

TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST™ PROGRAM

CROSS TIMBERS CHAPTER
9601 Fossil Ridge Rd.
FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76135
www.ctmn.org

This program is a collaborative effort between the Texas AgriLife Extension, Texas Parks and Wildlife, Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge, Botanical Research Institute of Texas (BRIT), and Arlington Conservation Council.

Dear Texas Master Naturalist Program Applicant:

We would like to invite you to become involved in a new and exciting program for the Fort Worth area - the CROSS TIMBERS CHAPTER of the Texas Master Naturalist Program. The mission of this program is to develop and certify a group of well-informed adult volunteers to provide education, outreach, and service dedicated toward the beneficial management of natural resources and natural areas within our community.

This program will furnish participants with essential information and strategies to restore and conserve our indigenous species and habitats. Throughout the training classes, local experts will cover interesting topics about our natural resources and lead hands-on field trips to local ecosystems. Specific class and field trip topics are listed in the enclosed Class Schedule. Texas Master Naturalist trainees may select from a wide variety of approved local projects to volunteer their time. Projects may include habitat restoration, native plant rescues, prairie seed collection, school habitats, educational presentations, or projects of your own design.

To become a Certified Texas Master Naturalist of the CROSS TIMBERS Chapter, trainees must fulfill the following requirements:

- Attendance at all training classes, including field trips
- 40 hours minimum of volunteer service on approved projects within a year and reported to timekeeper
- 8 hours of advanced training in approved classes within a year and reported to timekeeper
- Payment of annual dues (dues for 2012 are included in class fee)
- Signing of liability waiver and cleared background check

To maintain active status, Texas Master Naturalists must complete the following annually:

- 40 hours of volunteer service on approved projects and reported to timekeeper
- 8 hours of advanced training in approved classes and reported to timekeeper
- Payment of dues in a timely manner
- Signing of liability waiver and cleared background check

Selection criteria include: Interest in the program, availability for volunteer service, and commitment to stewardship of our natural resources. A maximum of twenty-five applicants will be selected to attend the program. Upon selection, training classes will be held from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. each Tuesday, starting Aug. 30, 2011, at the Ft. Worth Nature Center & Refuge. If selected, you will receive confirmation and will be expected to send a check for \$100.00 to Cross Timbers Chapter, 1600 Oakhurst Scenic Drive, Fort Worth, Texas, 76111.

We thank you for your interest in the Texas Master Naturalist Program. We look forward to your participation in this educational and beneficial volunteer program. Application deadline August 1, 2011. You will be contacted no later than August 15, 2011 about the class.

Ginger Bason-Bowden - VP Education 817-838-7321

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The application deadline is August 1, 2011. Please type or print clearly and **return your application to :**
Ginger Bason-Bowden, 1600 Oakhurst Scenic Drive, Fort Worth, Texas, 76111
(Please do not send application to Fossil Ridge address.)

NAME: _____ (As you wish it to appear on your certificate)

NAME: _____ (As you wish it to appear on your name tag--if different from above)

SEX: Male or Female

MAILING ADDRESS:

Street _____

City _____ County _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone: Day () _____ Night () _____

Email ADDRESS _____

Occupation, if employed: _____

If retired, what was your former occupation? _____

1) Describe why you are interested in the Texas Master Naturalist volunteer program.
(Use back if needed)

2) Please indicate any organizations of which you are a member, or have volunteered time during the last two years. Indicate the average number of hours you have volunteered for each organization on a monthly basis. (Use back if needed)

3) Please note your profession and/or skills or interests that would be helpful to the Texas Master Naturalist Program. (Skills may include computer, photography, typing, graphic arts, public speaking, teaching, specific knowledge, etc. If you are retired or work part-time, please include relevant training or education you have received relative to natural resources.) (Use back if needed)

YOUR AREAS OF INTEREST:

Please rate each area as **HIGH (H)**, **MEDIUM (M)**, OR **LOW (L)**.

- _____ **Education/Public Information**
- _____ **Field Research/Surveys**
- _____ **Administration**
- _____ **Other: (explain)**

**CROSS TIMBERS Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalist
Program VOLUNTEER PLEDGE:**

I understand that in exchange for the training made possible through the CROSS TIMBERS Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalist program, I will volunteer at least 40 hours of my time toward approved projects and complete 8 hours of advanced training within one year. I understand that I will become a Certified Texas Master Naturalist when I complete both the training and volunteer work and meet other requirements as required by CTMN. I also understand that to maintain an active status, I must complete 8 hours of advanced training and 40 hours of volunteer service each year thereafter and meet other requirements as required by CTMN.

This program is intended to serve people regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex religion, disability, or national origin. We seek to provide reasonable accommodations for all persons with disabilities. Please advise us as soon as possible of auxiliary aid or service that you require.

(signature as you want it to appear on certificate)