

**ATTACHMENT 1 TO JUNE 2006 NEWSLETTER
ADVANCED TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES
JULY - AUGUST 2006**

The TMN-COT Advanced Training Committee has reviewed AT opportunities listed on nearby TMN Chapter websites and has approved the advanced training opportunities listed below. If you find other opportunities not listed that you would like to attend, please submit an *Approval Form for Advanced Training*. This form can be downloaded from the FORMS page of the COT website.

DATE/TIME	CHAPTER	CONTACT	AT HOURS
Galveston Bay Chapter			
July 29 8am-3:30pm The Center for Arts & Sciences, Clute	Fifth Annual SE Texas MN Fair Watch for special mailing coming soon.	Tawy Muehe	Varies by classes attended
August 19 9:00-11:30am ABNC	Taxonomy for Dummies (Is Taxonomy Really That Taxing?) Enjoy a cool August (air-conditioned) day of activities and information on the often-threatening use of scientific names. This workshop will familiarize members with the mechanics of why science names things and how to navigate through plants and animals. By the end of the workshop you will not have to say things like <i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i> , but you might be tempted to. It is hoped you will be able to tell an awn from an umbo. A Tenner Test will be optional. Presented by Nathan Veatch and Dick Benoit. Join us for a Dutch treat lunch after the workshop.	Nathan Veatch e-mail or 281-480-6985	2.5 hrs.
Gulf Coast Chapter			
Saturday, July 8, 2006 - 10 am Jesse Jones Park	Creek Ecology Find out what lives in the park's waterways during this wet, hands-on program using dip-nets and seines and build your own minnow trap. FREE but reservations are required beginning June 28. Wear suitable clothing. For more information and reservations, call 281-446-8858.	call 281-446-8858	
Friday, July 14, 2006 - 7:30 - 9 pm	Waugh Bridge Bat Colony Tour Pontoon Boat Tour sponsored by the Buffalo Bayou Partnership. Visit Houston's newly discovered Mexican Free-tailed Bat Colony. Enjoy an amazing view of the bats' dusk emergence from the boats on the bayou's waters. Spend an evening viewing and learning more about these magnificent flying mammals. Cost: \$15 per person. Group limited to 18. For more information and reservations, contact Trudi Smith at tsmith@buffalobayou.org or call 713-752-0314 ext. 3.	Trudi Smith at tsmith@buffalobayou.org or call 713-752-0314 ext. 3.	
Thursday, July 20, 2006 - noon - 3 pm	Here Come the Hummingbirds by Mark Klym sponsored by Heartwood Chapter MNs at Mercer Arboretum. Mark will discuss which hummingbirds you can find in Houston and how to make your garden more welcoming to these wonders of nature. RSVP to heartwoodnaturalists@earthlink.net.		
Saturday, July 29, 2006 - 10 am Jesse Jones Park	Snakes of Harris County Come learn about the snakes inhabiting this area and how to properly identify them. FREE. For more information, call 281-446-8588. Most of the same snakes will be in Brazoria County	call 281-446-8588	

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Saturday, August 5, 2006 - 1 pm Jesse Jones Park	Totally Turtles Learn about turtles and tortoises native to this area. FREE. For more information, call 281-446-8588.	call 281-446-8588	
Friday, August 11, 2006 - 7:30 - 9 pm	Waugh Bridge Bat Colony Tour Pontoon Boat Tour sponsored by the Buffalo Bayou Partnership. Visit Houston's newly discovered Mexican Free-tailed Bat Colony. Enjoy an amazing view of the bats' dusk emergence from the boats on the bayou's waters. Spend an evening viewing and learning more about these magnificent flying mammals. Cost: \$15 per person. Group limited to 18. For more information and reservations, contact Trudi Smith at tsmith@buffalobayou.org or call 713-752-0314 ext. 3.		
Tuesday, August 15, 2006 - 11:30 - 1:30	Gardening With Nature by Karen Breneman at Mercer Arboretum.		
Saturday, August 19, 2006 - 3:30 - 10:30 pm	Bats at Jesse Jones Park. Meg Goodman and Diana Foss from TPWD will be on hand to teach about bats' natural history, bats found in Houston, and some of the special bat projects going on in the Houston area. Stick around for a night in the field as we use bat detectors and mist-nets to survey the bats at Jesse Jones Park. Training class limited to 30 people (TMNs). Pre-registration is required. FREE. You will NOT be handling live bats. For more information and registration, contact James McNatt at 281-446-8588. Registration begins July 10.		
Friday, September 8, 2006 - 7:30 - 9 pm	Waugh Bridge Bat Colony Tour Pontoon Boat Tour sponsored by the Buffalo Bayou Partnership. Visit Houston's newly discovered Mexican Free-tailed Bat Colony. Enjoy an amazing view of the bats' dusk emergence from the boats on the bayou's waters. Spend an evening viewing and learning more about these magnificent flying mammals. Cost: \$15 per person. Group limited to 18. For more information and reservations, contact Trudi Smith at tsmith@buffalobayou.org or call 713-752-0314 ext. 3.		
Mid Coast Chapter - Aransas Pass			
	No listings for June or July		
Coastal Bend Chapter - Fort Bend County			
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