

**ATTACHMENT 1 TO OCTOBER 2006 NEWSLETTER
ADVANCED TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES
OCTOBER - NOVEMBER 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
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Galveston Bay Chapter

<p>First Monday of the month 10am-Noon Carbide Park</p>	<p>Historical Perspectives of Naturalists Study Group By popular request the group will finish 'The Book of Texas Bays' by Jim Blackburn. The author describes and comments on every major bay on the Texas Coast from Lake Sabine to the Rio Grande Earlier this year the study group only read the first nine chapters which describe the geographical area of Southeast Texas. Because so many people are familiar with the entire coastline and because the book is so interesting, it was decided to use the rest of 2006 to finish it.</p> <p>The meeting schedule and reading assignments are:</p> <p>November 6 Chapters 23-26</p>	<p>Stew Coffman e-mail or 281-412-6450</p>	<p>2 hours</p>
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Gulf Coast Chapter

<p>Saturday, October 7, 2006 - 8 am - 1 pm</p>	<p>Fall Feather Festival at Jesse Jones Park. This mini birding festival includes a guided bird walk, a bird banding program, a program on fall bird migration, and "The Big Sit" bird watch and lunch experience. FREE but reservations are required beginning September 27.</p>	<p>call 281-446-8588.</p>	<p>NOTE: This Web Site does not list AT hours</p>
<p>Saturday, October 14, 2006 - 9 am - noon</p>	<p>Prairie Preserve Tour at the Katy Prairie. Discover the creatures living in the pond and in the grasses. Learn basic birding and animal track identification. Learn about plants that you can grow at home to attract butterflies. Make seed balls for the demonstration prairie. For more information and to register, email info@katyprairie.org or call 713-523-6135</p>	<p>email info@katyprairie.org or call 713-523-6135</p>	
<p>Saturday, October 14, 2006 - 10 am</p>	<p>Wildflower Walk at Jesse Jones Park. Join Paul Roling on a walking tour of the park's blooming plant diversity. FREE.</p>		
<p>Sunday, October 15, 2006 - 8 am til 2 pm</p>	<p>NPSOT Field Trip - Brazos Bend State Park with Dr. Larry Brown. Trip will originate at the Houston Arboretum, 4501 Woodway. Wear appropriate footwear for walking through wet or dry fields, bring drinking water, bug spray, and a packed lunch. Field trips normally end after the picnic lunch. Meet at the Arboretum between 8 and 8:30 am to depart promptly at 8:30 am. For more information contact Paul Roling at 281-353-7413 or PVRolling@att.net.</p>		

Gulf Coast Chapter (continued)

Saturday, October 28, 2006 - 10 am	Carnivorous Plants at Jesse Jones Park. Visit the Park's carnivorous plant bog in full splendor and learn about the world of beautiful and bizarre plants and how they attract and capture prey. FREE.		NOTE: This Web Site does not list AT hours
Sunday, October 29, 2006 - 2 pm	Bats and Boxes at Jesse Jones Park. Join park naturalist James McNatt and TPWD biologist Meg Goodman for an educational experience about the mysterious bats of Texas. Distinguish between fact and fiction, and why these flying mammals are beneficial to the environment. FREE but reservations are required.	call 281-446-8588.	
Sunday, November 5, 2006 - 8 am til 2 pm	NPSOT Field Trip - Greens Bayou Wetlands Mitigation Bank with Dr. Larry Brown. Trip will originate at the Houston Arboretum, 4501 Woodway. Wear appropriate footwear for walking through wet or dry fields, bring drinking water, bug spray, and a packed lunch. Field trips normally end after the picnic lunch. Meet at the Arboretum between 8 and 8:30 am to depart promptly at 8:30 am. For more information contact Paul Roling at 281-353-7413 or PVRoling@att.net .		
Sunday, November 11, 2006 - 6:00 - 7:30 pm	Texas Amphibian Watch Monitoring Workshop at Mercer Arboretum, 22306 Aldine Westfield Rd, sponsored by the TPWD. Learn how to identify local amphibians, receive a Texas frog and toad call CD and get hands-on experience. SBEC and TEEAC credit available for teachers. Cost: \$5 for materials. Registration required. For more information and registration, contact Scott Kiester at skiester@houston.rr.com or 281-456-9350.		

Mid-Coast Chapter - Aransas Pass

No listings for October/November		
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Coastal Bend Chapter - Fort Bend County

No listings for September/October AT listed in Members Only section		
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Armand Bayou Nature Center

October 28, 2006 - 8 - 11 am November 11, 2006 - 8 - 11 am	<u>Guided Canoe Tours</u> - A morning of education and adventure paddling canoes on a guided tour down the backwaters of Armand Bayou. Meet at Bay Area Park for a leisurely morning of wildlife watching, wetland education, relaxation and fun. Observe numerous birds, reptiles, deer and other residents at the water's edge. Beginning and experienced canoers welcome. Life jackets provided. Cost: \$20 members; \$25 non-members	281-474-2551 8500 Bay Area Blvd., Pasadena, TX	
October 7, 2006 - 6:30 - 8:30 pm November 4, 2006 - 5 - 7 pm	<u>Owl Prowl</u> - Enjoy a moonlit walk through the woods as we look for owls and listen for fascinating night sounds. Bring a flashlight. Cost: Members - \$2 adults, \$1 children & seniors; Non-members - \$5 adults, \$3 children & seniors	281-474-2551 8500 Bay Area Blvd., Pasadena, TX	