

Water Specialist Certification Program

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

Texas Master Naturalist

Texas Agrilife Extension Service

Texas Parks and Wildlife's new
curriculum, *Texas Waters:*
Exploring Water and
Watersheds

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Curriculum

- Provide basic foundation of knowledge about how water affects the land, how people affect water, and its importance in the environment.
- Is a useful primer for folks in any water related leadership position on boards, districts, committees etc., to add another layer to their understanding of Texas Waters

Texas Master Naturalists and other concerned citizens to earn a Texas Waters Specialist designation and to start giving back to their community by performing community service in areas like:

- Water focused educational activities such as fairs, festivals, events, outreach,
- Projects such as habitat restoration, creek cleanups, aquifer recharge/karst feature flagging and clearing, etc., or
- Demonstrations like runoff models, runoff landscape features such as dry creek beds, rain gardens, etc.

Requirements

- Attend Waters Day – 1st was held at TMN Annual Meeting in Conroe this past October.
- Texas Waters Field Trips
- Attend upcoming Texas Waters Webinars (up to 4 hrs)
- Accumulate 8 hours of Advanced Training

Annual Renewal Requirements

- Participate in at least one approved community Service Projects.
- Contribute at least 10 hours of volunteer service in the area of water and watersheds.

Texas Master Naturalist

- Hours required are not on top MN requirement but can also be counted towards your annual chapter requirements.
- Waters Day will continue each year at the Annual Meeting.

Please send me any volunteer service opportunities you may have available so we can add to the website and advertise

Thank You!

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