



**National Wildlife Federation
Habitat Stewards Training Agenda
March 20 – April 10, 2014
Thursdays & Saturdays**

Thursday, March 20, 6:00pm – 9:00pm

PARD Annex, 919 West 28 ½ Street, 78705

- 6:00-6:15 Welcome & Introductions – Jane Tillman, Meredith O'Reilly, Lauren Rowe, Habitat Steward Hosts
- 6:15-6:45 National Wildlife Federation Education Programs – Marya Fowler, NWF Senior Education Manager-
- 6:45-7:00 NWF Habitat Stewards Program: Roles and Expectations –Meredith O'Reilly
- 7:00-7:15 Break
- 7:15-8:45 Creating a Wildlife Habitat, with Native Plant Activity – Meredith O'Reilly
- 8:45-9:00 Wrap Up

Saturday, March 22, 8:45am* – 12:30pm

Wild Basin Wilderness Preserve – 805 N Capital of Texas Hwy, 78746

- (*7:30-9:00) Beginner Wildlife/Bird Walk (**optional**) – Julie Webber, COA Park Ranger
(Include a NPSOT person to also go along and ID plants. That is a very important component.)
- 9:00 - 9:15 Sign In, Announcements
- 9:15 - 10:45 Cultivate Your Backyard Birds-Jane Tillman, Habitat Steward Host, Travis Audubon
- 10:45 - 11:00 Break
- 11:00 - 12:00 Backyard Wildlife with David Papke
- 12:00-12:30 Lunch (Bring Your Own)
- 12:30 – 2:00 Best of Texas Habitat, Northwest Hills

Thursday, March 27, 6:00pm – 9:00pm

AISD Science and Health Resource Center – 306 North Bluff Drive, 78745

- 6:00-6:15 Sign In, Announcements
- 6:15-7:00 Schoolyard Habitats, with Demo Habitat tour – Anne Muller, AISD Outdoor Learning Specialist
- 7:00-7:15 Break
- 7:15-8:45 Getting to Know Native Plants – Meredith O'Reilly
- 8:45-9:00 Wrap Up

Saturday, March 29, 8:30am – 3:30pm

AGE's Elderhaven Habitat, 3710 Cedar St. 78705

- 8:15-8:30 Sign In, Announcements
- 8:30-9:45 AGE Habitat tour and planting/maintenance work
- 9:45-10:00 Break
- 10:00-12:00 Native Landscape Design Principles-Cathy Nordstrom, Sans Souci Landscapes

12:00-12:30 Lunch (Bring your own)
12:30-2:00 Insects with Erin Cord
2:00-3:30 Tour central Austin native landscape-Jackie O'Keefe

Thursday, April 3, 6:00pm – 9:00pm

PARD Annex, 919 West 28 ½ Street, 78705

6:00-6:15 Sign In, Announcements
6:15-7:15 Water: The Big Picture – Jennifer Ellis, National Wildlife Federation
7:15-7:30 Break
7:30-8:30 Community Gardens & Creating Your Own Project– Lauren Rowe/Meredith Gray
8:30-8:45 Code Compliance – Lauren Rowe
8:45-9:00 Wrap Up

Saturday, April 5, 8:30am – 3:30pm

Zilker Botanical Garden and Watershed Walk (either at Robert E. Lee side of Barton Springs Pool or Barton Creek)

8:30-8:45 Sign In, Announcements
8:45-12:00 Workday at Zilker Botanical Garden-Elizabeth McVeety
12:00-12:30 Lunch (Bring your own)
12:30-3:30 Watershed Walk/Water Quality Assessment-Todd Jackson, COA Watershed Protection Dept.

Thursday, April 10, 6:00pm-9:00pm

Zilker Park Clubhouse, 200 Zilker Clubhouse Rd, Austin, TX 78746

6:00-6:15 Sign In, Announcements
6:15-6:45 Jerry Levenson, Carleen Edgar, Jane Baxter Lynn, Jack French & Matt Moris
6:45-7:30 Annual Potluck Dinner
7:30-8:30 Welcome Visiting Habitat Stewards
Graduation Ceremony
8:30-9:00 Clean Up

Training Hosts:

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