



2016 EARTH-KIND ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP MODULAR SEMINARS

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service
Attention: Horticulture Department
P. O. Box 1540
Fort Worth, TX 76101-1540

NAME: _____

(print please)

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ COUNTY: _____ Zip: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

PHONE (Day) #: _____ *PRECINCT #: _____

(*This number is on your Voter's Registration Card)

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

**If you need any special accommodations, please contact Steve Chaney or
Billie Hammack at 817-884-1296 or blhammack@ag.tamu.edu.**

Please Complete the Following:

Years of living in Tarrant County: _____

Years of gardening experience: _____

Do you have special gardening interest? _____

Herbs? _____ Native Plants? _____ Etc.? _____

Please list group affiliations: garden clubs, community gardens, plant societies, civic organizations, etc.: (note any offices held)

Please list any post-secondary education/diploma:

Are you presently employed and if so, where?

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone #: _____

Full Time: _____ Part-Time: _____

Who recommended you to become a Master Gardener or how did you hear about the Master Gardeners?

Goals in taking these classes are important to me because:

0-Not Important

5-Most Important

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| 1. I will be able to increase my knowledge of gardening: | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 2. I will be able to gain new skills as a gardener: | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 3. I will have the opportunity to receive useful training: | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 4. I will be able to provide a service to other people in my Community and/or neighborhood: | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 5. I will have the opportunity to share my knowledge with other gardeners: | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6. I will gain a great deal of personal satisfaction: | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 7. I will be able to creatively use my free time: | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 8. I will be certified by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 9. I will receive quality instructions and materials: | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 10. I will gain gardening experience that can help me get a job: | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 11. I will be recognized by people in my community: | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 12. I can get a tax credit for my volunteer work: | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

EarthKind Modular Horticulture/Master Gardener Program Course Outline

Subject	Hours	Chapter	Dates	Location	Circle yes or no
Module 1					
* Plant Propagation	3 Hours	Chapter 1	4-26-2014	Fort Worth	<u>Yes/No</u>
* Basic Botany	3 Hours		5-17-2014		
* Basic Horticulture	<u>3 Hours</u>				
	9 Hours				
Module 2					
* Entomology	3 Hours	Chapter 4	5-31-2014	Grand Prairie	<u>Yes/No</u>
* Pathology	3 Hours	Chapter 4	6-14-2014		
* Soils	<u>3 Hours</u>	Chapter 2			
	9 Hours				
Module 3					
* Irrigation	3 Hours	Chapter 3	7/12/2014	Grapevine	<u>Yes/No</u>
* Fruits & Nuts	<u>3 Hours</u>	Chapter 5			
	6 Hours				
Module 4					
* Vegetables	3 Hours	Chapter 6	8/9/2014	Fort Worth	<u>Yes/No</u>
* Herbs	<u>3 Hours</u>				
	6 Hours				
Module 5					
* Composting	2 Hours	Chapter 3	8-23-2014	Grand Prairie	<u>Yes/No</u>
* Organic vs Inorganic/ Pesticide Usage	3 Hours	Chapter 4	9-6-2014		
	<u>3 Hours</u>	Chapter 3			
* Landscape Design	8 Hours				
Module 6					
* Plant Materials	6 Hours	Chapter 7	10-04-2014	Fort Worth	<u>Yes/No</u>
* Turf	3 Hours	Chapter 8	11-8-2014		
* EarthKind Gardening Pruning/Maintenance	2 Hours	Chapter 3	12-6-2014		
	<u>3 Hours</u>				
	14 Hours				

Total cost 6 Modules = 52 hours

Class Times : 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

* \$270 or \$45 per module

* Become a Certified Tarrant County Master Gardener

~ 1- 20 hour module (Agenda Pending)

~ \$55 fee

Audio/Photo/Video Ongoing Consent Form

Subject's Name (please print)

Date

I permit Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Texas A&M System, to record, own, publish, and republish information about me/my property and reproductions of my likeness and my voice for educational, marketing, and publicity purposes through any media. I acknowledge that the pictures or recordings taken on this date then become the sole and exclusive property of Texas AgriLife Extension Service and the Texas A&M System. I release Texas AgriLife Extension Service and the Texas A&M System from any and all claims that might arise from the use of these images and recordings.

Signature of Subject (if age 18 or older)

Parent or Legal Guardian (if subject is under 18)

Address (please print)

Address (if different from minor's)

City, State

City, State

Area Code and Phone Number

Area Code and Phone Number (if different from minor's)

If subject is under 18 years old, a parent or legal guardian must write the minor's name as the subject and grant permission by signing on the appropriate line.

-----FOR SCHOOL OFFICIALS ONLY-----

I affirm that students of _____ can be photographed, interviewed, and/or videotaped because all relevant permissions have been secured in advance by the school.

Signature

Title

CONFIDENTIAL



Volunteer Application Form

And consent for criminal background history check authorization/waiver

To be completed by Extension program volunteers (EFNEP, BLT, etc.) and Master Volunteers only.

4-H volunteers must register online via 4-H CONNECT or by completing the 4-H Adult Volunteer Application (4-H 2-1.056)

Please print:

- 1. APPLICANT'S FULL, LEGAL NAME _____
 - 2. COUNTY _____
 - 3. ADDRESS _____
 - 4. CITY _____ ZIP _____
 - 5. FIRST 5 DIGITS OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER _____
 - 6. DATE OF BIRTH _____ / _____ / _____
 - 7. DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER (optional) _____
 - 8. GENDER (circle one) Male / Female
 - 9. Are you of Hispanic ethnicity? Yes / No
 - 10. VOLUNTEER PROGRAM AREA _____
- RACE (circle one) White / Black / Asian / American Indian
Alaskan Native / Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander

Previously Screened

- 11. I verify that I have been previously screened including a criminal background check and PASSED. Yes No
- If yes, by who? _____ When (Year): _____
- For what purpose? _____
- Did you pass? If not, what restrictions were imposed? _____
- If you have been screened and passed a criminal background check through an Extension-approved entity, a letter/proof must be submitted.

Please sign at the bottom of the form.

- 12. I hereby authorize VERIFYI and/or its Service Provider and the Texas AgriLife Extension Service to request and receive any and all background information about or concerning me, including, but not limited to, my Criminal History, Driving Record, Employment History, Military Background, Civil Listings, Educational Background, Professional License from any Individual, Corporation, Partnership, Law Enforcement Agency, and other entities including my Present and Past Employers. I authorize the Texas AgriLife Extension Service or any of its components to make reference checks relating to my volunteer service. I understand that this information will be used to determine my eligibility as a volunteer/employee with the Texas AgriLife Extension Service. The criminal history, as received from the reporting agencies, may include arrest and conviction data, as well as plea bargains and deferred adjudications and delinquent conduct committed as a juvenile. I understand that this information will be used, in part, to determine my eligibility for an employment/volunteer position with this organization. I also understand that as long as I remain an employee or volunteer here, the criminal history check may be repeated at any time. I understand that I will have an opportunity to review the criminal history as received by client/agency and a procedure is available for clarification, if I dispute the record as received. I also understand that the criminal history could contain information presumed to be expunged. I further release and discharge VERIFYI and their Service Provider and all of their Subsidiaries, Affiliates, Officers, Employees, Contract Personnel, or Associates, from any and all claims and liability arising out of any request for information or records pursuant to this authorization and/or procurement of an investigative consumer report and understand that it may contain information about my character, general reputation, personal characteristics, and mode of living, whichever are applicable. I understand that I have the right to make written request within a reasonable period of time to VERIFYI for additional information concerning the nature and scope of the investigation. I acknowledge that I have voluntarily provided the above information for employment/volunteer purposes, and I have carefully read and understand this authorization.

- 13. Date _____
- 14. Applicant's Signature _____

Volunteer Application Form Instructions

1. Applicant's Printed Name – Complete with first name, middle name and last name.
2. County – Complete with the county name in which you are applying to be a volunteer.
- 3/4. Address – Complete with your current mailing address, city and zip code.
5. Social Security Number – Complete with at least the **first five** digits of the social security number. The social security number is an individual descriptor that enables the system to complete a national criminal search of 47 jurisdictions.
6. Date of Birth – Complete with the month, day and year of birth.
7. Driver's License Number – Complete with current driver's license number and state. Although optional, this helps affirm your identity during a background check.
8. Gender – Complete by circling one of the options.
9. Race – Complete the race and ethnicity section by circling the answers that apply. This field is optional; however, it is very important in confirming accurate identity.
10. Volunteer Program Area – Complete with the program area you are volunteering for (e.g., Better Living for Texans, Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program, Master Gardener, Master Naturalist, Master Wellness Volunteer).
**4-H volunteers should complete the Texas 4-H Adult Volunteer Application (4-H 2-1.056).*
11. Previously Screened – Texas AgriLife Extension Service will accept prior screenings conducted within the past three years from other entities. The approved list of prior screenings either as an employee or volunteer include: school districts, churches, youth groups/associations (Little League, sports associations, etc.), youth agencies/organizations (Big Brother/Big Sister, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, after school/extended care programs), law enforcement (county, state or federal/prison system), Texas Youth Commission, Department of Defense – Child and Youth Services, Department of Defense – Family Programs, concealed handgun license; and/or licensed childcare workers.
** The minimum requirement is a criminal background check conducted through DPS or a National Criminal Search entity.**
*** Other sources may be considered based on documentation provided with screening criteria and specifics.***
**** Documentation is required for screenings from other entities. This could include a letter of acceptance from the employer or volunteer group, or a letter written from the screening entity to the Texas AgriLife Extension Service stating you have been screened and tested.*
12. Authorization Statement – State agencies screening volunteers are required by legislation to use the Volunteer Center of North Texas. The Volunteer Center contracts with VeriFYI. VeriFYI is a background verification software system that accesses multi-jurisdiction checks utilizing one of the largest private-sector criminal history databases in the nation (180 million records). All information received is held in confidence and not shared at the county level. Criminal record results are shredded when a volunteer's status is determined.
13. Date Completed
14. Applicant's Signature

Parking is free on Saturdays.

**Texas AgriLife Extension Service -Tarrant County Office
Tarrant County Plaza Building-Downtown**

200 Taylor Street, Suite 500
Fort Worth, TX 76196-0123
Phone: 817.884.1945
Fax: 817.884.1941

The **entrance** to our building is on the West side of the building facing our surface parking lot and Burnett Street, it is not on Taylor Street- that entrance is locked at all times. You will enter on the 2nd floor, take the elevators to the 5th floor where our office is.

**Note: The Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program office is inside the Texas AgriLife Extension Office. The directions below apply to EFNEP as well.*

From the North:

Take I-35 going South; Take the Belknap Street Exit; Continue Straight on Belknap; Turn left on Taylor Street; Turn right on W. 2nd Street; Turn right into the second driveway which is the parking lot by the Parking Attendant Booth

From the Northwest:

Take Jacksboro Hwy., heading south to downtown -Jacksboro will become N. Henderson Street; Turn left on Weatherford; Turn right on Taylor; Turn right on W. 2nd Street; Turn right into the second driveway which is the parking lot by the Parking Attendant Booth

From the East:

Take I-30 West; Take Exit to I-35 Denton/Downtown Fort Worth onto 287 North; Follow signs to SPUR 280 into Downtown - stay right and follow signs to 4th Street into Downtown; Continue on 4th Street; Turn right on Taylor Street; Turn left onto W. 2nd Street; Turn right into the second driveway which is the parking lot by the Parking Attendant Booth

From the West:

Take the Forest Park Blvd. Exit; Turn left to follow Forest Park Blvd. which becomes Weatherford; Continue on Weatherford - stay in the right-hand lane; Turn right on Taylor; Turn right onto W. 2nd Street; Turn right into the second driveway which is the parking lot by the Parking Attendant Booth

From the South:

Take I-35 going North; Take Exit 52A (Spur 280) to Downtown Fort Worth - this exit will loop you around; merge to the right-hand lane and follow the signs to E. 4th Street; Continue going straight on E. 4th Street; Turn right on Taylor Street; Turn left on 2nd Street; Turn right into the second driveway which is the parking lot by the Parking Attendant Booth

- **Parking is available in the surface parking lot adjacent to the Plaza Building at the rates listed below, or at parking meters.**
- **Payment accepted: Cash, check, debit/credit card.**
- **Parking attendant new hours: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

Surface Lot Parking prices:	0 - 15 minutes	\$1.50	61 - 90 min.	\$ 8
	16 - 30 min.	\$3	91 + minutes	\$10
	31 - 60 min.	\$6		

Parking Procedures Below

TEXAS AGRILIFE EXTENSION

Tarrant County Plaza Building

200 Taylor Street, Suite 500 Fort Worth, TX 76196-0123

Phone: (817) 884-1945 / Fax: (817) 884-1941



Tarrant County Plaza Building



The entrance faces west toward Burnett Street. The entrance to our parking lot is through 2nd Street.

