

Wetland Plant Identification and Restoration Course

Presented by the Wetland Restoration Team

This course represents an opportunity to learn about the work of the Wetland Restoration Team and receive initial plant identification training which will aid in your participation with the Team. The classes will count towards advance training for Master Naturalists, even if you have taken the course previously. You may also receive volunteer hours for your participation in Team workdays.

Due to the popularity of the course and the limitation of the classroom size, we are limiting our class size to 20 students. You **MUST** register with Marissa Sipocz (m-sipocz@tamu.edu) by April 22, 2009 and receive a confirmation email to reserve a spot in the course.

Wednesday, May 13, 2009 – 10am to 12noon, Sheldon Lake State Park

Introduction to wetland restoration efforts of the past five years, current projects and future projects. Meet with project leader, Marissa Sipocz. Other members of the WRT will be present.

Wednesday, May 20, 2009 – 9am to 12noon, Sheldon Lake State Park

Wetland Plant Identification Class 1. Sagittaria and associated plants.

Wednesday, May 27, 2009 - 9am to 12noon, Sheldon Lake State Park

Wetland Plant Identification Class 2. Sedges, Rushes, and associated plants.

Wednesday, June 3, 2009 – 8:30am to 12noon, Texas Coastal Watershed

Program Office (or on-site at specified location TBD)

We will carpool to various restoration sites to conduct field identification practice (sites may include: Mason Park, Brays Bayou; Sheldon Lake State Park, San Jacinto State Park). This process reinforces the course work and will introduce you to the complexity of each restoration site.

Wednesday, June 10, 2009 - 9am to 12noon, Sheldon Lake State Park

Wetland Plant Identification Class 3. Wetland grasses and associated plants.

Wednesday, June 17, 2009 – 8:30am to 12noon, Sheldon Lake State Park

We will meet at Sheldon Lake SP for hand-on identification and additional work required for the restoration of Phase II.

Classes will be primarily taught by Andy Sipocz, with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Classes will consist of lab-oriented lecture with raw materials available per class. A Team notebook with plant identification plates and maps, and a quick reference wetland plant flip book will be provided to student on the first day of class. Classes are mandatory to complete Wetland Restoration Team requirements. Preference will be given to registrants who commit to 35 hours of service to the Wetland Restoration Team. Upon completion of the course, successful participants will receive a certificate documenting their participation.

*Carpool opportunity will be available from our office, 1250 Bay Area Blvd, Houston, TX 77058.