

HAYS COUNTY MASTER NATURALIST CHAPTER: VOLUNTEER PROJECTS FOR 2017						6/29/17
Number	Project	Activities	Location [See Footnote]	Master Naturalist Contact	Phone	Email
401	Hays County Master Naturalists/Administrative	Administrative; conducting chapter activities	NA	Art Arizpe	512-522-3738	pres@haysmn.org
402	Hays County AgriLife Extension Service	Assist County Agent in appropriate activities	CW	Richard Parrish	512-393-2120	re-parrish@tamu.edu
403	Texas Parks and Wildlife	Educational outreach, habitat restoration & others	NA	Gordon Linam	512-754-6844	gordon.linam@tpwd.texas.gov
405	San Marcos Nature Center	Maintenance of demonstration bed and habitat restoration	B/K/SM	Dick McBride	512-618-8669	dockik@mygrande.net
406	LBJ Wildflower Center	Vegetation survey, seed collection, & others	Other	Minette Marr	214-908-1161	mmarr@wildflower.org
407	San Marcos River Foundation	Habitat restoration and others	B/K/SM	Judy Burdett	512-268-3839	judyburdett49@gmail.com
412	Bamberger Ranch	Habitat restoration				
418	Patsy Glenn Refuge Wimberley	Wildlife habitat development, trail building, educational outreach	W	Cara Wernli	512-847-1027	cwernli@austin.rr.com
420	River Rangers/Texas Watch	Monitor water quality in local rivers.	B/K/SM	Joe Piazza	512-353-8785	jp10@txstate.edu
424	San Marcos Greenbelt Alliance	Placing valuable natural areas into conservation; providing stewardship for those natural areas; enabling passive recreation; and guiding and assisting with interpretation, education and research efforts.	B/K/SM	Todd Derkacz	512 754-9321	toderkacz@gmail.com
425	Episcopal Church of Holy Spirit, Dripping Springs	Habitat protection & restoration.	DS	Tom Hausler	512-858-1015	thausler@prismnet.com
426	Austin Water Utility – Wildlands Conservation Division – Water Quality Protection Lands and Balcones Protection Lands	Land management activities for water and wildlife conservation, including habitat restoration by prescribed burning, sowing native grass seeds, tree planting, and eradication of invasive species. Other activities include vegetation and wildlife monitoring, faunal and floral inventories, and nature walks for the general public.	CW	Tom Watson & Austin Utilities Wildlands Division	512-894-4822	twatson11@austin.rr.com
501	Hays County Master Naturalists/Training Committee	Plan & participate in training class activities	Other	Susan Neill	512-858-0960	suneill@hughes.net
602	EmilyAnn Theater: Butterfly Festival, Earth Day Event, and Caterpillar Camp / Cages for Classrooms	Caterpillar Camp: Volunteers learn how to handle the butterfly larvae and place them into special containers for other volunteers to raise into butterflies. Cages for Classrooms: Volunteers will deliver cages and make presentations to students and others about the care of the caterpillars and the life cycle of butterflies. Earth Day Event: Volunteers earn volunteer hours at Booth Duty, where they hand out brochures, answer questions about joining MNs, take contact info, demonstrate how to make seed balls, and help set-up/tear-down the booth. Nature hikes along the EmilyAnn trails, led by MNs, for the public and advanced training hours for MNs, teach/outreach to public.	W	Karen Boden Mary Dow Ross	830-833-4852 512-618-1998	kbjv@verizon.net marydowross@gmail.com
603	Jacob's Well Nature Center	Habitat restoration, management plans, direct outreach, indirect outreach, trail construction and maintenance and data collection.	W	Tom Hausler	512-858-1015	thausler@prismnet.com
604	Wimberley Parks & Recreation Blue Hole Regional Park	Habitat Restoration: Remove non-native plants from Blue Hole Regional Park, Wimberley.	W	Christine Byrne	512-847-7518	texasbyrnes@yahoo.com
701	Great Backyard Bird Count (Cornell U)	Count birds during specific dates; enter data in national web site.	CW	Ginger Geist	512-847-9545	CreekyMe@icloud.com
702	Bluebird Nestbox Monitoring	Habitat restoration.	CW	Bonnie Tull	512-858-2829	bonehead.tull@gmail.com
704	Hays County Master Naturalists/Direct Outreach	All naturalist outreach activities where HCMN sponsors the entire event or an exhibit at an event sponsored by another organization unless the project is shown as a separate project in the volunteer project list. Earthdays and Eco-Days are examples of events included in this project. Events where HCMN volunteers work at exhibits sponsored by other organizations are included as long as the cause is consistent with Master Naturalist principles. In all cases, HCMN volunteers must display their affiliation with HCMN. When reporting hours for this project, include the name of the event.	CW	Helen Bowie	210-601-8862	helen.bowie@live.com
705	Canyon Gorge	Multiple activities. Direct outreach: volunteer docents at the Canyon Gorge will conduct tours and discuss 1) The Guadalupe River, Canyon Dam / Reservoir, and the flood of 2002; 2) Geology and Biology of the Gorge; 3) Methods of interpretation. Other activities include habitat restoration and other natural resource stewardship activities.	Other	J Kinscherff	830-899-6699	jamie@kinscherff.com
802	Blanco Watershed Water Quality Monitoring	Monitor the water quality in Hays county watersheds using approved Texas Stream Team methods and reporting.	W	LaRay & Ginger Geist	512-847-9545	CreekyMe@icloud.com
803	Hays County Rainfall Project	Monitor rainfall across Hays County.	CW	Walt Krudop	512-858-0588	walt@krudopinds.com

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805	TPWD Cowbird Management	TPWD Cowbird Trapping Program. Activities related to building cowbird traps and managing the use of the traps such as monitoring them, recordkeeping and dealing with the birds that are trapped.	CW	Randy Garst	512-963-5444	RandyGarst@zeecon.com
806	Site Visits	Leading or co-leading site visits for the training class or for county residents who ask the Agrilife Extension Service for a site visit. Participation in site visits as trainees is not included.	CW	Walt Krudop	512-858-0588	walt@krudopinds.com
809	Wimberley Outdoor Educators	Expose every child in the WISD to naturalist concepts and practices at the natural outdoor locations in the Wimberley area.	W	Jackie Mattice	512-847 2165	texasmatice@gmail.com
901	Misc Research & Data Collection & Analysis	Misc research & data collection & analysis related to natural resource stewardship. Details for work must be provided, where and what.	Other	Walt Krudop	512-858-0588	walt@krudopinds.com
902	Conservation Easement Education	Work with prospective conservation easement candidates to provide information and encouragement to pursue conservation easements for their property.	CW	Susan Zimmerman	512-847-2006	
905	Rainwater Revival	Public event to encourage water conservation.	Hays Co	Dixie Camp	512-517-3111	dixie_camp@yahoo.com
912	Driftwood Wildlife Association - Birding Activities	Build and maintain chimney swift towers to increase nesting and roosting sites. Clear and maintain "net lanes", monitoring nets for birds and recording data for bird banding studies.	DS/W	Ann Connell	512-913-1441	asc07850@yahoo.com
913	Westcave Preserve	Habitat restoration, trail building & maintenance.	DS/W	Paul Vickery	830-825-3442	paul@westcave.org
1005	LANDS program visit to Shields Ranch	TWA's educational program, Conservation Legacy, helps immerse both children and adults into the wonders of nature from the classroom to the back sendero. The youth program is called LANDS (Learning Across New Dimensions in Science). LANDS works with students K – 12 and teaches subjects such as land ethics, conservation, wildlife and land management, ecosystems, soils, plants, and how to be good land stewards on private lands. Sponsored by the Texas Wildlife Association (TWA).	DS	Koy Coffer	830-792-3070	kcoffer@texas-wildlife.org
1006	Texas Amphibian Watch	Texas Amphibian Watch gathers long-term data to assess amphibian populations trends. Work includes support to training (planning, preparation, meal prep, registration) and other related Amphibian Watch activities.	CW			
1007	Rainfall Simulator	Demonstrate and maintain the rainfall simulator.	CW	HCMN	none	pres@haysmn.org
1010	Charro Ranch Park	Charro Ranch Park is a passive nature park in Dripping Springs intended primarily for walking, hiking and nature viewing. The Master Naturalist volunteers will collaborate with the City of Dripping Springs Parks and Recreation Department to preserve the natural resources, enhance and maintain the park for visitor enjoyment and learning, and provide environmental stewardship education to the community .	DS	Garry Child	512-903-1060	garrychild@gmail.com
1101	Hays County Invaders	Hays County Invaders is a satellite of the Texasinvasives.org program organized to identify and report the location of invasive species in Hays County. Volunteers must complete training in order to submit reports to the database.	CW	Lance Jones	512-665-1776	lancej1s@gmail.com
1103	Austin Parks Foundation	Barton Springs Pool - South Side Invasives Removal. Continuing effort to remove non-native trees and plants and help restore this portion of the Barton Springs Pool area.	NA	Austin Parks Foundation	512-477-1566	
1107	Healing Hands Healing Lands	Help restore public and private lands devastated by wildfires by making and distributing seed balls of native grasses and wilflowers.	NA	Sue Wiseman	512-289-3740	smwiseman@austin.rr.com
1108	Light Pollution Education and Outreach	The activities in this project include: 1) Educating people about what light pollution is, its negative effects, and how to solve it. 2) Training others so that they are able to lead programs in educating people about light pollution. 3) Designing and recommending solutions for specific sites to reduce light pollution.	NA	Cindy Luongo Cassidy	512-858-1098	chluongo@me.com
1110	Project Feeder Watch	Project FeederWatch is a winter-long survey of birds that visit feeders at backyards, nature centers, community areas, and other locales in North America. FeederWatchers periodically count the birds they see at their feeders from November through early April and send their counts to Project FeederWatch. FeederWatch data help scientists track broadscale movements of winter bird populations and long-term trends in bird distribution and abundance.	CW	Randy Garst	512-963-5444	RandyGarst@zeecon.com

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1201	Lake Kyle	This project involves maintaining and improving the environment for the benefit of wildlife and the public. It gives Kyle HCMNs a local place to volunteer and make a difference in their immediate community. There will be opportunities to educate the public through talks and demonstrations/displays.	K	Judy Burdett	512-268-3839	judyburdett49@gmail.com
1203	Tree Folks	Since 1989 TreeFolks has planted 250,000 trees in and around Austin at schools, parks, in medians, right of ways, community gardens and greenbelts. Our impact preserves Austin's quality of life by cooling the air, cleaning precious water, sheltering us from the hot Texas sun, and by providing a shaded sense of place that fosters a healthy, connected community. Annually we plant more than 10,000 trees and provide stewardship opportunities that log nearly 30,000 volunteer hours! We invite you to join us in creating a healthier environment and enhancing the quality of urban life in central Texas.	NA	No MN Contact Rebecca Johnson	512-443-LEAF	volunteer@treefolks.org
1204	Dripping Springs YMCA	Community Garden at the Dripping Springs YMCA. Volunteers will build memorial benches, plant and maintain edible and decorative garden areas and demonstration sites for native grasses, native edible plants and medicinal herbs. The garden will feature native and adapted plants, locally-sourced materials, and will be organic. The wooded area is already a wildlife habitat and it is our goal to maintain this area as essentially "wild", except for stone benches.	DS	Susan Cook	512-695-9290	Majesta484@aol.com
1301	Travis Audubon: Chaetura Canyon	Bird Sanctuary of the Travis Audubon Society. Managing the natural resources and natural areas of the site.	T	Paul & Georgan Kyle	512-453-2604	Kbiv@verizon.net
1302	San Marcos Watershed Initiative	Development of a Watershed Protection Plan for the Upper San Marcos Watershed	SM	Chris Clairy	512-245-7551	smwatershed@txstate.edu
1304	US Fish & Wildlife Projects	dvd is offered for a donation.	SM	Leah Laszewski	512-667-6676	mn.leah@yahoo.com
1305	Wild Basin	Wild Basin Wilderness Preserve was founded in 1974 to protect some pristine Texas Hill Country and to provide nature education programs. Visitors enjoy 2 1/2 miles of hiking trails that pass through woodland, grassland, and streamside habitats. These habitats are home to threatened and endangered species, and hundreds of native plants, animals and birds. Wild Basin's nature education programs are funded by special events, memberships, corporate donations and grants.	T	Garry Child	512-903-1060	garrychild@gmail.com
1306	Hays County Birding Project	Develop a sustainable birding environment in Hays County that creates a destination for birders both locally and nationally. The birding environment should result from beneficial management of natural resources and natural areas within Hays County consistent with the County's long range plans..	CW	Larry Calvert	512-484-0422	lecalvert@gmail.com
1307	Wimberley Village Library Nature Garden	The project relates to the TMN mission in that it provides service to a community resource (the library) while at the same time educating the general public on what can be done on a small plot of land. The project also involves KAPS students doing community service who in the process are learning about their natural environment.	W	Christine Middleton	512-413-0182	chrismid@austin.rr.com
1401	Firefly Watch	Worldwide monitoring of fireflies to look for population declines	CW	Tom Watson	512-673-8664	twatson11@austin.rr.com
1402	Sessom Creek Park	Invasive removal and trail building in a new natural area	SM	Tracy Mock	512-754-1077	tmock@austin.rr.com
1403	Bat Conservation International	Docents* inform the public about bats, their benefits and importance to Central Texas. *BCI Docent Training required	AUS	No MN contact Dianne Odegard @ BCI	512-327-9271 X41	dodegard@batcon.org
1404	Commons Ford Prairie Restoration	Restoring part of a city park to tall grass prairie. Invasive removal, planting, etc. Educational programs for the public.	AUS	Beverly Gordon	512-579-0425	bgordon777@austin.rr.com
1405	Bumblebee Watch	Worldwide monitoring of bumblebees to look for population declines	CW	Tom Watson	512-673-8664	twatson11@austin.rr.com
1406	Willett Project	Administrative	Hays Co	Candy Spitzer	512-633-7349	candy@spitzerassocoates.com
1501	San Marcos Aquatic Resources Center (US Fish Hatcheries)	Habitat restoration, native species studies and species control studies	SM	Dick McBride	512-618-8669	docdik@mygrande.net
1502	Blanco River Park	Restoration of vegetation along the river, removal of invasive plant species and educational events regarding importance of maintaining riparian area.	Blanco	Bill Brown	512-468-9642	bbrowneliteplus@gmail.com

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1503	City of Woodcreek	Project to educate citizens of Woodcreek on invasive removal, native plant use for landscaping, and rain garden installation	W	Linda Land Jennifer Richmond	512-439-9402 512-8787-7907	LLand811@gmail.com ; richmond.jennifer@gmail.com
1601	Flood Recovery and Community Protection	Restoring the ecosystem in ways that have the potential to mitigate the impact of future floods on the communities of Wimberley and San Marcos	W, SM	Chris Middleton; Peggy Wilfong	512-413-0182; 512-749-9084	chrismid@austin.rr.com ; pwilfong@kapsschool.com
1602	YMCA Camp Cypress Conservation Plan	Identifying and recording the variety of natural resources on the property to best conserve those resources. Incorporating public engagement and education by involving youth and families in some of the data collection as volunteers while also informing all camp visitors on best land management practices while at the site.	B	Art Arizpe; Dixie Camp	512-626-3738; 512-517-3111	artarizpe@gmail.com ; dixie_camp@yahoo.com
1701	Gault School of Archaeological Research (GSAR)	Volunteers help in the lab, the field, with site maintenance, survey work, presentations and outreach	SM	Dean Lalich	512-757-5307	dlalich@grandecom.net
1702	Christmas Bird Count (Audubon)	Count birds during specific dates; enter data in national web site.	FR	Beverly Gordon	214-336-1-094	bgordon777@austin.rr.com
1703	Texas Master Naturalists	Administrative business, including preparation for 20th Anniversary	Hays Co	Dixie Camp	512-517-3111	dixie_camp@yahoo.com
Location:						
B/K/SM, Buda, Kyle, San Marcos						
CW, CountyWide						
DS, Dripping Springs						
NA, Not Applicable						
W, Wimberley						