

Rio Brazos Master Naturalist Chapter

Spring 2017 Training Schedule

NOTE: Some of the classes and instructors are subject to date or place change and may require adjustments to the schedule.

Saturday February 4, 2017

Registration and First Class

Location: Acton, Opel Durant Hood County Community Center and Acton Nature Center, ANC

9:00 am	Registration and introductions.	Robert Theimer and Dayna Inbody
9:30 am	Introduction to the Texas Master Naturalist Program, the training manual, and the pathway to certification.	R Theimer
11:00 am	Texas Law	Kathy Miller
12:00 noon	Lunch Break	
1:00 pm	Land Stewardship	Zach Davis
3:30 pm	END	

Reading assignment:

- Ornithology
- Texas Laws, Regulations, and Ethics
- Meteorology, Weather, and Climate
- Land Stewardship

Saturday February 18, 2017

Location: Acton, Opel Durant Hood County Community Center and Acton Nature Center, ANC

9:00 am	Time reporting and VMS	Chris Inbody
10:30 am	Meteorology, Weather, and Climate	Daniel Huckaby
12:00 noon	Lunch	
1:00 pm	History of Naturalists in Texas.	Robert Theimer
2:30 pm	Ornithology	Dave Moore
4:00 pm	End	

Reading Assignment:

- Ichthyology
- Herpetology
- Stream Ecology

Saturday March 11, 2017

Location: Acton, Opel Durant Hood County Community Center and Acton Nature Center, ANC

9:00 am	Ichthyology	Billy Teels
12:00 noon	Lunch	
1:00 pm	Stream Ecology and Management	Ricky Linex
2:30 pm	Herpetology	Mike Balderas
4:00 pm	End	

Reading Assignment:

- Mammalogy
- Entomology
- Urban Systems

Saturday April 15, 2017

Location: Acton, Opel Durant Hood County Community Center and Acton Nature Center, ANC

9:00 pm	Entomology	Valerie Taber
12:00 noon	Lunch Break and discussions	
1:00 pm	Mammalogy	Nathan Rains
2:00 pm	Urban Systems	Nathan Rains
3:00 pm	Texas Horned Lizard restoration	Nathan Rains
3:30 pm	End	

Reading Assignment;

- Plants (Botany)
- The Nature of Naming

Saturday May 6, 2017

Location: Acton, Opel Durant Hood County Community Center and Acton Nature Center, ANC

9:00 am	Taxonomy, the nature of Naming	Gary Hinds
10:30 am	Botany (plants)	Gary Hinds
12:00 noon	Lunch	
1:00 pm	Grasses	Henry Bogusch
2:30 pm	Introduction to Invasive Plants of Texas	Gary Hinds
3:30 pm	END	

Reading Assignment

- Archeology
- Forrest Ecology

Saturday May 27, 2017

Location: Acton, Opel Durant Hood County Community Center and Acton Nature Center, ANC

9:00 am	Forest Ecology and Management	Rachel McGregor
	Fire Wise and wildfire Prevention	
10:30 am	Archeology	??????
12:00 noon	Lunch	
1:00 pm	Paleontology	Melody Holm
2:30 pm	End	

Reading Assignment;

- Geology and Soils
- Texas Water Resources

Saturday June 17, 2017

Location: Acton, Opel Durant Hood County Community Center and Acton Nature Center, ANC

9:00 am	Geology and Soils	Melody Holm
11:30 am	Lunch break	
12:30 pm	Field demonstration at ANC	Melody Holm
2:00 pm	Texas Water Resources	Karen Siddall
3:30 pm	End	

Reading Assignment:

- Aquatic Ecology and Management
- Wetland Ecology and Management

Saturday July 8, 2016

**Location: Somervell Training Center and Dinosaur Valley State Park,
Glen Rose**

The class will be at the STC in the morning and lunch and afternoon field study will be at Dinosaur Valley State Park. In the field part we will be working in knee to hip deep water so bring clothes you can get wet as well as towel and dry clothes.

9:00 am	Aquatic Systems	Billy Teels
10:00 am	Indicator Species	Billy Teels
10:30 am	Wetland Ecology	Billy Teels
11:30 am	Stream Assessment hand out and fish survey	Billy Teels
12:00 noon	Lunch	
12:30 pm	Depart for Dinosaur Valley State Park	
1:00pm	Start field work in the stream. (Billy and others)	
3:30pm	END	

Reading Assignment;

- Ecological Regions of Texas
- Ecology Concepts

Saturday July 29, 2017

Location: Acton, Opel Durant Hood County Community Center and Acton Nature Center, ANC

9:00 am	Ecology	Billy Teels
11:00 am	Ecology Concepts	Billy Teels
12:30 am	Lunch Break	
1:30 pm	Ecological Regions of Texas	Billy Teels
3:30 pm	END	

Reading Assignment

- Volunteers as Teachers
- Citizen Science

Saturday August 19, 2017

Location: Fossil Rim EcoCenter, Training Room

8:00 am Field Trip at Fossil Rim, behind the scenes led by Fossil Rim
Volunteer Guides. **Sara and Chris Paulsen**

12:00 noon Lunch

1:00 pm Volunteer Opportunities. ?????????

1:30 pm Volunteers as Teachers **Katie Hunholz**

2:30 pm Citizen Science ??????????

3:30 pm END

Reading Assignment:

- Rangeland Ecology and Management

Thursday September 21, 2017

Location: Rancho Helios Brazos just west of Glen Rose

3:00 pm Meet at the old barn but now a bar/clubhouse for a discussion of
rangeland ecology, grasses, Land Stewardship, and Soil Recovery.

Rhett Johnson

**This training has to be scheduled on a Thursday due to arrangements with the
ranch owner.**