

HAYS COUNTY MASTER NATURALIST PROGRAM
2012 CLASS APPLICATION

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The Master Naturalist Program is open to all persons 18 years of age and older. The application deadline is 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, **January 12, 2012**. **Applicants are chosen on a first-received first-admitted basis**. Please type or print clearly and return to the above address. All applicants will be notified by Thursday, January 26, 2012. Classes begin **Tuesday, February 21, 2012**.

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Telephone: Home _____ Cell _____

Work No. if we may call you there _____

Place of Employment/Occupation _____

E-mail address(es) _____

If retired, what was your former occupation? _____

To help us learn a little bit about you, describe why you are interested in the Master Naturalist Program.

Please note any skills or interests that you have related to native plants, wildlife, ecology, natural history, water conservation, agronomy, geology, etc.

I understand that to become a certified Texas Master Naturalist, I commit to the following requirements:

1. Attend 40 hours of structured training to include:
 - 10 classes held on Tuesdays from 6:00 - 9:30 pm, February through October
 - 2 classes held on Saturday mornings from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
 - 2 required site visits, 2 hours each
2. Attend 8 hours of approved Advanced Training.
3. Provide **40 hours volunteer service** within 15 months of first class (by May 21, 2013)
4. Pay **\$160** for tuition (curriculum, materials, meals). There are a limited number of scholarships available for Hays County residents to cover half of the tuition cost. Scholarship application should be attached to the class application when it is submitted to the AgriLife Extension Office. Guidelines are included in this packet.

Signature

Date

**CLASSES AND ACTIVITIES WILL BE HELD IN SAN MARCOS,
WIMBERLEY, DRIPPING SPRINGS, AND OTHER SITES IN
HAYS AND ADJACENT COUNTIES.**

Tentative Class Dates:
February 21 (San Marcos)
March 6 (San Marcos)
March 27 (Dripping Springs)
April 10 (Dripping Springs)
May 12 (Saturday Class - Freeman Ranch)
May 22 (Wimberley)
June 26 (Aquarena Springs, San Marcos)
July 10 (Wimberley)
August 7 (Wimberley)
August 28 (Wimberley)
September 8 (Saturday Class - Knox Ranch)
October 16 (San Marcos)

Tentative Field Trip Dates:
March 18 (Canyon Gorge)
June 9 (Westcave Preserve)
September 22 (Bamberger Ranch)

Tentative Site Visit Dates:
April 3
April 24
June 12
September 11
October 13

BACKGROUND CHECK INFORMATION

Our sponsors, Texas Parks and Wildlife and the Texas AgriLife Extension Service, and our local Hays County chapter require volunteers in the Master Naturalist Program to participate in the background history check program. All the information you provide for the screening as well as the results of the screening remain completely confidential to you and the Extension Service agent in the Extension office in San Marcos. No one in the chapter, including the officers and members of the board, will be involved in the process or have access to the results of the screening.

PLEASE RETAIN A COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT FOR YOUR FILES.

HAYS COUNTY MASTER NATURALIST TRAINING CLASS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

NAME _____

GUIDELINES:

1. Only Hays County residents may receive scholarships.
2. Scholarships will be for half of the full class tuition. The remaining half of the tuition may be paid at the first class or may be split into two equal payments – one due at the first class and the other due at the June class.
3. Scholarship applications must be in writing and answer the question “Why is a scholarship for the Hays County Master Naturalist class important to me?”
4. Scholarship application should be attached to the class application when it is submitted to the AgriLife Extension Office.
5. Scholarship applications will be reviewed by a committee composed of the Training Committee Coordinator, Training Committee Assistant Coordinator, and Chapter Treasurer. The review committee decision will be communicated to the applicants prior to the first class.
6. There will be a limit of 3 scholarships per class.

PLEASE RESPOND:

Why is a scholarship for the Hays County Master Naturalist class important to me?