

Texas AgriLife Extension Service and Texas Parks & Wildlife
Texas Master Naturalist Application

Application Deadline: August 5, 2011

The first class will be conducted on August 18, 2011 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Following classes will be conducted each Tuesday from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

three Saturday classes will be required

Beginning August 18, 2011 - Ending November 1, 2011

Class size is limited to 20 individuals.

Acceptance is based on your willingness to volunteer

I wish to become a Master Naturalist in the Big County chapter of Texas Master Naturalists, based in Abilene, Texas. I want to be accepted in the Master Naturalist training program offered by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service and Texas Parks & Wildlife (TPWD). I understand that in exchange for the training made possible through the AgriLife Extension Service & TPWD, I will volunteer at least 40 hours of my time to the Big Country Chapter of Texas Master Naturalists program within one year of training graduation. An additional 8 hours of Advanced Education is required within that one year. I understand that I will become a Certified Master Naturalist when I complete the training, volunteer work and advanced training. The cost for the upcoming training session is \$100.00.

NOTE:

A background check is required on all applicants participating in the Master Naturalist program.

Name (Signature) _____

Name (Print) _____ Preferred Name: _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip/ County _____

Phone (Day/Cell) _____ Night _____

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING: E-Mail: _____

Natural science and ecology experience and related training:

List areas of specialization or hobbies (e.g. wildflowers, gardening for wildlife, bird watching, nature photography, archeology, fossil hunting, reptiles, insects, fishing, hunting, etc.):

List experience in working with each type of community: (schools, churches, senior citizens, hospitals, parks, scout groups, etc.): _____

Please list group affiliations (nature clubs, community gardens, plant societies, Audubon, etc.):

How did you learn of the Master Naturalist Program? _____

Why do you want to become a Master Naturalist? _____

Are you presently employed, and if so, where? _____

YOUR AREAS OF INTEREST:

Please rate each area as **High, Medium, Low**

Education/Public Information

- Speakers Bureau (presentations) _____
- Guide or Docent _____
- Children's Activities _____
- Other _____

Field Research/Surveys

Forest Ecosystems _____
 Prairie Ecosystems _____
 Wetland Ecosystems _____
 Plant & Wildlife Census (bird, insect, amphibian, etc.) _____
 Habitat Restoration Projects _____
 Native Plant/Seed Collection _____
 Other _____

Administration

Funding Raising _____
 Computer Work _____
 Newsletter _____
 Other _____

Other

Becoming a Master Naturalist is important to me because:

(Please circle number)

0=Not Important 5=Most Important

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| 1. I will be able to increase my knowledge of natural environment. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 2. I will be able to gain new skills as a naturalist. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 3. I will have the opportunity to receive useful training. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 4. I will be able to provide a service to other people in my community or neighborhood. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 5. I will have the opportunity to share my knowledge with other people. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 6. I will gain a great deal of personal satisfaction. | 1 2 3 4 5 |

Return completed application to:

Taylor County Extension
 1982 Lytle Way
 Abilene, TX 79602