

2022 ANNUAL TEXAS STREAM TEAM TRAINER MEETING

- Welcome! We are glad you can join us for today's event. We will be starting at 9:35 AM
- **Housekeeping:**
 - This meeting will be recorded
 - Please mute your microphones and turn off your videos
 - Questions/comments can be directed to the chat feature, or you may unmute your mic



THE MEADOWS CENTER
FOR WATER AND THE ENVIRONMENT
TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY

TEXAS STREAM TEAM

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MEET OUR TEAM

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INTRODUCE YOURSELF!

1. Name
2. Texas Stream Team group
3. How long you have been with Texas Stream Team

AGENDA

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Texas Stream Team Book

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2021 Goals Recap

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Pre-Training

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2022 Goals



TEXAS STREAM TEAM BOOK

2021 GOALS RECAP

- Updated Water Education Curriculum
- CPE Credit
- Outreach Materials and Resources
 - Program brochure
 - Core PowerPoint
 - Training flyers
- Core In Person Field Audit Session
- Training Manuals
 - Core
- Monitoring Protocol Videos
 - Advanced streamflow and turbidity
- Core Equipment Maintenance Documents
- Core Electronic Monitoring Forms





TRAINER TRAININGS

TRAINER ENROLLMENT FORM

[TRAINER ENROLLMENT FORM](#)

QUESTION:

Are you for or against adding another phase to the Trainer Enrollment Process?

UPCOMING TRAININGS

- 4/9/2022 Riparian Evaluation Training @ San Antonio
- 5/14/2022 *E. coli* Bacteria Training @ Waco
- 8/13/2022 Advanced Training @ Waco

TEXAS STREAM TEAM CALENDAR

The background is a blue-tinted photograph of a river. On the left bank, there are dense, leafy trees. On the right bank, there is a multi-story building with a balcony and a railing. The river reflects the sky and the surrounding environment. The text 'PRE-TRAINING' is centered in the middle of the image.

PRE-TRAINING

TRAINING ENROLLMENT FORM

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TEXAS STREAM TEAM CALENDAR

- When submitting events, it is important to share the following:
 - Training details (type, time, location, trainers, any restrictions or capacity limits, RSVP instructions)
 - Is it a private or public event?
- Instruction Guide

[SUBMIT EVENTS](#)

PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS

Trainer Resources

- Training outreach materials and resources
 - **NEW** [Training Flyer Templates](#)
 - **NEW** [Texas Stream Team Brochure](#)
 - [Program Handout](#)
 - [Program Video](#)



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TRAININGS

TRAINING RESOURCES



MODULES



POWERPOINT SLIDES



TRAINING CHECKLIST

[TRAINER FORM & RESOURCES PAGE](#)
[\(LEADING A TRAINING\)](#)

DAY OF TRAINING MATERIALS



TRAINING SIGN-
IN SHEET



TRAINING
PARTICIPANT PACKET



POWERPOINT SLIDES



TRAINING
PACKET

TRAINER FORM & RESOURCES PAGE
(LEADING A TRAINING)

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POST-TRAINING

TRAINING SIGN-IN SHEET



Taking attendance is required



Serves as supporting documentation
and is necessary for verifying
certifications



Submit to
TxStreamTeam@txstate.edu after a
training is held so staff can release
certificates to participants on
schedule

[SUBMIT EVENTS](#)

IN-KIND MATCH

- Used as non-federal share of costs
- TCEQ grants require (40%) matching costs and is reported quarterly
- Allows Texas Stream Team to identify the value of volunteer time of our program!
- Sources include time spent (e.g., prep, monitoring, training, etc.) total distance traveled, staff time, and supplies (e.g., office supplies, kits, reagents, etc.)

2021 MATCH RATE

REPORTING IN-KIND MATCH

- Blank PAR form is not required for **ZERO** activity/expenses
- Not required if partner/trainer plans to report Texas Stream Team match to other federally-assisted project/ program
- Supporting documents are required to be submitted with PAR forms (e.g., invoices, timesheets, mileage logs, etc.)

PARTNER ACTIVITY REPORT



BREAK

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MONITORING

QUALITY ASSURANCE AND QUALITY CONTROL

- Quality Assurance
 - QAPP Revision due September 2022
 - Group Citizen Scientist Monitoring Plan
 - Annual trainer meeting will be used as reminder to update
 - Create a **new** one or **revise** existing one online

GROUP CITIZEN SCIENTIST MONITORING PLAN

QUALITY ASSURANCE AND QUALITY CONTROL

- Quality Control (QC)
 - Core In-person Field Audit Sessions
 - First one is conducted as part of training Phase III
 - Conducted every two years after initial training certification
 - Trainers/QAOs conduct Field Audits – consider hosting an annual/biannual event
 - Field audit checklist on monitoring form
 - Fill out form when a Field Audit Session is conducted
 - Trainer must discuss any observed deviations from the protocols with the citizen scientist and sign the form to verify the session took place
 - Enter in Waterways Dataviewer

PROTOCOL UPDATES (CORE)

- Turbidity measurement – Secchi disc or turbidity tube
 - Turbidity tube (60 cm/120 cm) for use in shallow water
 - Secchi disc for use in deeper water
 - Report measurement in **meters not centimeters**
 - Only use the “>” qualifier for the tube measurement when you can see the bottom of a tube that is full of water (report either > 0.6 m or > 1.2 m)
 - Only use the “>” qualifier to report Secchi disc measurements when the disc is visible after it reaches the bottom of the water body (report > total depth of water body in meters)
 - QC Check:
 - Check your equipment yearly for rope distortions/stretching to ensure accurate measurements
- 2022 Goal
 - Protocol Development
 - Secchi Disc rope replacement
 - Replacements might include metered Dacron-type rope, chain, or wire



PROTOCOL UPDATES (CORE)

- Salinity measurement in coastal, tidally-influenced saltwater
 - Refractometer measures salinity
 - QC Check:
 - Pre-/post-calibration error limit is ± 1 ppt
- Conductivity measurement in inland/freshwater streams, rivers, and lakes
 - Conductivity meter
 - Recently upgraded from to TRACER meter type
 - QC Check:
 - Pre-/post-calibration error limit is $\pm 20\%$ of calibration standard solution



PROTOCOL UPDATES (ADVANCED)

- Turbidity method
 - Old Turbidity Dropper Pipette method measured in Jackson Turbidity Units (JTU)
 - New Turbidity Tube method measured in centimeters then converted to Nephelometric Turbidity Units (NTU)
 - Units for new method (NTUs) align with current reporting units by other water quality monitoring entities
 - Replacement supplies not necessary for new method
 - One-time purchase of turbidity tube (approximately \$80-100)
 - QC Check:
 - Rinse bucket/tube 2X before use to prevent residual contamination from prior use

Distance from bottom of tube (m)	NTU	Distance from bottom of tube (m)	NTU
<0.0625	>240	>0.2875 to 0.3125	24
0.0625 to 0.07	240	>0.3125 to 0.3375	21
>0.07 to 0.08	185	>0.3375 to 0.3625	19
>0.08 to 0.095	150	>0.3625 to 0.3875	17
>0.095 to 0.105	120	>0.3875 to 0.4125	15
>0.105 to 0.12	100	>0.4125 to 0.4375	14
>0.12 to 0.1375	90	>0.4375 to 0.4625	13
>0.1375 to 0.1625	65	>0.4625 to 0.4875	12
>0.1625 to 0.1875	50	>0.4875 to 0.5125	11
>0.1875 to 0.2125	40	>0.5125 to 0.5375	10
>0.2125 to 0.2375	35	>0.5375 to 0.575	9
>0.2375 to 0.2625	30	>0.575 to 0.6	8
>0.2625 to 0.2875	27	> 0.6	<8

Source: Wyoming Stream Team, Turbidity Tube Conversion Chart

PROTOCOL UPDATES (ADVANCED)

- Streamflow – two methods
 1. Report streamflow from gage (i.e., USGS, IBWC, or local river authority)
 2. Report measured streamflow estimate
 - Instructional YouTube video for estimate
- 2022 Goal
 - New Orthophosphate method (LaMotte low-range test strips)
 - Field guide updates including QC check
 - Video with technique
 - Newsletter announcement prior to release
 - Complete revisions to Advanced Manual, Field Guide, and training materials

PROTOCOL UPDATES (*E. COLI*)

- Sterile Diluent for Field Blank
 - Hach 100 mL Deionized Water (product #27242)
 - LaMotte stopped manufacturing 10 mL sterile diluent
 - Other sources of sterile diluent can include distilled water
 - Method didn't change, only source of field blank sample water
- 2022 Goal
 - Complete *E. coli* Bacteria Manual that is currently under development



EQUIPMENT UPDATES

Equipment Maintenance

- [NEW Maintenance guides available on website](#)
 - Standard Core
 - Probe Core

Equipment Upgrades

- Conductivity meter
 - TRACER meters
- Advanced turbidity tube
 - 60 cm or 120 cm turbidity tube

EQUIPMENT QUESTIONS:

See chat for link to survey

VENDOR UPDATES AND SUPPLY ORDERS

Vendor Discounts

- Mention Texas Stream Team when placing LaMotte orders and get a 10% discount
- 20% discounts apply if you order more than 10 of each item

Back-order Delays (2 - 6 months)

- LaMotte – reagents, kits, etc.
- Micrology – Coliscan Easygel media and petri dishes

Supply Requests

- Prefer you order directly from vendor
- If items are backordered or delayed, we might be able to assist with replacement supplies in the interim

ELECTRONIC MONITORING FORM

- Designed for the Citizen Scientist
 - Available via mobile device or desktop
 - No account/login required to use
- Data Coordinators will still use the Waterways Dataviewer to QC group data



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ELECTRONIC MONITORING FORM DEMONSTRATION

CORE ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING FORM

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2022 GOALS

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- Protocol Updates
 - Secchi disc rope
 - Advanced ortho method
- Monitoring Protocol Videos
- Outreach Materials and Resources
- Core Equipment Maintenance Videos
- Expanding Field Audit Sessions
- Training Manuals
 - *E. coli* Bacteria
 - Advanced
 - Riparian Evaluation



QUESTION:

Do you have any proposed goals to contribute?

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