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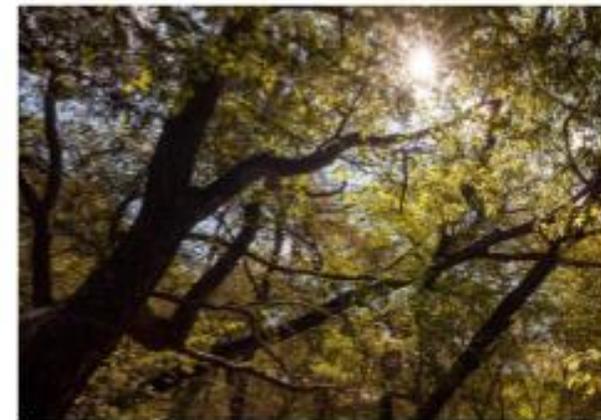


**North Texas Chapter Awards
Banquet Announcements
February 1, 2026**

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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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Wanted: Chapter Event Coordinator

Activity: Help organize and lead the Big Chapter Project and First Day Hikes. Work with Brenda on the Spring Big Chapter Project and assume the coordinator role for the fall event.

This is an opportunity to organize and lead our fun and purposeful chapter events. In this volunteer role, you will get to apply your leadership skills and creative talents to implement these popular events. The volunteer commitment requires only 3 events a year: one in the spring, one in the fall, and one on New Year's Day.

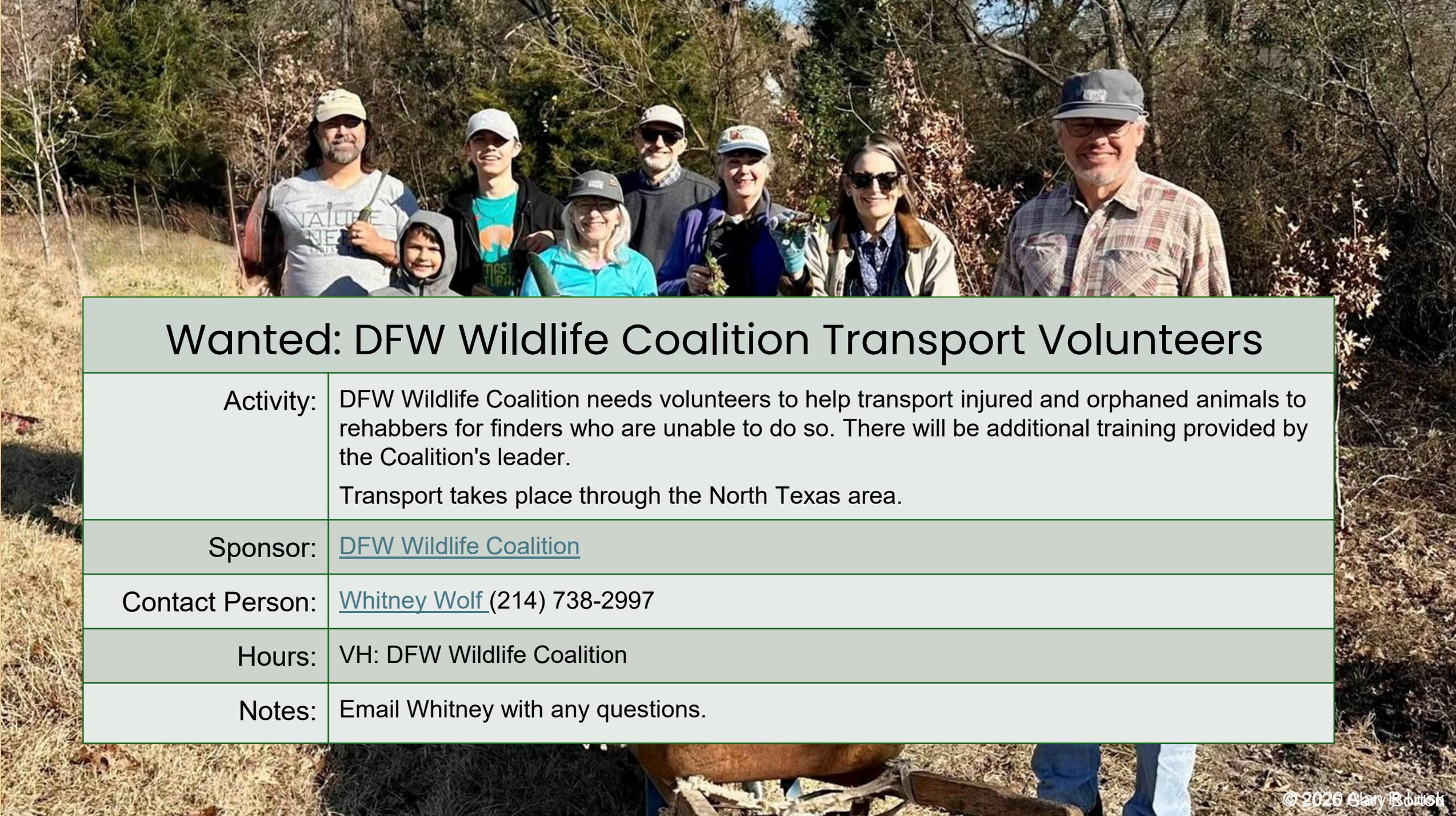
This role is a rewarding way to meet people in the chapter and build community within our organization. Brenda will assist as needed to ensure a smooth transition.

Sponsor: [NTMN](#)

Contact Person: [Brenda Catlett](#) (972) 989-0546

Hours: Estimating VH around 5-10 hours per event.

Notes: Email Brenda with any questions.



Wanted: DFW Wildlife Coalition Transport Volunteers

Activity: DFW Wildlife Coalition needs volunteers to help transport injured and orphaned animals to rehabbers for finders who are unable to do so. There will be additional training provided by the Coalition's leader.
Transport takes place through the North Texas area.

Sponsor: [DFW Wildlife Coalition](#)

Contact Person: [Whitney Wolf](#) (214) 738-2997

Hours: VH: DFW Wildlife Coalition

Notes: Email Whitney with any questions.



Preservation Society for Spring Creek Forest 2nd Saturday Workday

Activity: When you have a smallish prairie, like ours, and it skirts a healthy creek and has heavy rain from time to time, the riparian forest along the edge of the creek is robust enough to want to expand into the prairie. Since we want our prairie to stay prairie, several times a year we lop back the encroaching trees and other woody species. Come and help us!

Location: Spring Creek Forest Preserve, 1787 Holford, Garland
(the west side of Holford, small rectangle parking lot).

Date/Time: Saturday, February 14th, 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
Wear close-toe shoes, long pants, and bring work gloves and water



NPSOT NLCP Class Registration is Open

Activity:	<p>NPSOT'S Native Landscape Certification Program (NLCP) allows individuals to have greater understanding in planning, implementing and maintaining native plant gardens and other spaces. Learn how to bring natural beauty and wildlife into your landscape while lowering water bills and maintenance.</p> <p>Four levels of classes are available. Each NPSOT chapter presents courses that are focused on the ecosystems of their region.</p>
Location:	Zoom & In-Person Field Trip
Date/Time:	Click HERE to Sign-up
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: <u>https://www.npsot.org/our-work/class-schedule/</u>

LCP Class Registration Open February 1



Register for NPSOT's Native Plant Certification Program Classes in Dallas!

Level 1: Intro to Native Landscapes April 25-26

Level 3: Installation and Maintenance of Native Landscapes June 6-7

Learn More at
<https://www.npsot.org/our-work/class-schedule/>

Contact Nancy Wilson for more info
nativeplantnance@gmail.com

Guides Wanted: Laura W Bush Native Texas Park

Activity: Come for a free 10 am public tour of the 15 acre Laura W Bush Native Texas Park, walk the 1 mile trail, learn how it was constructed, the native plants, birds, insects and how you can become involved.

Each Spring and Fall, North Texas Master Naturalist gives free guided tours of the 15-acre Laura W. Bush Native Texas Park. Guides give information about native plants, hydrology, migration, pollinators, and more. Specific training/education is given for each guide to develop their areas of interest to share with the visitors.

Location: Laura W Bush Native Texas Park, 2943 SMU Boulevard, Dallas TX 75205

Date & Time: Saturday, March 21st at 10:00 am;
Repeats every Saturday, weather permitting, from 3/21 until 5/30, and group tours are given upon request.

Hours: VH, 1-2 hours, Bush Library Native Texas Park Guide

Sponsor: [Laura W. Bush Native Texas Park](#)

Contact Person: [Lois Diggs](#) (214) 448-8663

Notes: Contact Lois Diggs to get Training information and a link to the 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.



33rd Annual Trout Lily Walk @ SCFP

Activity:	<p>Walk the Trout Lily trail and hear from Tom Frey about this special plant.</p> <p>Come any time between 2:00 and 3:00 p.m. When you arrive, volunteers at the pavilion will welcome you and give you introductory information. Then, we will send you along the marked trail to the Trout lily field. Tom Frey, our adviser, mentor, and friend will be at the Trout lily field. After you have seen the lilies and talked to Tom, you will walk along to the next marked spot, where we will have another knowledgeable naturalist who will tell you about the significance of that area of the Preserve. The volunteer naturalists will be at several stations along the trail from 2:00 until the last walkers go through.</p>
Location:	Spring Creek Forest Preserve, 1770 Holford Rd., Garland
Date/Time:	Sunday, February 22 nd , 2:00 pm
Hours:	AT, 1.5 hours, AT: NTX: Other Pre-Approved Training
Sponsor:	Preservation Society for Spring Creek Forest
Contact Person:	Nancy Boeding (817) 542-2390



DFW WILDLIFE outreach at the Irish Festival

Activity:	Informational outreach for DFW WILDLIFE Outreach to make the public more aware of the need to protect wildlife in the DFW area
Location:	The Irish Festival at Fairpark
Date/Time:	Saturday, March 7 th , 10:00 am until 5:00 pm
Hours:	VH, 5 hours: DFW Wildlife Coalition
Sponsor:	DFW Wildlife Coalition
Contact Person:	Meredith Worrell (972) 896-3132
Notes:	Monthly, Second Saturdays Wear close-toe shoes, long pants, and bring work gloves and water

Save the Date: Big Chapter Project – April 11th

Activity:	<p>Join us for the Big Chapter Project Saturday, April 11th. We will meet again at Dallas College Cedar Valley Campus.</p> <p>We will continue the work we started last fall. We'll be planting trees, creating a pollinator garden, planting seeds and documenting species on iNaturalist. Join us for a fun workday with your fellow chapter members. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. Earn VH for volunteering and stay for the guest speaker and lunch. Watch for sign up link coming soon.</p>
Location:	Dallas College: Cedar Valley Campus, 3030 N. Dallas Ave., Lancaster, TX
Date/Time:	Saturday, April 11 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:	<u>NTMN</u>
Contact Person:	<u>Brenda Catlett</u> (972) 989-0546
Registration:	Coming Soon
Notes:	Contact Brenda with questions or additional information.

* * *Save the Date* * *
* *Big Chapter Project* *

Join us for a workday:

- Plant Trees
- Create a Pollinator Garden
- Removing invasive plants
- Planting seeds
- iNaturalist

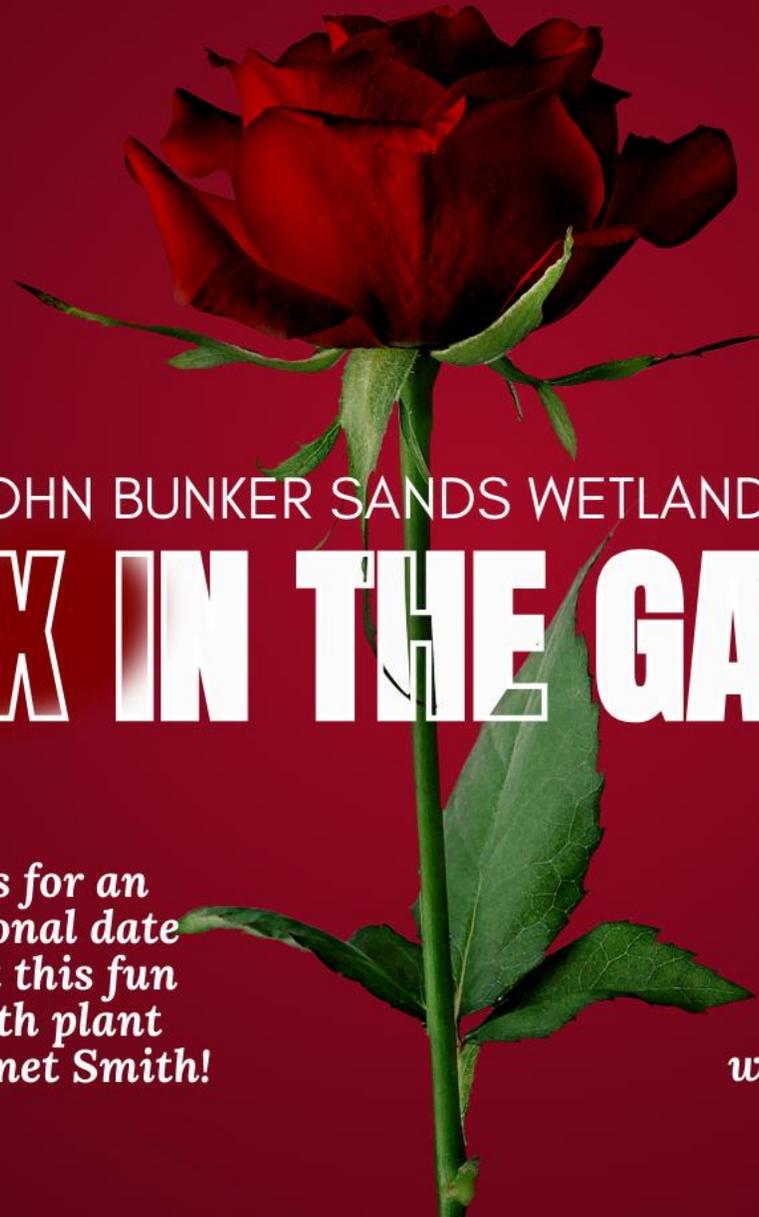


Saturday
April 11,
2026

*Dallas College
Cedar Valley
Campus in
Lancaster*

More Details Coming Soon!

*Ever wonder what plants are really
getting up to in the garden?*



JOHN BUNKER SANDS WETLAND CENTER

SEX IN THE GARDEN

*Join us for an
educational date
night at this fun
talk with plant
expert Janet Smith!*

*Saturday,
February 14
4:00-7:00 pm
\$20 admission
[www.givebutter.com/
SexGarden](http://www.givebutter.com/SexGarden)*

Sex in the Garden @ JBS

Activity: Just in time for Valentine's Day, this entertaining, educational talk makes a great date night or fun for anyone as Janet D. Smith, a master naturalist, master gardener and native plant expert, describes what really goes on in our gardens: pollination.

Learn how flowers lure insects to help with their reproduction and how they reward the pollinators. You'll never look at the garden in the same way.

The evening begins with a guided walk on the boardwalk. After Janet's program, gather around the firepit with s'mores and mocktails for the perfect ending. Bring your own seating to enjoy the fire.

Location: John Bunker Sands Wetland Center, 655 Martin Lane, Combine, Texas 75159

Date/Time: Saturday, Feb. 14th 4:00 pm until 7:00 pm

Hours: AT: NTX: Other Pre-approved Training (Describe in Comments): TMN AT Report Hours

Sponsor: [John Bunker Sands Wetland Center](#)

Contact Person: [Jade Reynolds](#) (972) 474-9100

Registration: <https://givebutter.com/SexGarden>

Notes: Contact Jade with questions or additional information.

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A global bird census



**SATURDAY,
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FREE with admission!

With ornithologist Blaine Carnes, you'll learn:

- ✓ The basics of birding.
- ✓ How to use free eBird apps to report what you see & hear.
- ✓ Why bird counts matter.



John Bunker Sands
Wetland Center

655 Martin Lane
Combine 75159

Find out more & register!

[givebutter.com/GreatBackyard
BirdCount](https://givebutter.com/GreatBackyardBirdCount)

Great for all ages!



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**FEBRUARY
8 AM-12:30 PM**



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AND SAFER FOR ALL OUR RESIDENTS**



**BREAKFAST TREATS!
PIZZA LUNCH!
COMMUNITY SERVICE!
VOLUNTEERS ALWAYS
FREE!**



**FIND OUT MORE
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**JOHN BUNKER SANDS WETLAND CENTER
655 MARTIN LN, COMBINE TX 75159 | 972-474-9100**

13th Annual Wetland Restoration @ JBS

Activity:	<p>Help JBSWC restore the edges of the wetland, supporting wildlife, including the JBSWC Bald Eagle Family!</p> <p>Help restore FM 1389, the gateway to the Wetland Center. Fuel up with breakfast snacks and celebrate with a pizza party -- and leave with the good feeling that comes from community service. Please sign up so we'll know how many bags, grabbers and gloves to order. Oh, and pizzas too!</p>
Location:	John Bunker Sands Wetland Center, 655 Martin Lane, Combine, Texas 75159
Date/Time:	Saturday, Feb. 28 th 8:00 am until 12:30 pm
Hours:	VH: 4.5 hours; John Bunker Sands Wetland Center: Wildscape and Facility Maintenance
Sponsor:	John Bunker Sands Wetland Center
Contact Person:	Jade Reynolds (972) 474-9100
Registration:	https://givebutter.com/HWY26
Notes:	Contact Jade with questions or additional information.

Spring Break Camp @ JBS

Activity: Support JBSWC in a fun-filled spring break week, helping to spark curiosity, build confidence and connect campers to the wetland.
Our camp experience is tailored for kinder-6th graders and divided into two groups -- K-3rd graders and 4th-6th graders -- for age-appropriate, hands-on, outdoor-based fun and enrichment.

Location: John Bunker Sands Wetland Center, 655 Martin Lane, Combine, Texas 75159

Date/Time: Tuesday, March 17th through Friday March 20th :00 am until 12:30 pm

Hours: VH: 7 hours Each day; John Bunker Sands Wetland Center: Public Outreach

Sponsor: [John Bunker Sands Wetland Center](#)

Contact Person: [Jade Reynolds](#) (972) 474-9100

Registration: <https://givebutter.com/SpringBreakCamp>

Notes: Contact Jade with questions or additional information.



Frankford Prairie Monthly Saturday Workday

Activity:	Join us as we liberate the prairie of invasive non-native plants. 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, February 7 th , from 9:00 am until 11:00 am
Hours:	VH, 2 hours, Frankford Prairie: Wildscape and Facility Maintenance
Sponsor:	Frankford Preservation Foundation
Contact Person:	Gary Barton (214) 215-6815
Notes:	Repeats the first Saturday of each month.



Spiders in the Park! – SCFP Speaker Series

Activity: ZOOM talk about spiders, given by Meghan Cassidy
Meghan will give us a foundation of basic info about spiders and other arachnids, most of whom are misunderstood, and almost all feared. The presentation will include some basic taxonomy, with a touch of ecology & natural history. Meghan will discuss and showcase spiders found in Texas that you may come across while out in Texas nature. She will also offer some strategies to help with identifying spiders. Meghan has many detailed spider photos to show, and she will provide some tips for using iNaturalist as a learning resource for these amazing animals!

Location: Zoom Meeting;
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89187002517?pwd=Ujc1UTEyVjNNbDhUUFJYMjFCV2lNdz09>

Date/Time: Tuesday, February 3rd, at 7:00 pm

Hours: AT, 1.5 hours, AT: NTX: Other Pre-Approved Training

Sponsor: Preservation Society for Spring Creek Forest

Contact Person: Nancy Boeding (817) 542-2390

A group of people, mostly men wearing hats, are standing in a wooded area. The background shows trees and a clear sky. The image is partially obscured by a green-bordered table.

Winter Tree ID @ SCFP with Dana Wilson

Activity: A walk with NTMN Dana Wilson with information on how to identify trees in winter. Dana is known throughout north Texas for her expertise in identifying plants and she works tirelessly to inform folks about the treasures we have in the region. She is a member of the North Texas Master Naturalists (class of 2001), the Native Plant Society of Texas, and she has been on the boards of our Preservation Society and Texas Discovery Gardens.

Location: Spring Creek Forest Preserve, 1770 Holford Dr., Garland, TX

Date/Time: Sunday, February 8th, at 2:00 pm

Hours: AT, 1.5 hours, AT: NTX: Other Pre-Approved Training

Sponsor: Preservation Society for Spring Creek Forest

Contact Person: Nancy Boeding (817) 542-2390

Notes: See springcreekforest.org website for any changes due to weather conditions



DEI Book Club – March 9th on Zoom

Activity:	We will be discussing the book The Intersectional Environmentalist by Leah Thomas We would love to have you join us online to discuss this book.
Location:	Zoom meeting: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85905182931?pwd=56eD189ZgR6jj3QZCtHTkEpgm1zYcD.1
Date/Time:	Monday, March 9 th , at 5:30 pm
Hours:	AT, 1.5 hours, AT: NTX: Chapter Offered Training
Signup:	https://volunteersignup.org/E9J3F
Sponsor:	NTMN DEI Committee
Contact Person:	Anne Edwards (214) 207-9084

NTMN at the Learning Gardens

Activity: Join us for NTMN at the Learning Gardens—a one-day gathering for Master Naturalists to connect, learn, and enjoy time in nature. We'll co-create the day's schedule based on the interests and expertise of those who plan to come, whether it's leading a short hike, sharing a talk on migration, exploring insects, or offering insights into land stewardship.

The Learning Gardens offers the perfect backdrop with trails to wander, an outdoor kitchen for shared meals, and both a stage and outdoor classroom for teaching, sharing, and creating. Camping is optional for those who'd like to come on Friday 2/27 or camp on the night of 2/28.

The Learning Gardens is located on the back side of a 90-acre farm near Athens, Texas, about an hour east of Dallas. This unique space is an off-grid permaculture site and outdoor learning center created by NTMN member Susie Stillwell. This is a free event open to NTMN members and families.

Location: Learning Gardens: 7380 FM 1861, Athens, Texas 75752

Date/Time: Saturday, Feb. 28th from 10:00 am

Signup: <https://forms.gle/o7RLvmoHNYZWzyPZ6>

Hours: N/A

Sponsor: Learning Gardens

Contact Person: Susie Stillwell (469) 818-7322

Frankfort Prairie Workday 1/3/26

