

Mid-Coast Chapter 2011 Annual Report to State

Number of volunteers trained since Chapter inception in 2000:	159
Number of volunteers certified since Chapter inception	126
Volunteer service hours in 2011:	12,581
Cumulative volunteer service hours since Chapter inception:	89,246.7
Cumulative hours of Advanced Training hours since Chapter inception:	9,783.9
Number of outreach/education events conducted by the chapter in 2011:	581
Direct outreach/education events in 2011:	249
Number of people attending these direct events:	3,247
Indirect outreach/education events in 2011:	332
Number of people attending these indirect events:	7,203
Total acreage affected through new chapter projects in 2011	4,365.07
Total miles of trails affected in new trail projects in 2011	3.6

Chapter Successes

Acreage & Trails—In addition to the 4,365.07 new acres and 3.6 miles of new trails established in 2011, Mid-Coast TMN is proud to continue to maintain trails and acreage reported in earlier years. Members performed **524.5** hours of effort on formerly reported acreage and trails in addition to the **395.75** hours of work on new projects.

Research & Restoration—Mid-Coast TMN volunteers are proud to have contributed **4,482.20** hours in research and restoration projects for that make a real difference to wildlife in our 8-county area.

Research—Chapter members worked **1764.75** hours gathering data for 12 agencies or organizations engaged in wildlife research.

Restoration—Chapter members spent **2,717.45** hours volunteering for 12 agencies or organizations engaged in wildlife restoration.



Forty-eight Mid-Coast members have recertified—so far—for 2011. Receiving their horned-lizard pins at the November meeting were: Front row—Wilfred Korth, Claire Barnhart-Korth, Bonnie Heckman, Irma Schreiner, & Judy Goodner. Back row—Ron Smudy, Larry Henneke, Ken Goodner, Ernie Edmundson, Diane Pletcher, Sharron Flood, Pat Fleming, & Mason Fleming. **Milestone Pins**—Drew Jacobs received her bronze dragonfly for 250 hours of volunteer service. Suzie Ross & Ron Smudy received 500-hour silver dragonfly pins. Russ & Marilee Bell received their gold dragonfly pins for 1000 hours of volunteer service.

2011 Hummer/Bird Celebration

Members manned a Chapter display and talked to people about the benefits and pleasures of becoming a Texas Master Naturalist. The plant sale hosted by the Chapter at HBC began with 1156 native and adapted plants.



August Chapter Meeting

We met in the Bay Education Center, Rockport—part of the Mission-Aransas NERR project—for Science-on-a-Sphere presentations. If you haven't been there, you should go. Presentations are free, interesting, and important to the TMN mission. The BEC is a great volunteer opportunity.



May 2011 Chapter Meeting

Members attended the May 2011 Chapter meeting at Goliad State Park in the newest county in our 8-county Mid-Coast area.

February 2011 Chapter Meeting

Members met in at the Texas State Marine Education Center in Palacios Saturday, Feb 12. In the afternoon, interested members got a guided tour of the Palacios Prairie Wetlands to survey needs for the restoration project beginning there.

Mid-Coast Chapter Annexes Goliad County

Because Goliad County did not have a Texas Master Naturalist chapter, and the Mid-Coast Chapter has members and projects there, the membership asked for and received State permission to annex Goliad. Mid-Coast members are encouraged to look for volunteer opportunities in Goliad County. The Mid-Coast Chapter, TMN is now an 8-county area.