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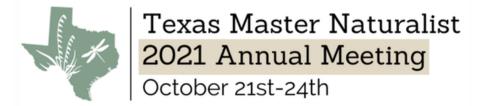
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# **2021 Annual Meeting**

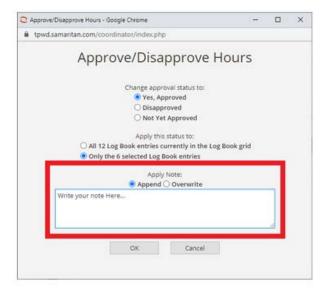
2021 Annual Meeting



The <u>22nd Annual TMN Annual Meeting</u> will be a hybrid event - both in-person and online. The in-person event will be held at the DFW Airport Marriott.

### **The Federal Audit**

We still don't have a final report from the Federal Fish & Wildlife Agency (where our federal grant money comes from) and we don't expect a formal report for several more months. But all indications are that we are just fine. We know that going forward we still need to work on documentation around all logbook entries that are edited or changed by anyone other than the volunteer.



### 2021 Data Review

We are about to start the 2021 data review. We will be incorporating what we now know to look for based on the audit responses and requests. We'll be looking at approvals and other topics that the auditors mentioned. Some of those items are hours spanning days (for non-Field Research activities), duplicate entries and logbook entries being put in before the activity.

#### **CBC** Milestone

As you know, in order to run a background check we need two pieces of information: a valid birthdate and an authorization to run the CBC. For the first time ever - we have achieved 100% compliance on birthdates... That noise you hear from Central Texas will be the fireworks when the final 23 folks check off their authorizations!

Thanks for everyone's help in getting this accomplished.

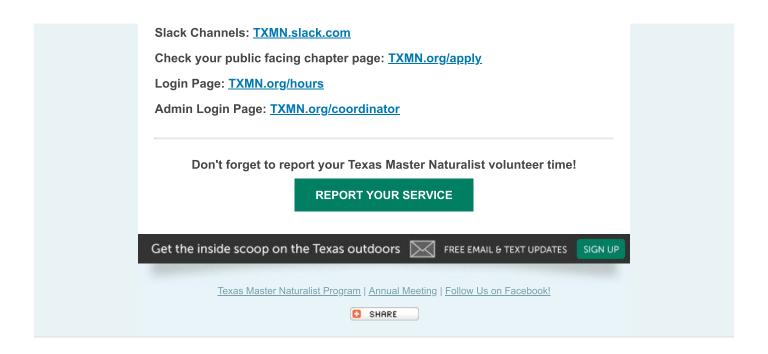
# Elephant Mountain...

Did you notice that the newsletter was a little late this quarter? I spent a couple of weeks at the end of the quarter in west Texas and had the delightful experience of touring the Elephant Mountain Wildlife Management Area. The Big Horn sheep are in the capable hands of Joshua Cross and the TPWD team at the WMA. The site is in the Tierra Grande chapter area. Words cannot describe the views and vistas from the top of the mountain, so I won't even try. If you ever get the chance to go to the Alpine area, stop in and say hello. It's a beautiful place.

---Cheryl

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