

**2025 Initial Training
Class Schedule**
(tentative – subject to change)

Day	Date	Time	Topic	Location (See addresses next page)
Tue	Aug 19	9-12pm	Orientation / Laws, Regulations & Ethics Rachel Richter – DFW Texas Parks & Wildlife	Global Spheres
Tue	Aug 26	9-12pm	Ecological Concepts Kelly Albus, PhD – Texas A&M Agrilife Research	Global Spheres
Tue	Sept 2	9-12pm	Urban Ecology Rachel Richter – DFW Texas Parks & Wildlife	Global Spheres
Sat	Sept 6	9-12pm	Field Trip Option Blackland Prairie Raptor Center	1625 Brockdale Park Rd Lucas, TX
Tue	Sept 9	9-12pm	Mammalogy Doug Elrod, PhD – NCTC	Thrive
Tue	Sept 16	9-12pm	Herpetology Taylor Willis, DVM – Dallas Zoo	Thrive
Sat	Sept 20	8:30-12:30pm	Onsite Field Study: iNaturalist & Interpretation Wendy Anderson, Sharon Betty	Clear Creek Natural Heritage Center
Tue	Sept 23	9-2pm	Aquatic Systems Tom LaPoint, PhD - Retired Professor, UNT	Global Spheres
Sat	Sept 27	9-12pm	Field Trip Option Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge	6465 Refuge Rd Sherman, TX
Tue	Sept 30	9-12pm	Ornithology Tania Homayoun – TPWD Ornithologist	Global Spheres
Sat	Oct 4	8:30–12:30pm	Onsite Field Study: LLELA bird walk & prairie restore Sue Yost, Rick Freiheit	LLELA
Tue	Oct 7	2-5pm	Climate & Weather Michael Slattery, PhD – Professor TCU	Global Spheres
Sat	Oct 11	9-12pm	Field Trip Option LBJ Grasslands	1400 US 81/287 (North of Decatur)
Tue	Oct 14	8:30-12pm	Native Prairies Jaime Baxter-Slye, PhD – Professor UNT	UNT Discovery Park
Sat	Oct 18	8:30 -1:30pm	Onsite Field Study: Geology & Soils Reid Ferring, PhD – Retired Professor UNT	Clear Creek Natural Heritage Center
Tue	Oct 21	6-9pm	Entomology & Mothing Sam Kieschnick – DFW Texas Parks & Wildlife	Thrive
Sat	Oct 25	9-12pm	Field Trip Option	100 PW 4153 Valley View, TX

			Ray Roberts Lake State Park – Johnson Branch	
Tue	Oct 28	9-1pm	Native plants & Pollinators Camelia Maier, PhD – Professor TWU	TWU
Sat	Nov 1	9-2pm	Onsite Field Study: Forest Ecology & Tree ID Rick & Lisa Travis	Clear Creek Natural Heritage Center
Wed	Nov 5	9-12pm	Class project / next steps / graduation	Thrive

Field Trip Options

Students must select at least one field trip option from the list below, but may elect to attend all four:

1. [Blackland Prairie Raptor Center](#)
2. [Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge](#)
3. [LBJ National Grassland](#)
4. [Ray Roberts Lake State Park – Johnson Branch](#)

Meeting Locations

Global Spheres Center

7801 S Interstate I35E
Corinth, TX

Thrive

1950 South Valley Parkway
Lewisville, TX

Clear Creek Natural Heritage Center

3310 Collins Road
Denton, TX

LLELA (Lewisville Lake Environmental Learning Area)

201 East Jones Street
Lewisville, TX

UNT Discovery Park

College of Engineering – Office of the Dean A140
3940 North Elm
Denton, TX

TWU

304 Administration Drive
Denton, TX