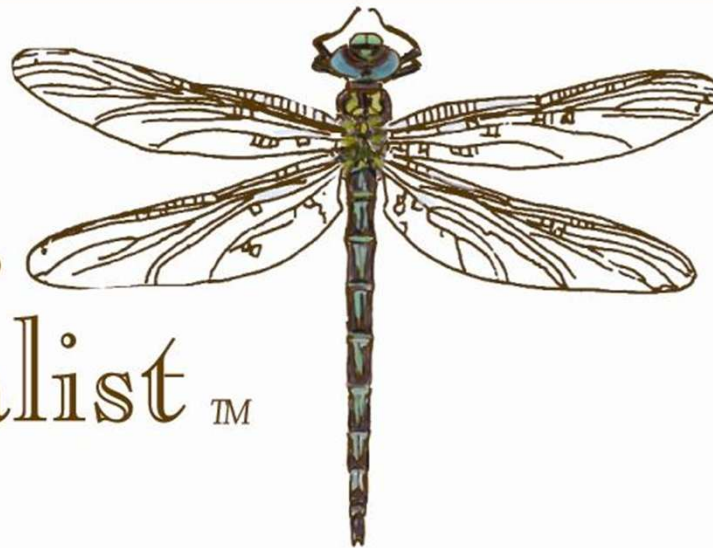


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# North Texas Chapter Meeting Announcements November 5, 2025

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# NORTH TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST THE DRAGONFLY



## Fall Aboard!

This issue highlights our children's education programs at T.R. Hoover and Twelve Hills and insights from the Lights Out Symposium. Our North Central Texas autumn also comes into focus with a colorful exploration through a yellow lens. Autumn continues as a theme with a Final Thought on the Honorable Harvest.

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A scenic background image showing a river flowing through a lush green landscape with trees and foliage. The sky is blue with some light clouds.

## Save the date! First Day Hike

**Activity:** Please join us on New Years Day for the First Day Hike.  
Please save the date - New Years Day - for this fun chapter event. We will meet in at John Wilt's farm in Ennis for a day of hiking and a potluck lunch, followed by a guest speaker. We will have guided hikes for birding, plant ID, and other ways to enjoy winter's nature wonders.

**Location:** John Wilt's Farm in Ennis. Specific directions to follow.

**Date/Time:** Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup> , 8:00 am until 1:00 pm

**Hours:** AT, 1 hour, AT: NTX: Chapter Offered Training

**Sponsor:** NTMN

**Contact Person:** Brenda Catlett (972) 989-0546

**Registration:** Watch for signup link soon.

**Notes:** Contact Brenda with questions or additional information.



## Wanted: Training Class Projects for 2026

**Activity:** We are seeking projects for the new class members to participate in for 2026. These projects should be tailored for new members who can acquire skills and can 'learn the ropes' of participating in NTMN projects. The volunteers will work independently of the usual volunteer groups at the site and will have their own specific objectives.

Email a short description of your awesome Project idea to Steve, Erin and Charlie and we will get a copy of the 2026 training class projects template to you.

Proposed class projects are due by December 15<sup>th</sup>

**Sponsor:** NTMN Training Class Committee

**Contact Person:** [Steve Lievsay](#) (972) 333-0303; [Charlie Marshall](#) and [Erin Molett](#)

**Notes:** Email Steve Lievsay with any project ideas you have.

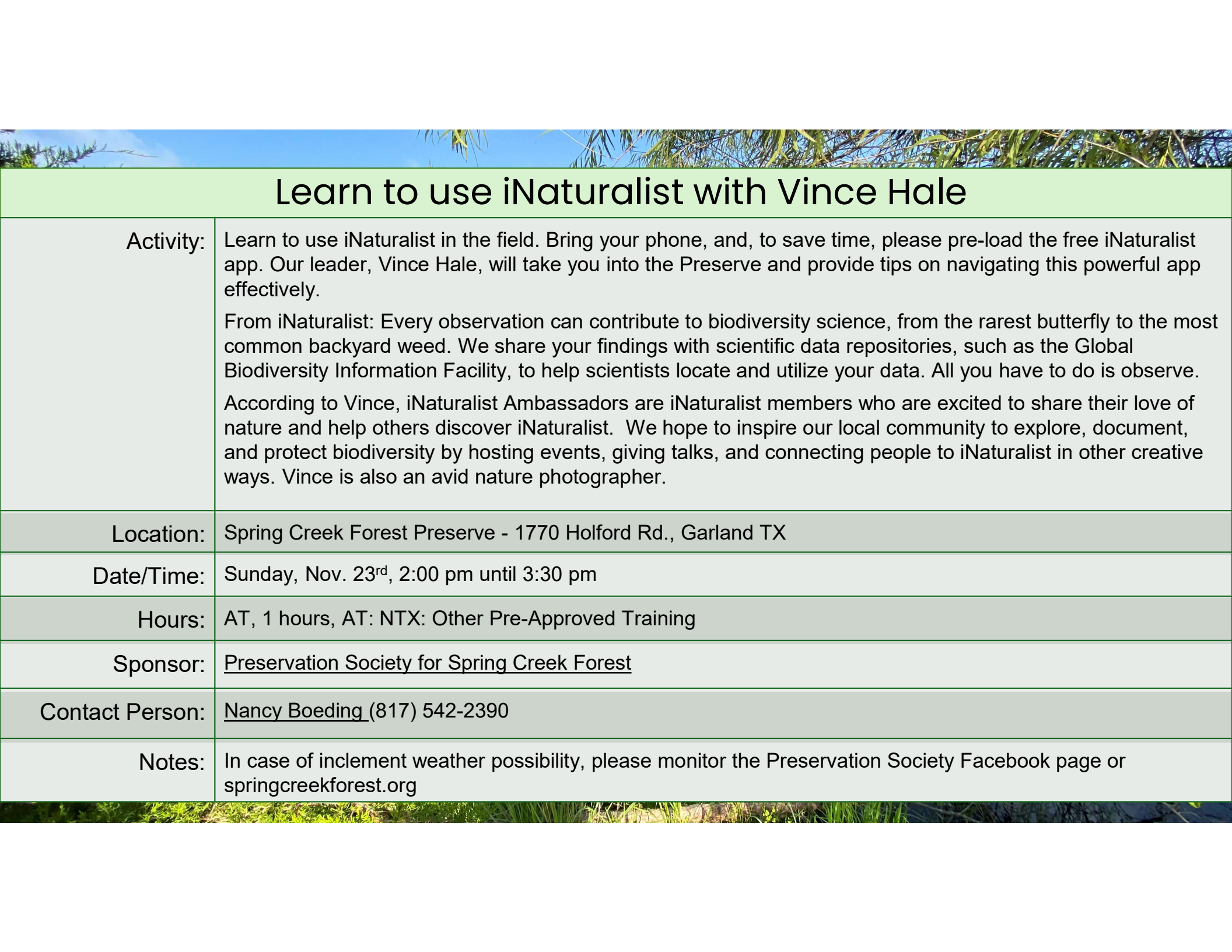
## Is all your Membership Information up to Date?

- Activity: Confirming and/or updating their contact info. Reminders about who to contact with questions.
- VH and AT must be entered within 45 days of service. Visit this handy page to see exactly what that timeline is each day: <https://txmn.tamu.edu/chapter-resources/tmn-vms-users/>
  - Trouble logging into the TPWD site to log hours? Email: [membership@ntmn.org](mailto:membership@ntmn.org)
  - Contact information changes? Email: [membership@ntmn.org](mailto:membership@ntmn.org)
  - Do you have a potential AT event you'd like to get approved and get on the calendar? Email: [advtraining@ntmn.org](mailto:advtraining@ntmn.org)
  - Do you have a potential new VH project or a question about VH hours? Email: [activities@ntmn.org](mailto:activities@ntmn.org)

Sponsor: NTMN Membership Committee

Contact Person: Kelly Martin @ [membership@ntmn.org](mailto:membership@ntmn.org)

Notes: Contact Kelly with any questions



## Learn to use iNaturalist with Vince Hale

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| Activity:       | <p>Learn to use iNaturalist in the field. Bring your phone, and, to save time, please pre-load the free iNaturalist app. Our leader, Vince Hale, will take you into the Preserve and provide tips on navigating this powerful app effectively.</p> <p>From iNaturalist: Every observation can contribute to biodiversity science, from the rarest butterfly to the most common backyard weed. We share your findings with scientific data repositories, such as the Global Biodiversity Information Facility, to help scientists locate and utilize your data. All you have to do is observe.</p> <p>According to Vince, iNaturalist Ambassadors are iNaturalist members who are excited to share their love of nature and help others discover iNaturalist. We hope to inspire our local community to explore, document, and protect biodiversity by hosting events, giving talks, and connecting people to iNaturalist in other creative ways. Vince is also an avid nature photographer.</p> |
| Location:       | Spring Creek Forest Preserve - 1770 Holford Rd., Garland TX                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Date/Time:      | Sunday, Nov. 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2:00 pm until 3:30 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:          | In case of inclement weather possibility, please monitor the Preservation Society Facebook page or <a href="http://springcreekforest.org">springcreekforest.org</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

## Prairie Restoration at Twelve Hills Nature Center

**Activity:** Volunteers may remove invasive plants by digging them out, cutting and applying herbicide to the stump, or even cutting off the seed heads of privet. Some weeks, there are plants to install or seeds to spread.  
Wear sun protection, such as sunscreen, a hat, and long sleeves. Bring work gloves if possible. Bring water and a snack.  
RSVP to [Twelve Hills Nature Preserve](#)

**Location:** Twelve Hills Nature Center and Preserve, 817 Mary Cliff Rd, Dallas, 75208

**Date:** Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am. Repeats Every Sunday Morning

**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

**Notes:** Bring water, work gloves, spades, and weeding tools. Twelve Hills has some to lend if needed.  
You can volunteer during other times or evenings 7 to 8:30 PM. Contact us at [twelvehillsnaturecenter@gmail.com](mailto:twelvehillsnaturecenter@gmail.com) and we'll arrange this.



## Preservation Society for Spring Creek Forest 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Workday

**Activity:** Help us construct our new trout lily and improve our BelAir trail.  
Bring gloves, water, sun protection, and loppers if you have them; close-toe shoes are required, and long pants are recommended.

**Location:** 1770 Holford Road, Garland (the east side of Holford with the pavilion and the circular parking lot).

**Date/Time:** Saturday, Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am until 11:00 pm

**Hours:** VH, 2 hours: Preservation Society for Spring Creek Forest : Natural Resource Management

**Sponsor:** Preservation Society for Spring Creek Forest

**Contact Person:** [Dana Wilson](#) (469) 531-6856

**Notes:** Monthly, Second Saturdays

# Inaugural Constellation of Living Memorials Symposium

**Activity:** Discover how the Constellation of Living Memorials transforms forgotten cemeteries into thriving native habitats where remembrance, biodiversity, and community flourish. The symposium brings together visionaries, Master Naturalists, and civic leaders to explore restoration practices, youth engagement, and statewide collaboration that reimagine sacred green spaces as living classrooms and ecological sanctuaries.

For more information, Visit <https://www.constellationoflivingmemorials.org/events-2/clm-first-annual-symposium>

**Location:** Texas A&M Water & Land Resources Building, 17360 Coit Rd. Dallas, TX 75252

**Date/Time:** Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm

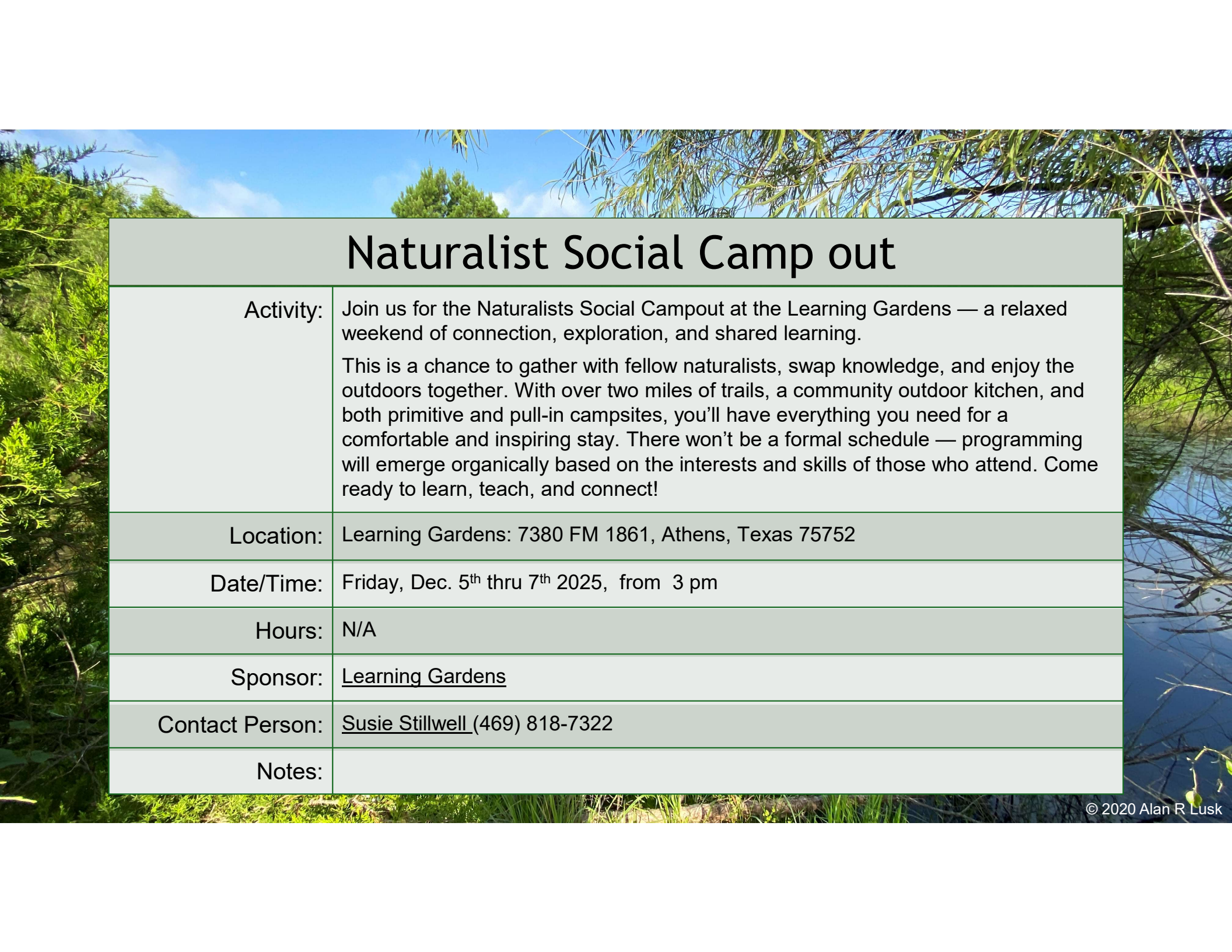
**Hours:** AT; 5 hours, NTX: Other Pre-approved Training

**Sponsor:** [Constellation Of Living Memorials](#)

**Contact Person:** [Julie Fineman](#) (213) 700-7481

**Sign-up:** <https://volunteersignup.org/KYPEY>

**Notes:** Contact Julie with questions

A scenic background image showing a calm river reflecting the sky and surrounding greenery. Lush trees and foliage frame the top and sides of the image, creating a natural, serene atmosphere.

# 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> |
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| Location: | Learning Gardens: 7380 FM 1861, Athens, Texas 75752 |
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| Date/Time: | Friday, Dec. 5 <sup>th</sup> thru 7 <sup>th</sup> 2025, from 3 pm |
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| Hours: | N/A |
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| Sponsor: | <u>Learning Gardens</u> |
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| Contact Person: | <u>Susie Stillwell</u> (469) 818-7322 |
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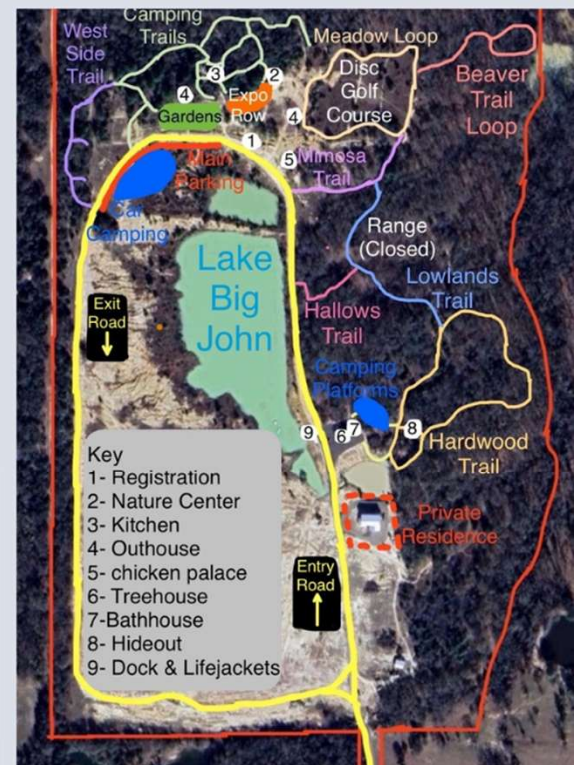
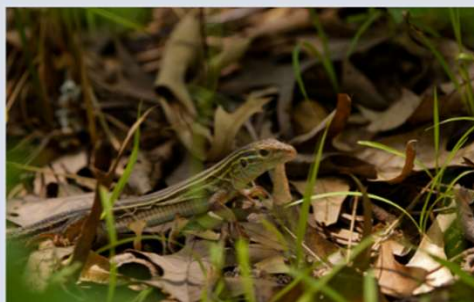


# NATURALIST SOCIAL CAMPOUT:

December 5 - 7, 2025  
Athens, Texas



Email Susie for more info:  
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# Pond on LBJ Grasslands

