



Interested in becoming a Texas Master Naturalist in the Liberty-Chamber Counties area?

Liberty County has a new AgriLife Extension Agent, Roy Flora. With him he has brought a fresh new idea regarding natural resources in southeast Texas. He would like to start a Texas Master Naturalist Program Chapter (TMNP) to serve Liberty and Chambers Counties.

The mission of the TMNP is to develop a corps of well-informed volunteers to provide education, outreach, and service dedicated to beneficial management of natural resources and natural areas within their communities for the State of Texas. Texas Master Naturalists achieve this by attending 40 hours of basic and 8 hours of advanced development courses to become a Certified Texas Master Naturalist. Once certified, the Texas Master Naturalist must continue their education throughout the year by assisting on projects and contributing at least 40 hours to community projects. As a result of this training, Texas Master Naturalists are able to carry out independent projects beneficial to the habitat and wildlife. They carry out environmental education events, wildlife and plant surveys, and habitat restoration projects, benefitting agencies and other natural resource organizations through thousands of hours of volunteer service.

Starting a new chapter is not an easy feat. However, local residents have shown interest. First, several coordinating meetings must be held to identify the goals of the new chapter and to establish a board. The board must then draft a chapter petition, training development curricula, bylaws, and finally, management and operating protocols.

Currently, new members are being sought to form the chapter. If you are interested in joining the new Texas Master Naturalist Chapter forming to serve Liberty and Chambers Counties, please attend the next meeting at 7pm on Thursday, April 21, 2016 at the Trinity River National Wildlife Refuge Headquarters at 601 FM 1011, Liberty, TX. If you have any questions regarding the program, please call AgriLife Extension Agent Roy Flora at 936-334-3230.