

South Texas Border Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalist program is organized exclusively for charitable, scientific, and educational purposes.

We are a trained, knowledgeable group of volunteers dedicated to the study and conservation of natural resources and natural areas within the lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas.

We provide education, outreach, and service regarding our unique ecological environment. Master Naturalists love to learn new things and are not afraid to get dirty!

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Volunteer Training January 9, 2025 to March 27, 2025

Become A Certified Texas Master Naturalist



Curriculum

Major Naturalists of Texas **Ecological Regions of Texas Ecological Concepts** Citizen Science Plant Classification Native & Invasive Plants Land Stewardship **Geology & Soils** Weather & Climate Ornithology Entomology Ichthyology Herpetology Mammalogy **Urban Ecology** Forest Ecology & Management Aquatic Systems & Management Wetland Ecology & Management Rangeland Ecology & Management **Texas Master Naturalist Ethics** Laws & Regulations Volunteers as Teachers

Classes and Field Trips

Classes are given by local experts on Thursday evenings, 6:00 to 9:00 pm at St. George Orthodox Church Hall, Pharr. Classes will meet in-person.

Field trips will be mainly on Saturdays with some weekdays and nights. They include visits to natural areas, state parks, national wildlife areas, and world birding centers.

Field trip time beyond the required ten hours counts as advanced training toward TMN Certification.

Master Naturalist Certification and Annual Recertification require service hours and additional training.

Class Completion Certificate requires:

- 30 hours of Classroom Instruction
- 10 hours of Field Trips

TMN Certification requires additional:

- 8 hours Advanced Training
- 40 hours Volunteer Work

Annual Recertification requires:

- 8 hours Advanced Training
- 40 hours Volunteer Work

Our Goals

To improve public understanding of natural resource ecology and management.

To enhance existing natural resources education and out-reach activities.

To develop a self sufficient Texas Master Naturalist network serving the local area.

Fee for training and supplies - \$150 Application and scholarship info at www.stbctmn.org

Application deadline: December 15

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.

-Margaret Mead

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