

Preliminary 2024 Training Class Schedule

As of 06/23/2024



Elm Fork Chapter

Most classes will be held at Global Spheres, 7801 S I-35E, Corinth, TX 76208. Sessions begin at 9:00 am and end around 3:00 pm.

August 20, 2024 – Session 1

| Morning | Welcome to the Class of 2024 – Elise Spain, TMN – Elm Fork Chapter, Training Director |
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| | Welcome to Texas Master Naturalist - Elm Fork Chapter – Kathryn Wells , TMN – Elm Fork Chapter, President |
| | North Texas Growth and Water Resource Challenges – <u>Dean Minchillo</u> , Program Specialist, Texas Water Resources Institute, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Dallas Research and Extension Center |
| | Chapter Projects Overview – Brenda Martin, TMN – Elm Fork Chapter, Projects Director |
| Afternoon | iNaturalist Training – <u>Wendy Anderson</u> , Nature Tracker Biologist, Texas Parks & Wildlife |

August 27, 2024 – Session 2

| Morning | ECOLOGICAL CONCEPTS – <u>Kelly Albus, PhD</u> , Research Scientist, Texas A&M AgriLife and the Texas Water Resources Institute |
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| Afternoon | HERPETOLOGY – <u>Taylor J Willis, DVM</u> , Worldwide Wildlife |
| | VMS Training – Gale Bacon, TMN – Elm Fork Chapter |

September 3, 2024 – Session 3

| Morning | FOREST ECOLOGY – <u>Rick & Lisa Travis</u> , TMN - Blackland Prairie Chapter |
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| Afternoon | Leaf and Tree Identification – <u>Rick & Lisa Travis</u> , TMN - Blackland Prairie Chapter |

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September 10, 2024 – Session 4

| Morning | MAMMALOGY - Karin and Robert Saucedo, TMN – Blackland Prairie Chapter |
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| | WildRescue Inc <u>Diana Leggett</u> |
| Afternoon | ORNITHOLOGY – <u>Blackland Prairie Raptor Center</u> |

September 17, 2024 – Session 5

| Morning | FIELD TRIP – <u>Ray Roberts Lake State Park</u> , Isle du Bois Unit |
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| Afternoon | FIELD TRIP – Lake Ray Roberts Water Treatment Plant |

September 24, 2024 – Session 6

| Morning | AQUATIC SYSTEMS – <u>Tom La Point, PhD</u> |
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| Afternoon | ICHTHYOLOGY – <u>Tom La Point, PhD</u> |

October 1, 2024 – Session 7

| Morning | NATIVE PLANTS AND POLLINATORS – <u>Camelia Maier, PhD</u> , Texas Woman's University |
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| Afternoon | ENTOMOLOGY – Jaime Baxter-Slye, PhD, University of North Texas |

October 8, 2024 – Session 8

| Morning | FIELD TRIP – City of Denton Facilities (Landfill, Home Chemical Collection, Pratt Recycling Center) |
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| Afternoon | FIELD TRIP – <u>Clear Creek Natural Heritage Center</u> Interpretation – Sharon Betty, TMN – Elm Fork Chapter |

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October 15, 2024 – Session 9

| Morning | GEOLOGY – <u>Reid Ferring, PhD</u> |
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| Afternoon | CLIMATE AND WEATHER – Michael Slattery, PhD, Texas Christian University |

October 22, 2024 – Session 10

| Morning | URBAN ECOLOGY – <u>Sam Kieschnick</u> , Texas Parks & Wildlife |
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| Afternoon | LAWS, REGULATIONS, AND ETHICS – <u>Sam Kieschnick</u> , Texas Parks & Wildlife |

October 29, 2024 – Session 11

| Morning and Afternoon | FIELD TRIP – Lewisville Lake Environmental Learning Area (LLELA) Nature Preserve |
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November 5, 2024 – Session 12

| Morning | BIRD MIGRATION PATTERNS AND TRENDS IN NORTH TEXAS – Karen DeVinney, TMN – Elm Fork Chapter PROTECTING DARK SKIES FOR HUMANS AND WILDLIFE - Karen McGraw, TMN – Elm Fork Chapter |
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| Afternoon | BEYOND TMN TRAINING - Jan Deatherage, TMN – Elm Fork Chapter |
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