



TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST CRADLE OF TEXAS CHAPTER Intern Training Application



PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO:
Texas Master Naturalist Program Texas A&M
AgriLife Extension
21017 County Road 171
Angleton, TX 77515-8903
281-756-1558 Ext 112 (Alvin)
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Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ Zip Code _____ County _____

Phone: Home _____ Cell _____

Email Address: _____

1. Please list your current profession or trade. If retired, please indicate former profession or trade:

2. Why do you want to become a Master Naturalist?

3. List affiliations with other nature-related groups (i.e. garden clubs, civic organizations, etc.):

4. Check areas of interest and/or experience:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Birding | <input type="checkbox"/> Fish/Marine Life | <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking | <input type="checkbox"/> Archeology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reptiles/Amphibians | <input type="checkbox"/> Botany/Native Plants | <input type="checkbox"/> Prairies | <input type="checkbox"/> Insects |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mammals | <input type="checkbox"/> Boating/Canoeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Wetlands | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

STATE CRITERIA:

To become a "Texas Master Naturalist" in the State of Texas and a member of the Cradle of Texas Chapter, trainees must complete an approved minimum of twenty hours in Class Study and an approved minimum of twenty hours in Field Experience.

To become a "CERTIFIED Texas Master Naturalist" a new Member must complete an additional eight hours of Advanced Training and forty hours of Volunteer Service within the required FIFTEEN months starting with the first date of training.

CHAPTER CRITERIA:

During the Master Naturalist Training Program, you are eligible to become **certified** by completing forty hours of approved volunteer activities (VT) and eight hours of advanced training (AT) simultaneously with or within FIFTEEN months of the starting of your training.

The Cradle of Texas Master Naturalist conduct regular meetings the 2nd Wednesday of each month and in addition, offer 1-2 hours of Advanced Training (AT) following the business portion.

Please answer the following questions in as much detail as possible:

1. What kinds of projects interest you most? (ex. inside, outside, working with kids on nature outings, nature studies, library programs, telephones, coordinating projects, nature trails, raising money, etc.):

2. Do you have a special skill that would benefit the Master Naturalist Program?

3. How did you find out about the Master Naturalist Program?

The Class is limited to 25 persons and will be filled on a first come/first serve basis.

REGISTRATION FEE: Payment of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) must be included with your completed application. Checks are payable to "TMN-COT". There will be no refunds, unless approved by the TMN-COT board.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Applications will be accepted up to the competition of the second class. This will still allow 10 classes so the 40 hour requirement can be met.

By signing this document I am willing to attend the regular monthly meetings, pay Annual Dues and commit to all class requirements to become a Texas Master Naturalist.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Polo Shirt Size: _____ (to be awarded at Graduation)

Date: _____



Texas Master Naturalist™ Cradle of Texas Chapter

Program Volunteer Waiver and Liability Release Form

I, _____, understand that as a participant in the Texas Master Naturalist™ volunteer program ("program") I hereby release, **discharge, and agree to hold harmless** the program and its sponsoring state agencies, their agents, employees, officers and successors, from and against the program and sponsoring state agencies, their successors, employees, or officers for all personal injuries (including death), known and unknown or damage to property caused by or arising out of activities performed under the Texas Master Naturalist Program.

Name (printed): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Chapter Affiliation: _____

Address: _____

City: _____, State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell. Phone _____

Email: _____



CONFIDENTIAL



Volunteer Application Form

And consent for criminal background history check authorization/waiver

To be completed by Extension program volunteers (EFNEP, BLT, etc.) and Master Volunteers only.

4-H volunteers must register online via 4-H CONNECT or by completing the 4-H Adult Volunteer Application (4-H 2-1.056)

Please print:

- 1. APPLICANT'S FULL, LEGAL NAME _____
 - 2. COUNTY _____
 - 3. ADDRESS _____
 - 4. CITY _____ ZIP _____
 - 5. FIRST 5 DIGITS OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER _____
 - 6. DATE OF BIRTH _____ / _____ / _____
 - 7. DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER (optional) _____
 - 8. GENDER (circle one) Male / Female
 - 9. Are you of Hispanic ethnicity? Yes / No
 - 10. VOLUNTEER PROGRAM AREA _____
- RACE (circle one) White / Black / Asian / American Indian
Alaskan Native / Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander

Previously Screened

- 11. I verify that I have been previously screened including a criminal background check and PASSED. Yes No
- If yes, by who? _____ When (Year): _____
- For what purpose? _____
- Did you pass? If not, what restrictions were imposed? _____
- If you have been screened and passed a criminal background check through an Extension-approved entity, a letter/proof must be submitted.

Please sign at the bottom of the form.

- 12. I hereby authorize VERIFYI and/or its Service Provider and the Texas AgriLife Extension Service to request and receive any and all background information about or concerning me, including, but not limited to, my Criminal History, Driving Record, Employment History, Military Background, Civil Listings, Educational Background, Professional License from any Individual, Corporation, Partnership, Law Enforcement Agency, and other entities including my Present and Past Employers. I authorize the Texas AgriLife Extension Service or any of its components to make reference checks relating to my volunteer service. I understand that this information will be used to determine my eligibility as a volunteer/employee with the Texas AgriLife Extension Service. The criminal history, as received from the reporting agencies, may include arrest and conviction data, as well as plea bargains and deferred adjudications and delinquent conduct committed as a juvenile. I understand that this information will be used, in part, to determine my eligibility for an employment/volunteer position with this organization. I also understand that as long as I remain an employee or volunteer here, the criminal history check may be repeated at any time. I understand that I will have an opportunity to review the criminal history as received by client/agency and a procedure is available for clarification, if I dispute the record as received. I also understand that the criminal history could contain information presumed to be expunged. I further release and discharge VERIFYI and their Service Provider and all of their Subsidiaries, Affiliates, Officers, Employees, Contract Personnel, or Associates, from any and all claims and liability arising out of any request for information or records pursuant to this authorization and/or procurement of an investigative consumer report and understand that it may contain information about my character, general reputation, personal characteristics, and mode of living, whichever are applicable. I understand that I have the right to make written request within a reasonable period of time to VERIFYI for additional information concerning the nature and scope of the investigation. I acknowledge that I have voluntarily provided the above information for employment/volunteer purposes, and I have carefully read and understand this authorization.

- 13. Date _____
- 14. Applicant's Signature _____

Volunteer Application Form Instructions

For Form E-446 (page 4 of 5)

1. Applicant's Printed Name – Complete with first name, middle name and last name.
2. County – Complete with the county name in which you are applying to be a volunteer.
- 3/4. Address – Complete with your current mailing address, city and zip code.
5. Social Security Number – Complete with at least the **first five** digits of the social security number. The social security number is an individual descriptor that enables the system to complete a national criminal search of 47 jurisdictions.
6. Date of Birth – Complete with the month, day and year of birth.
7. Driver's License Number – Complete with current driver's license number and state. Although optional, this helps affirm your identity during a background check.
8. Gender – Complete by circling one of the options.
9. Race – Complete the race and ethnicity section by circling the answers that apply. This field is optional; however, it is very important in confirming accurate identity.
10. Volunteer Program Area – Complete with the program area you are volunteering for (e.g., Better Living for Texans, Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program, Master Gardener, Master Naturalist, Master Wellness Volunteer).
**4-H volunteers should complete the Texas 4-H Adult Volunteer Application (4-H 2-1.056).*
11. Previously Screened – Texas AgriLife Extension Service will accept prior screenings conducted within the past three years from other entities. The approved list of prior screenings either as an employee or volunteer include: school districts, churches, youth groups/associations (Little League, sports associations, etc.), youth agencies/organizations (Big Brother/Big Sister, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, after school/extended care programs), law enforcement (county, state or federal/prison system), Texas Youth Commission, Department of Defense – Child and Youth Services, Department of Defense – Family Programs, concealed handgun license; and/or licensed childcare workers.
** The minimum requirement is a criminal background check conducted through DPS or a National Criminal Search entity.**
*** Other sources may be considered based on documentation provided with screening criteria and specifics.***
**** Documentation is required for screenings from other entities. This could include a letter of acceptance from the employer or volunteer group, or a letter written from the screening entity to the Texas AgriLife Extension Service stating you have been screened and tested.*
12. Authorization Statement – State agencies screening volunteers are required by legislation to use the Volunteer Center of North Texas. The Volunteer Center contracts with VeriFYI. VeriFYI is a background verification software system that accesses multi-jurisdiction checks utilizing one of the largest private-sector criminal history databases in the nation (180 million records). All information received is held in confidence and not shared at the county level. Criminal record results are shredded when a volunteer's status is determined.
13. Date Completed
14. Applicant's Signature