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# Watershed Week in Review

Llano River Watershed Alliance

## Weekend Activities at South Llano River State Park...

As with every weekend, there is a lot to do at South Llano River State Park. These weekend's activities include:

**Geocaching 101**-Saturday 5-6pm at the Acorn Blind.

**The Park After Dark-Night Hike**-Saturday 9-10pm. Registration required.

**River Rangers**-Sunday 10-11am. Meet at the Day Use Parking Lot

For more information about these upcoming events, check the South Llano River State [Park website calendar of events](#).

For information on other upcoming events, please see page 3

## A New Name for the Alliance

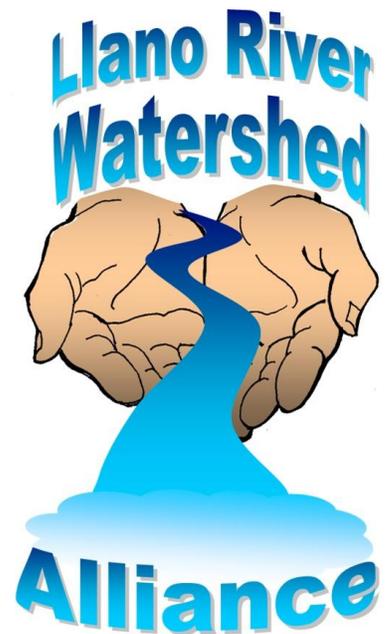
Earlier this year, the Alliance Board voted to change the name of our organization to the **Llano River Watershed Alliance**.

This new name better represents the expanded role the Alliance now has throughout the watershed.

We have cleared the final steps in formally changing our name with the Secretary of State and you now will begin to see changes.

One such change is in membership recruitment. You should soon receive in the mail, a membership application for the 2015-2016 year. Membership periods will now be from July-July so that we don't ask you renew memberships right after the holidays. If you are already a member for 2015, there is no need to reapply; your membership will now be current until July of 2016.

We are also in the process of redesigning the website. These changes will be more incremental, as we move the website to a new platform.



## In the News



### Preventing Waterborne Illnesses

The Brazos River Authority has prepared an informative information sheet on waterborne diseases and how to prevent them. While the waters of the Llano are likely cleaner than the Brazos, it never hurts to consider these timely precautions.

### Devil is in the details—or is the drought really over?

This week the Texas Water Development Board posted to their [Facebook page](#): *Even though the U.S. Drought Monitor has declared no drought in Texas, the monitor favors weather and soil conditions. It doesn't necessarily reflect water supplies such as reservoirs and aquifers. Many reservoirs are still low including Abilene (3.4%), Spence (8.2%), Twin Buttes (8.5%)...*



**E. V. Spence Reservoir**

### Map My Property Website

From the Texas A&M Forest Service, comes the “[Map My Property](#)” website.

Enter your address and zoom into your property to see the vegetation and soils types. You can draw an outline of your property, clip it out, and then add labels, features, and any points of interest you wish. Once you have finished making your map, you can create a PDF and print out your own map of your place.



## Upcoming Events

### Sonora Workshop

The Texas Grazing Lands Coalition will be hosting a Grazing Management Clinic on August 5, 2015, at the Sutton County Civic Center in Sonora.

Topics include: capturing solar energy, creating a more efficient water cycles, building a dynamic mineral cycle, enhancing biodiversity...[learn more](#)



### Rain Barrel and Water Conservation Workshop-August 3<sup>rd</sup> Menard

Workshop will include talks and demonstrations featuring drip irrigation, wicking beds, keyhole gardening, tippy-tap hand washing, mulching and gallon jug bird and wildlife watering.

[details](#)

### New Landowner Conference-Menard

New landowners seeking information on a variety of topics should attend the Menard County New Landowner Conference on July 31<sup>st</sup> in Menard. Topics include: Agricultural and Wildlife Special Use Appraisals; Local Plant ID; Animal Options for the Edwards Plateau; Water Well Regulation and Permits; Wildlife Management by the Month.

[...more info](#)

