

2026 Elm Fork Chapter Initial Training Schedule

This is a preliminary schedule and may be subject to change. Students are required to attend a minimum of 11 classes and 2 Field Studies to meet the requirements of the Texas Master Naturalist Program and Elm Fork Chapter. The location links below are to Google Maps showing the precise meeting locations which often differ from mailing addresses.

Session	Date	Time	Topic	Presenter	Location*
1	8/11/2026	9AM-12:30PM	Laws, Ethics & Regulations; Historic Texas Naturalists	Sam Kieschnick (TPWD)	GSC
2	8/18/2026	9AM-12:30PM	Ecological Concepts	Dr. Kelly Albus (TWU)	GSC
FS 1	8/22/2026	9AM-12:30PM	Native Prairies	Dr. Jaime Baxter-Slye (UNT)	CCNHC
3	8/25/2026	9AM-12:30PM	Urban Wildlife: Nature in the Backyard	Rachel Richter (TPWD)	GSC
			iNaturalist/Citizen Science	Wendy Anderson (TPWD)	
4	9/1/2026	9AM-12:30PM	Mammals of North Texas	Roberto & Karin Saucedo (BPC-TMN)	GSC
FS 2	9/5/2026	9AM-12:30PM	Raptor Rehabilitation	Blackland Prairie Raptor Center	BPRC
5	9/8/2026	6PM - 9:30PM	Entomology: Arthropod Appreciation	Sam Kieschnick (TPWD)	GSC
6	9/15/2026	9AM-12:30PM	Stream Ecology	Dr. Jim Junker (UNT)	GSC
7	9/22/2026	9AM-12:30PM	Introduction to Ray Roberts Lake State Park	TBD	RRLSP
FS 3	9/26/2026	9AM-12:30PM	Introduction to LLELA	TBD	LLELA
8	9/29/2026	9AM-12:30PM	Texas Master Naturalist Ornithology	Dr. Tania Homayoun (TPWD)	GSC
9	10/6/2026	9AM-12:30PM	Forest Ecology & Tree Identification Basics	Rick & Lisa Travis (BPC- TMN)	GSC
10	10/13/2026	9AM-12:30PM	Geology and Soils	Dr. Reid Ferring (UNT-retired)	GSC
FS 4	10/17/2026	9AM-12:30PM	Introduction to LBJ Grasslands	Jerry Hamby (EFC-TMN)	LBJNG
11	10/20/2026	9AM-12:30PM	Reptiles & Amphibians	Ryan Blankenship	GSC
12	10/27/2026	9AM-12:30PM	Texas Weather & Climate	Tom Bradshaw (NWS)	GSC
			Presentations & Graduation	Class of 2026	

* Locations:

GSC	Global Spheres Center 7801 S Interstate 35E Corinth, TX 76208 (Click Link)
CCNHC	Clear Creek Natural Heritage Center 3310 Collins Road Denton, TX 76208
BPRC	Blackland Prairie Raptor Center 1625 Brockdale Park Lucas, TX 75002 (Click Link)
LLELA	Lake Lewisville Environmental Learning Area 201 E. Jones Street Lewisville, TX 75057
LBJNG	Lyndon B Johnson National Grassland Exact location(s) TBD
RRLSP	Ray Roberts Lake State Park Isle du Bois Unit 100 P W 4137 Pilot Point, TX 76258 (Click Link)