

# Rio Brazos Master Naturalist Chapter

September 1, 2011

**Program:** Dave Moore presents "Yeast"

Dave Moore gave us insight into the history, lives, and opportunities of some common yeast. We learned chemical makeup, how and why we can use yeast for human benefit, and then Dave offered two different kinds of homemade bread to sample.

**Old Business:**

Minutes from August: Approved

Treasurer's Report: Approved

**Committee Reports:**

**Training Committee:** Robert Theimer

- The second Stream Team Training for our chapter on Saturday 8/6 trained three new members as several others refreshed their skill at Somervell Training Center. The new PH meters were used and Robert liked them so much he has asked Luminant to supply 6 more PH Meters. Robert will purchase with authorization from the chapter members and will be reimbursed by Luminant. Membership voted to approve the expense with reimbursement.
- Indian Trail Chapter will be holding a fall class. Information is on our website or contact Robert if you know someone interested.
- Monarch Watch training will be held in Boerne in September. Information is on the website.

**Out Reach Committee:** Billy Teels

- The ANC Bird Walk will be held 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday at 630 am. Chuck Wills Widow was seen at the August walk. Hummingbirds are migrating.
- Night Nature Walk was held this month with 25 in attendance. Mike Balderas brought up an ornate box turtle, a water snake, and the adults were entertained by howling children. September walk is cancelled.
- Melia will begin home school program every other week on Fridays at noon, beginning Oct 7.
- Web page: Jim reports the CHO is now on line, the calendar is updated with current information on hand, and there are several opportunities for the fall.

**Volunteer Services Committee:** Ken Coy

- Group has approved project TexasTeen Naturalist
- Buffalo Creek: Carrie McLaughlin reports that there was no meeting in August. President did report to her that all he spoke to were very enthusiastic about the plan for the red bud area. The acquisition of the nature area is still in talking stages and informal negotiations are being done.
- Acton Nature Center: We will have work day as schedule this month. There is some prep that needs to be done for Rainwater Collection.
- The butterfly garden is surviving due to the diligent help of a few hearty souls keeping the path watered. There are several new lantana plants and a desert willow growing around the chute. Linda would like us to water that area as well as clean it up.
- El Tesoro: Jane reports the fall programming will be starting in the next couple of weeks. Their business plan will be finalized in September. The equestrian stable will be finished this fall . Jane reports that delegates from Japan attend the Grief Camp to take back information for tsunami victims. Jane will be scheduling opportunities for the naturalists and will post them on the website.
- Texas Teen Naturalist is a new program being managed by the Ayerts with the help of this chapter and The Ft Worth Nature Center. The fall calendar is full but spring programming is open for suggestions. Tammy will forward information about the program to Jim who will put it on the website.
- Wheeler Branch is now open, water is crystal clear and stocked. The 180 acre lake is the reservoir for the Glen Rose water supply. Wheeler Branch is an approved project for us just waiting for opportunities.

**Membership Committee:** Wanda Riley

Quarterly volunteer hours report is due the 1<sup>st</sup> week in October.

**New Business:**

- State Meeting will be held in October. Sometime in September the state will publish the curriculum. Classes fill up early and so does housing. If you are interested in going make your reservations for housing now.
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- Dave announced that Hood County Teen Court will need volunteer opportunities for offenders. He asks that ANC and this chapter offer community service opportunities for these children to come out on workdays to help. Several questions arose on liability. Dave will follow up and keep us informed.

Next meeting 10/6 at 6 pm **McGregor House in Cleburne (new location)**