

Tennessee Naturalist Program Database Student Training Manual

Welcome to the Tennessee Naturalist Program Database! The following manual is designed to assist you with navigating through the various aspects of the Student portion of the database. Students will be able to do the following:

- Adjust and/or update personal contact information.
- View a snapshot of all activity on student dashboard.
- Enter and edit all Required Education and Volunteer hours accumulated as well as all Continuing Education and Volunteer hours accumulated for the Tennessee Naturalist Program.
- Download all student activity into a spreadsheet for reporting.

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The Tennessee Naturalist Program Database is the sole property of the Tennessee Naturalist Program.

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Logging In

There are two options to get to the login page for the TNP Database.

1. Follow the link through the TNP website at <u>tnnaturalist.org</u>



2. Go directly to login page following this link http://dbase.tnnaturalist.org/

Username	TENNESSEE NATURALIST
Password	
Remember Me	
	Login
Password Reset	

Login Page:

Your username will be provided to you by your chapter coordinator at the start of your course. If you have not received this information by then, please contact your chapter coordinator.

Fill out the appropriate fields. This will give you access to your personalized Student Page.

FIRST TIME LOGIN:

On the login page, select "Password Reset" under the blue Login bar. This will take you to the Password Reset Tool page:



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Fill out the appropriate fields. An email will be sent to the address you provided when you registered for the program with instructions on how to reset your password.

Home Page and Dashboard



After logging in, students will see their individual Home Page and Dashboard:

Side Panel

Your side panel has a list of options available to you depending on what information you would like to access:

- 1. Home this will return you to your Home Page and Dashboard.
- 2. Profile this will give you access to your personal information with the option to edit and export.
- 3. Chapter this has your Chapter information including Chapter Coordinator contact information with option to export.
- 4. Student Activity Entry this is where you can view, edit or delete entries that have not yet been approved and where you can add new entries
- 5. Student Activity Approved this is where you can view accomplished activities that have been approved. YOU CANNOT EDIT OR DELETE THESE ENTRIES.

Activities Needing Approval

At the top under Student Name, students can view how many entered activities (Volunteer Hours/Education Hours) are waiting for Chapter Coordinator approval.



Chapter Coordinators are encouraged to monitor and approve database entries regularly. Activities will not be posted and accepted by the database until approval is received. Please contact your coordinator if this is not occurring in a timely fashion.

Dashboard Features



- 1. Hours by month this graphic shows total number of all accumulated hours by month for the current year.
- 2. Hours by Activity Type this graphic shows total number of hours by Certification Class Hours, Volunteer Hours, and Continuing Education hours.



- 3. Hours by Service Type this graphic shows total number of accumulated hours by Class (education), Volunteer Environmental Education, Volunteer Citizen Science, Volunteer Stewardship, Volunteer Administrative, and Volunteer Other.
- 4. Certification Level this box shows you several things concerning your level of participation and relevant description.
 - a) Certification Levels: Not Certified, Certified, Level 1, Level 2, Level 3, etc. Each level accomplished comes with an initial certificate or award service pin. These rewards are issued by the State Coordinator and mailed to the Chapter Coordinator on a quarterly basis.
 - b) Hours Remaining Until Next Level: describes how many volunteer hours and continuing education hours are needed until the next level is reached.
 - c) Certification Level Descriptions: this link will take you to a page that has a breakdown of each level's hour requirements.



Editing/Exporting User Profile

To edit or update your user profile data, select the "Profile" tab on the side panel.

Home	List (1) E	xport Add F	ilter -			mall.							
Profile TNP Chapter		Full Name	Chapter	Username	Email	Roles	Address 1	Address 2	City	State	Zip Code	Phone	Active
TNP Student Activity Entry	•		Owl's Hill Nature Sanctuary			student				TN			Ø
TNP Student Activity (approved)													

To see a full detailed description of your user profile data, click on the "eye" icon:



To edit your user profile data, **including changing your password**, click on the "pencil" icon:



Students are able to update the following user profile data:

- 1. Full Name
- 2. Email Address
- 3. Title
- 4. Gender
- 5. Address lines 1 & 2
- 6. City, State and Zip
- 7. Phone Number
- 8. Emergency Contact Information
- 9. Memo Field
- 10. Password

Dashboard data is updated in real time as activity hours are approved.

Student Information Edit Page:

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Home	List Edit Details		
Profile	Full Name		
TNP Chapter	Email *		
TNP Student Activity Entry	Title		You can change
TNP Student Activity (approved)	Gender		your password by
	Address 1 •		selecting the
	Address 2		"Profile" tab on the
	City *		side nanel and
	State •	ТN	side puner and
	Zip Code •		clicking the "pencil"
	Phone *		icon that appears
	Emergency Contact Name		next to the student
	Emergency Contact Phone		entry in the List
	Memo		Table.
	Password	•••••	
	Confirm Password		
		Save and Continue Editing Cancel	

Fields marked with an asterisk* are required. This page will not save with a blank asterisk field. The database will let you know if the information you have provided is not formatted correctly.

You can navigate to the detailed personal information page from here by clicking on the "Details" tab:

Home	List Edit Details	
Profile	Full Name	
TNP Chapter TNP Student Activity	Email •	
Entry	Title	
TNP Student Activity (approved)	Gender	
	Address 1 *	

To Export your personal data into an Excel Spreadsheet, click on the "Export" tab:

Home	List (1 Export) dd Filter -												
Profile								Address			Zip		
TNP Chapter		Full Name	Chapter	Username	Email	Roles	Address 1	2	City	State	Code	Phone	Active
TNP Student Activity Entry	•		Owl's Hill Nature Sanctuary			student				TN			Ø
TNP Student Activity (approved)													

Chapter Information

To access your chapter information, **including chapter coordinator contact information**, click the "Chapter" tab on the side panel:

Home	List (1)	List (1) Export Add Filter -													
Profile TNP Chapter		Chapter Name	Address 1	Address 2	City	State	Zip Code	Chapter Origin Date	Coordinator Name	Coordinator Email	Coordinator Phone	Cha Agr			
TNP Student Activity Entry		Owl's Hill Nature Sanctuary	545 Beech Creek Road		Brentwood	TN	37027	2010-08-01							
TNP Student Activity (approved)															

This page is informational only. Students do not have the ability to edit this information. The information available to view by students on this page includes:

- 1. Chapter Name
- 2. Chapter Full Address
- 3. Chapter Origin Date
- 4. Chapter Coordinator Name
- 5. Chapter Coordinator Email and Phone Number
- 6. Chapter Agreement
- 7. Memos
- 8. Chapter Active/Inactive Status

To Export Chapter information into an Excel Spreadsheet, click on the "Export" tab:

Home	List (1) Ex	port Add F	Filter +			A	/ NATU	KALLU I				
Profile		Chapter		Address			Zip	Chapter	Coordinator	Coordinator	Coordinator	Cha
TNP Chapter		Name	Address 1	2	City	State	Code	Origin Date	Name	Email	Phone	Agr
TNP Student Activity Entry		Owl's Hill Nature Sanctuary	545 Beech Creek Road		Brentwood	TN	37027	2010-08-01				
TNP Student Activity (approved)												

Student Activity - "Entry" and "Approved"

The "Student Activity Entry" tab on the side bar will be the primary tool used by students to enter all hours and to edit or delete any activities that have not yet been approved.



The "Student Activity Approved" tab on the side bar is where all past student activities that have been approved can be found. Students cannot edit or delete these activities.



Both the "Student Activity Entry" and "Student Activity Approved" home pages feature a list table with a summary of all activities entered by the student. On this page, students can view:

- 1. Activity Type
- 2. Username
- 3. Chapter Name
- 4. Program Name
- 5. Location/Organization Name
- 6. Date of Activity
- 7. Hours of Activity
- 8. Approval Status
- 9. Memo with Activity Description
- 10. Instructor/Supervisor Name and Contact Information

Each column on the "Student Activity Entry" and "Student Activity Approved" list pages can be alphabetized A-Z or Z-A by clicking on the blue column header.

Search Filter

To search for a specific entry, click "Add Filter" and select the information you want to do a search on:

Home	List (14)	Export	Add Filter -	<u>Z</u>	ATURALIJT	
Profile TNP Chapter TNP Student Activity Entry	User	Chapter	User Chapter Location Name County (where activity occurred) Program Brogram Title (if no program title, type N/A)	Program Title (if no program title, type N/A)	Activity Date	Hours
(approved)		Owl's Hil Nature Sanctuai	Activity Date Hours Activity Type	N/A	2015-08-22	4.00
	Owl's Hil Nature Sanctuar Owl's Hil		Memo (describe what you did) Instructor/Supervisor Name Instructor/Supervisor Contact	N/A	2015-09-12	4.00

Select your search parameters from the dropdown, type in your search field, and click "Apply":



Delete and Export

To Export all Student Activity data or Filtered Activity data into an Excel Spreadsheet, click on the "Export" tab:

Home	List (11)	Export	dd Filter +			01	(A)							
Profile		\sim				Program								
TNP Chapter						Title (if no								
TNP Student Activity Entry			Location	County (where activity		program title, type	Activity		Activity		Memo (describe what you	Instructor/Supervisor		
TNP Student Activity	User	Chapter	Name	occurred)	Program	N/A)	Date	Hours	Туре	Approved	did)	Name		
(approved)		Owl's Hill	Owl's Hill	Williamson	OHNS - So	N/A	2015-08-22	4.00	Certification	Θ	Required			
		Nature Sanctuary	Nature Sanctuary	County	You Want to Be a				Full Class		Intro Class			

To delete one entry, click on the "trash can" icon next to the record you wish to delete:



To delete multiple entries at once, mark each entry you wish to delete by checking the box to the left of the entry. Click the "With Selected" tab and choose "delete" from the dropdown:

Home	List (2)	Create	Export A	Add Filter -	With selected-				
TNP Chapter					Delete <	Title (if			
TNP Student Activity Entry				Location	County (where activity		program title, type		
TNP Student Activity		User	Chapter	Name	occurred)	Program	N/A)		
(approved)			Owl's Hill Nature Sanctuary	Owl's Hill Nature Sanctuary	Williamson County	CE - Astronomy Education	Night Sky Program		
			Owl's Hill Nature Sanctuary	Flat Rock Cedar Glades and Barrens	Rutherford County	CE - Plant Education	Spring Cedar Glade Wildflower Walk		

Entering New Hours

To enter new Volunteer or Education hours, Select "Student Activity Entry" from the side panel and click on the "Create" tab:

	Home	List (2) Create Export Add Filter - With selected-														
(Profile TNP Chapter TNP Student Activity Entry		User Chapter Nan			Location Name	County (where activity occurred)	Program	Program Title (if no program title, type N/A)	m Activity Ac Date Hours T			Approved	Memo (describe what you did)) ribe you Instructor/Supervisor Name	
	(approved)		. ∕` ⊞́		Owl's Hill Nature Sanctuary	Owl's Hill Nature Sanctuary	Williamson County	CE - Fire Ecology	Fire Ecology	2018-06-05	4.00	Continuing Education	•	Learned about the place of fire in ecosystems		

The following form should appear:

Home	List Create	A NATURALIT
Profile	Location Name *	
TNP Chapter	County (whore activity	
TNP Student Activity Entry	occurred) *	
TNP Student Activity	Program *	
(approved)	Program Title (if no program title, type N/A) *	
	Activity Date •	
	Hours *	
	Activity Type 🔹	
	Memo (describe what you did) •	
	Instructor/Supervisor Name *	
	Instructor/Supervisor Contact	
		Save and Add Another Save and Continue Editing Cancel

Fields marked with an asterisk* are required. Students will enter the following data into this form:

- 1. Location/Organization Name
- 2. County (Where activity occurred)
- 3. Program Category
- 4. Program Title (If applicable)
- 5. Activity Date

- 6. Hours
- 7. Activity Type
- 8. Memo (Describe what you did)
- 9. Instructor/Supervisor Name
- 10. Instructor/Supervisor Contact

Location Name/Organization - Dropdown

Select the Location Name of where the activity occurred **OR** the name of the organization hosting the activity if the activity occurs at a location without a physical address. For example, if a watershed association hosts a riverside clean-up along a part of a river not associated with a specific address.

All dropdown lists have a text box option that can be used to filter entries when you begin typing. This is particularly handy when dealing with a dropdown that has several options, i.e. Locations.



County - Dropdown

Select the Tennessee County of *where the activity took place regardless of Organization's physical address.*

Home				NATURALU I
	List	Create		
		Location	Name •	
TNP Chapter	Cour	ity (where	activity	
TNP Student Activity Entry		000	urred) :	1
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(approved)	Program Title (if no program title, type N/A) *		tle (if no	Bedford County
			e N/A) •	Benton County
		Activit	v Doto •	Bledsoe County
		ACUVI	y Date -	Blount County
			Hours	Bradley County
				Campbell County
		Activit	у Туре 🔹	

Program - Dropdown

Select the Program category from the dropdown.

Home		Carl
	List Create	
Profile	Location Name *	
TNP Chapter	County (where activity	
TNP Student Activity	occurred) •	
Entry	Program +	
TNP Student Activity	rogram	
(аррголец)	Program Title (if no	
	program title, type N/A) *	CE - Animal Education
	Activity Date •	CE - Astronomy Education
	,	CE - Climate & Weather Education
	Hours *	CE - Ecology/Natural Systems Education
		CE - Environmental Issues
	Activity Type *	CE - Fire Ecology
		CE - Foraging Education
	Memo (describe what you	
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Program categories are a combination of specific Chapter Course Names and broader categories of Continuing Education and Volunteer Opportunities.

Each program has a prefix associated with it:

- 1. CE Continuing Education category (see appendix A)
- 2. VO Volunteer Opportunity category (see appendix A)
- 3. BAYS Bay's Mountain chapter courses
- 4. CEDARS Cedars of Lebanon chapter courses
- 5. CHAT Chattanooga chapter courses
- 6. CMSP Cumberland Mt. chapter courses
- 7. IJAMS Ijam's chapter courses
- 8. MBOT Memphis Botanic Garden chapter courses
- 9. OHNS Owl's Hill chapter courses
- 10. SCSP South Cumberland chapter courses

Students are expected to keep track of their own course attendance through "Create" Student Activity, to be approved by the chapter coordinator.

If you are doing a make-up class at a different chapter, select that chapter's class.

Program Title - Text Box

If the activity you are entering has a specific name or a specific sponsoring agency, i.e. TOS Spring Bird Count, insert that information here. If not, type in N/A.

TNP Chapter	County (where activity	
TNP Student Activity Entry	occurred) *	
TNP Student Activity (approved)	Program Title (if no program title, type N/A) * Activity Date *	Summer Night Hike

Activity Date - Calendar Pop-up

Choose the correct Month, Year, and Day of the date of the activity from the provided calendar.



Hours - Text Box

Insert the amount of time spent on the activity in decimal format (i.e. one and half hours = 1.5)

TNP Student Activity Entry	County (where activity occurred) *	
TNP Student Activity (approved)	Program * Program Title (if no program title, type N/A) *	
	Activity Date *	
	Hours *	4
	Activity Type *	

<u>NOTE:</u> ALL CERTIFICATION CLASSES ARE 2 HOURS OF INSTRUCTION AND 2 HOURS OF FIELD FOR A TOTAL OF 4 HOURS <u>*REGARDLESS*</u> OF ACTUAL TIME SPENT.

Activity Type - Dropdown

Select what type of activity you are entering from the following options:

- 1. Certification Full Class You attended both the classroom and field portion of one of the 10 required courses.
- 2. Certification Class Lecture Only You attended only the classroom portion of one of the 10 required courses.
- 3. Certification Class Field Only You attended only the field portion of one of the 10 required courses.
- 4. Continuing Education You attended a continuing education opportunity outside of the required courses whereby you received instruction in an appropriate topic.
- 5. Volunteer Hours You engaged in an approved volunteer activity.

TNP Student Activity Entry	occurred) *		
TNP Student Activity (approved)	Program Title (if no program title, type N/A) • Activity Date •		
	Hours • Activity Type •		
	Merno (describe what you did) •	Certification Full Class	
	Instructor/Supervisor Name *	Certification Class Lecture Only Certification Class Field Only	
	Instructor/Supervisor Contact	Continuing Education Volunteer Hours	

Memo (Describe what you did) - Text Box

Insert a *short* definition or description of what you *exactly* did for the activity.



Instructor/Supervisor Name and Contact Information - Text Box

Insert the name and contact information (email or phone) of the person who supervised the activity or taught the class.



Save, Save and Add Another activity, Save and Continue Editing, or Cancel the session.

Editing Student Activity

Only activities that have not yet been approved may be edited. To edit an unapproved activity, select "Student Activity Entry" from the side panel. Click on the "pencil icon" next to the activity you wish to edit.



You will be directed to a page that resembles the "create" page. Edit the information you need to and select "Save".

Requesting Unavailable Data - "Location"

When creating a new activity under "Student Activity Entry", there may be occasions when the information you need for "Location" is not available in the supplied dropdown.

To request a new "Location", select "Request a New Location" under the "Location Name" dropdown:

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Home	List	Create		
Profile				1
	Location Name *		i Name *	Request a New Location - please type location name in memo field <
TNP Chapter				
	County (where activity		activity	
TNP Student Activity		000	:urred) 🛉	
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WHEN REQUESTING A NEW LOCATION, INCLUDE NEW LOCATION NAME IN THE MEMO FIELD.

This will NOT automatically create a new record. Your Chapter Coordinator must create a new record based on the information supplied.

It's a good idea	to follow up a ne	w request with	a quick email to	your chapter coordinator.
Chapter	Coordinators ca	n add this infori	mation and then	edit your activity.

Logging Out

To Log Out, click the arrow next to the username and "person" icon at the top right of the Home Page screen and select "Log out"



Appendix A Continuing Education & Volunteer Opportunity Categories

Here follows a list of all Continuing Education and Volunteer Opportunity categories available in the "Program" dropdown with definitions.

Continuing Education Categories				
Category	Definition			
CE - Animal Education	Any continuing education program that focuses on the natural history of Tennessee native animals (reptiles, mammals, insects, etc.)			
CE - Astronomy Education	Any continuing education program that focuses on the branch of science that deals with celestial objects, space, and the physical universe as a whole.			
CE - Climate & Weather Education	Any continuing education program that focuses on the branch of science that deals with localized weather or broader Climate concepts as it affects Tennessee.			
CE - Ecology/Broad Natural Systems Education	Any continuing education program that focuses on ecological concepts or the broad natural systems of Tennessee.			
CE - Environmental Issues	Any continuing education program that focuses on any environmental issues and/or consequences that Tennessee natural systems face EXCLUDING Climate Change and/or Invasive Species.			
CE - Fire Ecology	Any continuing education program that focuses on the origins of wild fire and its relationship to the environment that surrounds it, both living and non-living.			
CE - Foraging Education	Any continuing education program that focuses on the techniques of foraging and preparing any Tennessee native edible, medicinal, etc., plant species.			
CE - Forest Systems Education	Any continuing education program that specifically focuses on Tennessee native forest systems.			
CE - Fungi, Lichens, Mosses Education	Any continuing education program that focuses on the native fungi, lichens, and mosses of Tennessee.			
CE - General Fieldwork Techniques	Any continuing education program that focuses on the practical work conducted by a researcher in the natural environment.			
CE - Geology Education	Any continuing education program that focuses on the branch of science that deals with Tennessee's physical structure and substance, its history, and the processes that act on it.			
CE - Interpretation/Docent Training	Any continuing education program that focuses on the techniques of presenting scientific/environmental information to the public in a meaningful way to bring about an understanding and connection with the natural world.			
CE - Invasive Species Education	Any continuing education program that focuses on any plant or animal species that is considered invasive and ecologically significant to the natural systems of Tennessee.			

CE - Nature & Art Education	Any continuing education program that focuses on art as a medium to connect with nature.
CE - Nature Journaling	Any continuing education program that focuses on the techniques of nature journaling as a means to develop creativity, observation, and quality data collection skills.
CE - Plant Education	Any continuing education program that focuses on the aspects of the natural history of Tennessee native plants.
CE - Professional Development	Any continuing education program that focuses on the specialized training in and practical application of environmental concepts for professionals, i.e. teachers.
CE - Trail Building/Maintenance Education	Any continuing education program that focuses on the techniques of building and maintaining trails in a Tennessee park or natural space.
CE - Water/Waterways/ Watershed Education	Any continuing education program that focuses on the water systems or riparian systems of Tennessee.
CE - Wilderness Survival Education	Any continuing education program that focuses on the techniques needed to be successful in the wild.

Volunteer Opportunity Categories				
Category	Examples			
	Any volunteer opportunity that focuses on assisting an			
VO - Administrative Assistance	environmental organization with administrative tasks such as board			
	meetings, office tasks, computer work, etc.			
VO - Animal and/or Plant	Any volunteer opportunity that deals with the counting, monitoring,			
Count/Monitoring/Surveys	or surveying of plants or animals such as bluebird box monitoring,			
	coneflower surveys, or butterfly counts.			
VO - Collection Curator	Any volunteer opportunity that focuses on the care or maintenance			
	of any physical collection or exhibit of any Tennessee native species.			
	Any volunteer opportunity that deals with general assistance for any			
VO - Event Assistance	event with an environmental focus such as parking cars, taking			
	registration tickets, or post-event clean-up.			
VO Ushitat	Any volunteer opportunity that focuses on native habitat restoration			
VO - Habilal	such as dispersing prairie seed, conducting stream walks to record			
improvement/Restoration	obstructions, or invasive species removal.			
VO Natura Trail Cuida	Any volunteer opportunity where you are leading or assisting with			
VO - Nature Trail Guide	leading an interpretive nature walk or hike.			
	Any volunteer opportunity that focuses on developing or helping			
vo - Program Development	with the development of a nature oriented education program.			
	Any volunteer opportunity that focuses on the physical act of			
vo - trait improvement	installing or maintaining trails.			
VO - Animal Care/Wildlife	Any volunteer opportunity that focuses on caring for non-releasable			
Rehabilitation	education animals or injured wildlife.			
VO. Condening	Any volunteer opportunity that focuses on the installation or			
vo - Gardening	maintenance of a primarily native garden.			

VO - Instructor	Any volunteer opportunity where you are leading or assisting with leading an environmentally focused program or lecture.
VO - Outreach	Any volunteer opportunity that focuses on giving a talk to an outside group about a nature/environmental site, organization, or program located in Tennessee, i.e. manning a booth
VO - Site Building Improvement/Maintenance	Any volunteer opportunity that focuses on the installation, improvement or maintenance of a structure used by an environmental organization.