

Announcement
Prescribed Fire Training Exchange
Refugio-Goliad Prairie, Texas
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- **WHAT:** The Nature Conservancy (<http://www.tncfire.org/>) will host trainees for the positions of RXB2, SRB-FIRB/ENGB, FFT-1 and FEMO. We intend to offer no less than 2 operational shifts in trainee roles, and there will likely be more. Trainees will be working with experienced local firefighters from The Nature Conservancy and the US Fish and Wildlife Service. Opportunities will be limited to 4 trainees in each position.
- **WHERE:** The Fire Learning Network's Refugio-Goliad Prairie Demonstration Landscape on the coastal plains of Texas (http://tncfire.org/documents/2008_FLN_RefugioGoliad_Land.pdf). Depending on conditions we may change locations frequently and travel throughout the state to take advantage of other burning opportunities (<http://www.nature.org/wherewework/northamerica/states/texas/preserves/>).
- **WHAT TO EXPECT:** We will work in a number of different fuel models on moderate complexity burns. Goals and objectives for burning are to restore and maintain a desired mosaic of plant communities on TNC preserves and private lands, bringing plant species, composition and vegetation structure of the communities to within the natural range of variability. Knowledge will be gained not only through firefighter experience, but also from presentations and personal interactions covering broad ecological and socio-economic arenas. The first operational period will include orientation to equipment and exercises designed to build crew cohesion. RXB2 trainees are required to arrive one day early to tour units. Approved NWCG burn plans and maps will be provided to RXB2 trainees as far in advance of operations as possible.
- **WHAT IS EXPECTED OF YOU:** You will be both a trainee and a trainer, rotating in and out of those roles on different operations. You will need to secure your own transportation to and from your duty station, and have funding for meals, motel rooms and your salary. If flying, you should obtain refundable tickets in the event operations are cancelled due to weather or other unforeseeable events. You will need to arrive with a current red card, open position task books, full PPE and a programmable radio. You are expected to remain flexible, tolerant, patient and respectful of others because you will be in a dynamic environment that will change frequently as dictated by weather and other factors.
- **LOGISTICS:** The first and last days are set aside for travel; you will need to provide us with your itinerary. Upon arrival trainees will be supplied with vehicles for transportation. More information will be provided once you have signed up for a Training Exchange.

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