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Watershed Week in Review

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Llano River Watershed Alliance and
Llano River Field Station

Reserve Your Spot Now

Free Rainwater Harvesting Workshop



A Free Rainwater Harvesting Workshop for landowners will be held June 9, 2018, from 9am to Noon at the Texas Tech Junction campus. (Texas AgriLife Extension Service photo)

See Page 3 for Registration

*Save the Date
June 30, 2018*

Texas Parks and Wildlife's River Access and Conservation Areas (RACA) Leased Public Access

program aims to increase sustainable fishing and paddling access to river and streams by **leasing riverside properties from landowners.**

On June 30th, join the Alliance at the South Llano River RACA site (Boone's Crossing -Kimble County Road 150) for a river float (*shuttle provided*), trash pickup, FREE BBQ, Door Prizes and a chance to learn more about the RACA program and its opportunities for landowners and recreationists.

Everyone welcome.
Details to follow.

Legislators come to Brady to hear Landowner Concerns about Surface and Groundwater

Well over 100 people from across the State converged on Brady last Wednesday to express their concerns to the Texas House Natural Resources Committee about conflicts between surface and groundwater users, especially along the San Saba River.



[More about the meeting here...](#)

During the course of the discussion, Rep. Andy Murr of Telegraph, suggested to fellow legislators and the public that a possible solution might be found in the creation of a locally elected district that oversees both groundwater and surface water. Rep. Murr cited the [Bandera County River Authority and Groundwater District](#) as an example of such a district.

Stay tuned for the legislative session that begins January 2019.

Next Week's Forecast... Now is a Good Time to Mulch

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TODAY

HOURLY

10-DAY

CALENDAR

HISTORY

WUNDERMAP

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Fri 5/25	Sat 5/26	Sun 5/27	Mon 5/28	Tue 5/29	Wed 5/30	Thu 5/31	Fri 6/1	Sat 6/2	Sun 6/3
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FREE Rainwater Harvesting Workshop Coming to Junction, June 9



Rainwater Harvesting
For Irrigation,
Livestock, Wildlife,
Firefighting

Rainwater Harvesting Class
June 9, 2018
9:00 to 12: noon
FREE

Texas Tech University - Junction
Center

Address: 254 Red Raider Ln, Junction,
TX 76849

Location Phone: 325-446-2301

Class Information Number:
972-952-9688

Registration:
wateruniversity.tamu.edu

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Think "Big Tank" and help save on your customer's water bill!!! This program covers design, construction, maintenance and benefits of a large rainwater collection system. Participants will learn how to calculate rainwater capture, design an above or below ground collection system and utilize rainwater using large tank systems for home or business applications. This program will also cover installing drip irrigation.



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What is “One Water” and can it meet the future water needs of a growing Hill Country?

The Texas Water Symposium provides perspectives from landowners, policy makers, scientists, water resource experts and regional leaders.

Join us as we explore the complex issues and challenges in providing water for Texans in this century.

Each session is free and open to the public. The hour-long program begins at 7:00 pm, followed by discussion time with Q&A. The events are recorded and aired on Texas Public Radio one week later.

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www.texaswatersymposium.com

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<http://tpr.org/people/texas-water-symposium>

Water, essential for life, is our most precious and valuable natural resource. But water supply and quality are under increasing pressure from a growing population. How will we protect this resource and plan for a sustainable future? There is a great need for a water-literate public; decisions being made today have far reaching and long lasting effects for our children and future generations.

Wednesday, May 30th

Hill Country University Center, HEB Room

2818 US-290, Fredericksburg, TX 78624

Doors open at 6:30 pm, Program 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Moderator: **Jennifer Walker** – Senior Program Manager, Texas Living Waters Project
Panelists:

Clinton Bailey PE – Asst. City Manager / Director of Public Works & Utilities City of Fredericksburg.

Susan Parten P.E. – Principal, Community Environmental Services, Inc.

Laura Talley – Director, Planning and Community Development – City of Boerne

Tim Proctor – Manager, Laney Development

As the Hill Country continues to grow at unprecedented rates, our demands on limited water resources will increasingly outpace our supplies. Over pumping our rivers and aquifers will result reduced spring flow, impacting everything from our quality of life, our economic health, and the waters that we depend on for our homes, businesses, livestock, the environment, and recreation throughout the region. What will the future of the Hill Country look like with unreliable water supplies?

One Water is a concept of re-imagining how we consider traditional water sources. Much like the techniques that ranchers have practiced for generations, *One Water* emphasizes slowing, spreading and sinking rainwater in our landscapes. It looks for opportunities to consider all water—including stormwater and wastewater—as potential supply in urban areas. It seeks the triple bottom line—providing benefits for humans, the environment, and the economy. What are the biggest challenges facing *One Water*'s implementation in the Hill Country?

Land Stewardship 101

Becoming Good Stewards of the Land

How long has it been since you had an opportunity for an Outdoors Experience in a beautiful setting, while earning Professional CEU's? Well that's too long!

JOIN US FOR AN OUTDOOR LEARNING EXPERIENCE ON THE BEAUTIFUL LLANO RIVER!



What is it? –An interdisciplinary environmental educational experience taught by education professionals and natural resource specialists. You will sharpen your skills and teaching methods to engage students in science, nature, and conservation.

Who Should Attend? – Anyone who is interested in learning more about fostering a relationship between our youth and the natural world– teachers, scout leaders, parents, naturalists, park rangers, zoo educators, youth group leaders, and private citizens.

Date: July 17-19, 2018

Cost: \$195.00

(Includes 2 nights lodging, 6 meals, and curriculum materials)

16 Hours of Professional Continuing Education Units

Certification in Leopold Education Program curriculum

For more information, contact Christine Moseley at Christine.moseley@utsa.edu

Texas Tech University Center in Junction, TX

<http://www.depts.ttu.edu/junction/>

Topics	Activities	Sponsors
Soils	Fishing	Texas Tech University -Junction
Water quality	Kayaking	McCulloch SWCD
Land ethics	Swimming	Upper Llanos SWCD
Biodiversity	Birding	Menard SWCD
Plant ID	Nature Walks	
Habitat management	Journaling	

Scholarships may be available through local Soil and Water Conservation Districts

SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE!

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Family Park Programs, May 25 - June 3rd

South Llano River State Park

Phone: (325) 446-3994

Bird Walk - Friday, May 25th

8:30 am - 10:00 am

Meet at the Fawn Trail parking lot (behind Park Headquarters)

South Llano River State Park is a great place to go birdwatching. Join us and see what we can spot! We will walk to the bird blind and see what birds come in to bathe, drink, or feed. If time permits, we may walk the trail to look for target species. Good walking shoes and drinking water are recommended. Binoculars provided, or bring your own. All ages and skill levels welcome!



Yellow-breasted Chat

Skins, Skulls, and More! - Saturday, May 26th

drop in between 1:30 - 2:30 pm

Held at Headquarters Front Porch

Stop by Park Headquarters between 1:30 and 2:30 to see and touch animal furs and skulls, and find out what a skull can tell us about how that animal survives! Children must be accompanied by an adult.



Snakes and More! Guest Presentation - Saturday, May 26th

8:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Held at the Acorn Bird Blind (down the path from the restrooms, between campsites 39 and 41)

Join herpetologist Dr. Densmore and his scaly friends for an evening of discovery and fun, as we find out more about the amphibians and reptiles who make their home here at South Llano River State Park. All ages welcome!



Butterfly Life Cycle Craft - Sunday, May 27th

10:00 am - 11:00 am

Held at the Acorn Bird Blind (down the path from the restrooms, between campsites 39 and 41)

Join us for this fun craft! Design your own background for each life stage of your unique butterfly creation. All materials provided. All ages welcome! Children must be accompanied by an adult.



National Trails Day Hike - Lowlands Loop - Saturday, June 2nd

9:00 am - 11:00 am

Meet at the First Day Use parking lot (take the road across from Headquarters, park at 1st parking lot on the right)

Celebrate National Trails Day with us! On this easy morning stroll, we'll walk past beautiful Buck Lake, named for the family who donated the land for the state park, and along the spring-fed South Llano River. We'll keep an eye out for all kinds of wildlife and nature! This easy trail is approximately 1.5 miles. The dirt path is fairly level, but there is some uneven ground and a very small hill. All ages welcome! Friendly dogs on leash are welcome.



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Birding 101 - Sunday, June 3rd

9:00 am - 10:00 am

Meet at the Acorn Bird Blind (down the path from the restrooms, between campsites 39 and 41)

How do you tell all those colorful birds apart? Join us to learn binocular and bird ID tips, and then we'll practice our newfound skills at the bird blind! If time permits, we may also take a short bird walk. Good walking shoes and drinking water are recommended.

Binoculars provided, or bring your own. All ages and skill levels welcome!



Park programs are open to the public and free with park entrance fee