

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

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

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