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LOST PINES CHAPTER  
TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST  
[www.lostpinesmasternaturalist.org](http://www.lostpinesmasternaturalist.org)  
c/o Texas Agrilife Extension Service  
Bastrop County  
901 Pecan St.  
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Bastrop, Texas 78602  
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Dear Texas Master Naturalist Program Applicant:

I would like to invite you to become involved in an exciting program for the Bastrop and Caldwell county area—the Lost Pines Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalist program. The mission of this program is to develop a corps of well informed volunteers to provide education, outreach, and service dedicated toward the beneficial management of natural resources and natural areas within our communities.

This program provides participants with essential information and strategies to restore and conserve our indigenous species and habitats. Throughout the training classes, experts will cover relevant topics about our natural resources and lead hands-on field trips to local ecosystems. Texas Master Naturalist trainees may select from a wide variety of approved local projects to volunteer their time back to the community. Projects may include habitat restoration, native plant rescue, prairie seed collection, school habitat development, monitoring activities, interpretive or educational presentations, or projects of your own design.

To become a *certified* Texas Master Naturalist of the Lost Pines chapter, trainees must fulfill the following requirements:

- ◆ Attendance at all training classes, including field trips (40 hours total). *Classes or field trips that you miss can be made up by comparable events, approved by the Lost Pines Chapter, within 12 months of the scheduled class completion date,*
- ◆ 40 hours minimum of volunteer service on approved projects within a year after completion of scheduled training,
- ◆ 8 hours of advanced training in approved classes within a year after completion of scheduled training.

To maintain your certification, a Texas Master Naturalist must complete the following *annually*:

- ◆ 40 hours of volunteer service on approved projects,
- ◆ 8 hours of advanced training in approved classes.

**However, you may certainly continue to be involved in the program and attend Chapter activities even if you don't meet the certification requirements in a given year.**

**Training classes will be held from 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM beginning January 25, 2010, and approximately three times a month thereafter on Monday evenings, plus five Saturday field trips, until completion May 17, 2010.** The fee for this training is \$85, which includes a comprehensive curriculum manual and admission to field trip venues. A name tag will be issued upon graduation; therefore, receipt of this item is contingent upon completion of the training within the specified time.

Applicants should plan to attend Orientation to be held on January 25, 2010, from 6:30 PM until 9:00 PM. Class schedules will be presented at this time, including class locations and appropriate maps. **Payment must be received by this date.** No refunds will be issued after this date.

**Please return the completed application to: Bastrop County Extension Service, P O Box 650, Bastrop, TX 78602. The application deadline is January 10, 2010. Please enclose payment with your application. If paying by check, make it payable to LPC, Texas Master Naturalist.**

Class spaces will be limited, so please make sure to return your completed application in a timely fashion.

Thank you for your interest in the Texas Master Naturalist program. I look forward to your participation in this educational and beneficial volunteer program. If you have any questions, please contact Andy Butler at [naturaltx@mac.com](mailto:naturaltx@mac.com). Please remember to check our web site often for updates on classes, schedules, and the monthly newsletter.

Sincerely,



Mark McClelland  
President,  
Lost Pines Chapter Texas Master Naturalist Program

Enclosures:  
Application Form

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**2010 APPLICATION: Please return by January 10, 2010**

There will be several agencies participating in our 2010 training class, most notably our sponsors, **Texas Agrilife Extension Service** of Bastrop and Caldwell counties and the **Texas Parks and Wildlife Department**. The first class, an orientation to the Master Naturalist Program, will be held at 6:30 – 9:00 PM on January 25, 2010, at the Bastrop State Park Refectory. The entrance to the park is at the intersection of Loop 150 and Hwy 21. After entering the park, go past the headquarters and golf pro shop to the first intersection; the refectory is the stone building straight ahead. The class fee (\$85) is due at this time. Please type or print clearly and return your signed application and check to the above address. If you are completing your application electronically, you may return it by Email ([naturaltx@mac.com](mailto:naturaltx@mac.com)) and bring your check to the orientation class. *If you will be attending and are unable to return your application by January 10, 2010, or have other questions, please contact Paulette Boudreaux at [pboudreaux@eccwireless.com](mailto:pboudreaux@eccwireless.com) or Lisa King at [stephenweezy@eccwireless.com](mailto:stephenweezy@eccwireless.com).*

**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)

**GENDER:**  Male  Female

**Please Check (Optional):**  Anglo  African American  Hispanic

Asian or Pacific Islander  American Indian or Alaskan  Other

**MAILING ADDRESS:**

Street \_\_\_\_\_ PO Box or Apt # \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (with area codes): Day \_\_\_\_\_ Evening \_\_\_\_\_

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.

2) 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.)

**YOUR AREAS OF INTEREST:**

Please rate each area as **HIGH, MEDIUM, or LOW** with an “X” in the appropriate check boxes.

**Education/Public Information**

|                                    | <b>High</b>              | <b>Med</b>               | <b>Low</b>               |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Speakers Bureau (presentations)    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Guide or Docent (special projects) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Children's Educational Activities  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other (specify) _____              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**Field Research/monitoring**

|   | <b>High</b>              | <b>Med</b>               | <b>Low</b>               |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Ecosystems monitoring/evaluation                        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Plant & Wildlife Census (bird, insect, amphibian, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Habitat Restoration Projects                            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Native Plant/Seed Collection                            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other (specify) _____                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**Chapter Administration**

|                       | <b>High</b>              | <b>Med</b>               | <b>Low</b>               |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Fundraising           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Computer Work/Website | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Newsletter            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other (specify) _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**Other**

|                       |                          |                          |                          |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Photography           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other (specify) _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

- YES, I will be available for the training beginning in January. I understand that in order to become a **certified Texas Master Naturalist**, I am required to attend the classes and field trips scheduled (minimum 40 hours) or make them up with activities approved by the Lost Pines Chapter; complete **forty (40)** hours of volunteer service; and complete **eight (8)** hours of approved advanced training within **twelve (12)** months after classroom training completion.
- YES, I am interested in the training only but not in the volunteer activities at this time.
- NO, I am not available for this term of classes, but I want to be considered in the first group of applicants for the next class. Please send me a copy of the next class schedule when it becomes available.
- NO, I am not interested in the Texas Master Naturalist program. Please delete my name from your mailing list.

**LOST PINES CHAPTER  
OF THE TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST PROGRAM  
VOLUNTEER PLEDGE:**

I understand that in exchange for the training made possible through the Lost Pines 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. I also understand that to maintain a certified status, I must complete 8 hours of advanced training and 40 hours of volunteer service each year thereafter.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

This program is intended to serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin. Individuals with disabilities who plan to attend meetings and who may need auxiliary aids, services or accommodations must contact the Bastrop or Caldwell County Extension Offices at (512) 581-7186 or (512) 398-3122 five days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.