

Rio Grande Valley Chapter
Texas Master Naturalist

Opportunity Title	Description	What category does the project fall under
Volunteer Service		
Administrative Work	Activities related to managing and running the chapter and its committees. Does not include board or committee work with approved partners.	Chapter & Program Business/Administration
Beach Cleanup/Dune Restoration	Beach cleanup and dune restoration activities. Must list approved sponsoring organization (Surfrider, Valley Proud, Respete Tu Playa, Ocean Trust, City of SPI, Sea Turtle Inc., Coastal Bend Bay & Estuaries Program, Nurdle Patrol)	Natural Resource Management
Board or Committee Member of Approved Partner	Must list approved partner and position/duties. Providing technical assistance and support as a representative of TMN on the committee or board.	Other
Envirothon	Preparing high school students for competition.	Training & Educating Others (Direct)
Historical Data Service Hours	DO NOT DELETE THIS OPPORTUNITY! DO NOT APPROVE ANYONE FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY!	
Maintaining Native Plant Gardens & Trails for Public Access	Working with approved partner (must be listed) to develop or maintain native plant gardens and maintain established trails. May include new wildscaping/planting, removal of invasive plants, providing interpretive signs, wildlife viewing blinds, cleaning up debris or overgrowth. Improves public access. Report location/partner. Includes Ramsey Park, Trails at Coastal Fisheries Station, La Feria Library Garden, etc.	Nature/Public Access
Maintenance Duties-Approved Partner	Assist staff of approved partner with routine maintenance of equipment and/or facilities, construction, demolition, mowing, painting. Cleaning facilities. May require specialized training by partner. Must include partner/location and duties.	Natural Resource Management
Natural Resource Management	Rio Reforestation; manage/protect estuary islands; control of invasive vegetation, insects and animals; revegetation of native plants; removal of debris (clean up at Holly Beach); restoring or improving natural habitat. Installing towers for parrots, checking pipelines and boundaries, installing fences. Water/tank testing and animal feeding (Gladys Porter Zoo and Sea Turtle Inc). Must include location, name of approved partner, description of duties.	Natural Resource Management

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NEW DEVELOPMENT OF TRAILS OR ACREAGE- Must report Impact Data	Must list approved partner and provide impact data on survey. Used only for the initial development of a new trail or the initial work on newly acquired acreage.	Natural Resource Management
New Opportunity-Rio Grande Valley	Used to gather information for new opportunities that have not been setup prior to being attended or if the attendee needs to be approved for an existing opportunity. Information for new opportunities should be routed to the review committee for approval if appropriate.	
OUTREACH EVENTS-APPROVED PARTNER (must include impact data)	All events where participants come and go and have the opportunity to receive information about a variety of topics. Examples: manning booth, organizing and preparing for an event or festival. Must include name of event and organization. Must wear TMN name badge and/or clothing/cap. MUST INCLUDE IMPACT DATA (# of adult and youth contacts).	Public Outreach (Indirect)
Pick Up the Valley	collect and remove trash and debris from public areas in a safe manner (following CDC/community guidelines as well as common sense around traffic and high vegetation)	Natural Resource Management
Rio Grande Valley Master Naturalist Application	Apply to volunteer with the Rio Grande Master Naturalists in the Rio Grande Valley area. Join us and explore the Valley's abundant and remarkable natural resources. From sea turtles to Monarchs, from Ocelots to rare plants, our Valley offers a wide range of learning opportunities in Willacy, Cameron and surrounding Counties. Our meetings are the second Tuesday of every month, 7:00 PM, Cameron County Annex, 1390 W Expressway 83, San Benito, TX. Meetings are open to the public. Classes begin each January. For more information, or to register, visit our website: "Rio Grande Valley Master Naturalists" http://www.rgvctmn.org . Scholarships available.	

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Technical Guidance	Provide free, detailed expert advice/assistance for any natural resource related program or business, such as: expertise in land management consultation. Includes site visits, development of plan, LMAP assistance, serving as a board or committee member for a natural resource/environmental organization which is an approved chapter partner; serving on city/community/regional habitat conservation committee; site visits and writing plans for management of natural resources. DOES NOT INCLUDE BOARD OR COMMITTEE WORK FOR PARTNER ORGANIZATION.	Technical Guidance
TMN Virtual Volunteer Service Fair	The Texas Master Naturalist Virtual Volunteer Fair is a series of short project sessions highlighting each of the virtual and distanced service project opportunities new to the TMN Program and enhancing the available safe and health-conscious service opportunities available during these historic times.	Chapter & Program Business/Administration
TRAINING & EDUCATING (MUST INCLUDE IMPACT DATA)	Leading, organizing, developing, delivering, instructing or staffing an educational activity where participants have a planned learning objective and generally stay for the full event. Topics must be consistent with TMN mission. Examples: giving a formal presentation at TMN meetings and training classes or to groups, such as Lions Club, Rotary, City Council, Schools, TexNep, partners, etc. Leading interpretive hikes, leading a webinar, providing instruction in a classroom or workshop or hands-on training, outdoor setting. Audience is "captive" throughout the presentation. MUST INCLUDE IMPACT DATA. Must include topic, group and location.	Training & Educating Others (Direct)
VISITOR SERVICES - Report Impact Data	Providing assistance and information to visitors to national and state refuges, parks, and wildlife management areas. Roving interpreter. Assisting staff in visitor services settings, helping with tours, manning touch tanks and tables, docents, Allison lifeguarding. Must provide name of approved partner. Report Impact Data.	Public Outreach (Indirect)

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Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation - Other Species	Rehabilitation of any wildlife. Rescue of wildlife not on Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN) ref="https://tpwd.texas.gov/huntwild/wild/wildlife_diversity/nongame/tcap/sgcn.phtml">https://tpwd.texas.gov/huntwild/wild/wildlife_diversity/nongame/tcap/sgcn.phtml. Must name species, partner organization, and your role.	Other
Wildlife Rescue of SGCN	Turtle Patrol (ATV or walking) and rescue/release of cold stunned turtles; rescue of other species identified as SGCN (Species of Greatest Conservation Need) according to: https://tpwd.texas.gov/huntwild/wild/wildlife_diversity/nongame/tcap/sgcn.phtml">http://tpwd.texas.gov/huntwild/wild/wildlife_diversity/nongame/tcap/sgcn.phtml
Must list activity details, such as species, partner agencies present, and your role. Pelican rescues on highways such as 48 or 100 are NOT approved. Does NOT include rehabilitation of these species.	Natural Resource Management
Advanced Training		
AT: Chapter Field Trips	Field trips sponsored by the chapter for members. Description must include topic, presenter(s), location, sponsor.	Advance Training
AT: Chapter Meeting-Rio Grande Valley	Advanced Training at the Rio Grande Valley Chapter Meeting. Description must include title and presenter.	Advance Training
AT: Chapter Partners/Approved Organizations	Sessions/presentations on topics approved by chapter as advanced training. Topics must be consistent with TMN mission. When reporting, include Partner, Topic, Presenter in the "Describe Your Training" box. Includes lectures, single or series, at approved partners: SPIBNC, TPWD, Texas Agri-life, Texas Universities, Quinta Mazatlan, ACAS, Shell Club, WOWE, RGVBF, Native Plant Project, Valley Nature Center, World Birding Centers, CBBEP, SEEMS/Coastal Studies Lab, and other events at approved partners.	Advance Training
AT: Child Protection Training	Board approved online training, one time credit for AT. Must obtain log in information from chapter president. Must submit Completion Certificate to Membership Director before approval is granted (forward the email from TAMU/Texas AgriLife)	Advance Training

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AT: Online/Webinar Training	Sessions must be consistent with TMN mission and must be live/interactive. It is recommended that approval be obtained before registering. Description must include sponsor, topic, presenter. When provided, submit verification of training to Membership Director.	Advance Training
AT: TMN State Meeting	Enter session title and presenter for each session attended. Multiple sessions may be entered for each day and reported as a lump sum for that day. You may not lump 2 or more days together. Meals, awards and general business meetings do not count as AT.	Advance Training
AT: TMN Tuesday	Learn more about the heart of the Master Naturalist program and how to become a chapter leader in the future. Put the date of the program in the notes. The date you watched will go in the start date.	Advance Training
AT: TX Waters Certification Training	Training sponsored by the Meadows Program at Texas State Univ. Must include presenter and topic or type/level of training. With this curriculum, we want to inform and educate the citizens of Texas about the most precious natural resource Texas possesses, its water. Many challenges face our state concerning water, particularly in our aquatic habitats and water for wildlife. This curriculum will allow Texas Master Naturalists and other concerned citizens to earn a Texas Waters Specialist designation and then start giving back to their community by performing community service in areas like: Water focused educational activities such as fairs, festivals, events, outreach, Projects such as habitat restoration, creek cleanups, aquifer recharge/karst feature flagging and clearing, etc., or Demonstrations like runoff models, runoff landscape features such as dry creek beds, rain gardens, etc.	Advance Training
Field Research		
FR: Bird Counts, Surveys, Bandings	Must include approved partner and type of survey (CBC, Backyard Bird Watch, Brown Pelican Banding/Watch, Parrot Survey, Plover Counts, Nighthjar Survey, Big Sit, etc.).	Field Research (including surveys)

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FR: Camera Trap Loan Program	Texas Nature Trackers (TNT) Camera Trap Loan Program - long term (6month) primarily mammal species focus for conservation within Chapter Service area submitting a to TNT project; report time spent with cameras in field and time spent organizing, analyzing and uploading data to project. Specify code for camera trap program.	Field Research (including surveys)
FR: Citizen Science Programs: Other Species	Includes citizen science programs within Texas NOT included in other FR opportunities, such as: butterfly counts/surveys (any butterfly monitoring), amphibian watch, horned lizard; other TPWD Nature Tracker (TNT) projects, bioblitz (i.e., City Nature Challenge) Guidelines: minimum 15-minute increments; bioblitz - share data with TNT project or chapter-approved project; NOT on private land; NOT including eBird.	Field Research (including surveys)
FR: CoCoRaHS	Monitoring and reporting precipitation data	Field Research (including surveys)
FR: eBird only	Conducted as a formal survey or chapter-approved project specifying project, duration, party size, distance-covered and number of birds/species detected. Only one group participant can report time spent entering data into eBird after event and no more than 15 minutes. Time on national surveys must go under Chapter-approved project. CANNOT count data entry for: Audubon Christmas Bird Count, Great Backyard Bird Count, USGS Breeding Bird Survey, Project FeederWatch, Great Texas Birding Classic Events, Audubon's Climate Watch, Audubon's Hummingbirds at Home, Purple Martin Watch.	Field Research (including surveys)
FR: Red Tide Rangers	Monitor and evaluate presence of harmful algal blooms. Requires special training.	Field Research (including surveys)
FR: Texas Stream Team/Water Quality Monitoring	Texas Stream Team at The Meadows Center for Water and the Environment (Texas State Univ, must have training).	Field Research (including surveys)
Initial Training		
Initial Training: Classes	Scheduled classes, planned/approved by New Training Director (30 hours required for graduation). Must include topic and presenter, as listed on class syllabus, on description.	
Initial Training: Field Trips	Scheduled field trips, planned/approved by New Training Director (10 hours field trips required for graduation). Must include topic and presenter, as listed on class syllabus, on description.	