

ATTACHMENT: MEMBERSHIP REPORT

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Cradle of Texas members had a great year volunteering. In our annual report to the state organization highlighting our chapter's efforts in 2015, we reported 15,819 hours of VT and 1628 hours of AT. While a little short of our 2014 efforts, this still reflects a remarkable commitment on the part of our members to provide environmental education and support for our natural resources. Congratulations!

Now as we are about to enter our fifth month using the Volunteer Management System for our hours reporting, things continue to gel and improve. However, we are still having a number of incorrect opportunity codes and type of hour selection. If you are reporting AT hours, please be sure to use an AT code for this. And chapter administration should not be chosen as the type of hour unless it is time spent in support of the chapter, e.g. newsletter, board meetings, timekeeping, etc. There are a few opportunity codes being chosen that the only thing I can think of was "that was my best guess". Frown. If there is any question in your mind about which code to use to report hours, please refer to the excellent reference documents found under the VMS Info button on the left margin of the COT website home page. My favorite among these references is Master Reference Guide (<http://tmn-cot.org/VMS/Opportunities-and-projects.pdf>). Just print yourself out a copy and keep it handy near your computer. Thanks for your efforts to get it right.