

HAYS COUNTY MASTER NATURALIST PROGRAM
2015 CLASS APPLICATION

Note: You must have email

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The Master Naturalist Program is open to all persons 18 years of age and older. Please type or print clearly and return the application with the **signed Liability Release** via mail, email or fax (see contact information above). The application will be deemed complete only if the **signed Liability Release** is included. The application deadline is 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 7, 2015. Applicants are chosen in the order the applications are Received. Applicants will be notified by Wednesday, January 14, 2015. Classes begin Tuesday, February 10, 2015.

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Physical Address (if different) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone: Home _____ Cell _____

Work Phone if we may call you there _____

E-mail address(es) _____

Employed at/Occupation _____

If retired, what was your former occupation? _____

To help us learn a little bit about you, please 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:

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 Tuesday evening 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 10, 2016)
4. Pay \$175 for tuition (curriculum, materials, meals). Three \$100.00 scholarships are available for Hays County residents. Scholarship application should be attached to the class application when it is submitted to the Extension Office. Guidelines are included in this packet.

Signature

Date

**CLASSES AND ACTIVITIES WILL BE HELD AT VARIOUS
LOCATIONS IN HAYS AND ADJACENT COUNTIES.**

Tentative Class Dates:

February 10 (San Marcos)
March 3 (Dripping Springs)
March 24 (Dripping Springs)
April 14 (Dripping Springs)
May 5 (Freeman Ranch, San Marcos)
May 23 (Saturday Class - Freeman Ranch, San Marcos)
June 23 (Meadows Center, San Marcos)
July 14 (Wimberley)
July 28 (Wimberley)
August 18 (Wimberley)
October 3 (Saturday Class - Knox Ranch, Fischer)
October 13 (San Marcos)

Tentative Field Trip Dates:

March 22 (Canyon Lake Gorge)
June 13 (Westcave Preserve)
Sept. 12 (Bamberger Ranch)

Tentative Site Visit Dates:

March 10
April 21
May 12
June 9
September 15

BACKGROUND CHECK INFORMATION

Our sponsors, Texas Parks and Wildlife and the Texas A&M 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.

DIRECTORY INFORMATION:

We distribute to all trainees a directory containing the contact info that you supplied on the front of this sheet. This info is not shared with anyone outside the Hays MN chapter. Is there any of this info you do not want included in our directory? If so, what? _____

PLEASE RETAIN A COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT FOR YOUR FILES.