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Watershed Week in Review

Llano River Watershed Alliance

Llano River Field Station in Featured Video



Hill Country **STEM** Natural Resource Adventures

There is still a short time left to sign up for this great educational opportunity for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders this summer at the Llano River Field Station in Junction.

FREE

TTU's Outdoor School Staff and natural resource professionals will provide students with hands-on outdoor recreation and learning activities the weeks of July 10-14 or July 27-31.

[Details here](#)

[see video](#)

The Texas Tech Llano River Field Station's efforts to research and implement techniques for the land to use less water is featured in [this 10-minute video](#). These techniques include riparian habitat restoration, feral hog control and brush control. Many of these techniques are featured in the [Upper Llano River Watershed Protection Plan](#), available for public comment until July 8th.

In case folks are wondering about the use of a mechanized vehicle in the streambed, the Llano River Field Station is located on both banks of the South Llano River. An exemption in Chapter 90 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code permits access to property on the opposite side of river via the streambed if no reasonable alternate access is available and the most direct feasible route is utilized.

AgriLife Living Waters Conference set for July 13 in Junction



Learn about Feral Hogs and their impact on riparian areas, Watershed Management, the Ecological Benefits of Brush Management and more at AgriLife Extension's Living Waters Conference on July 13 from 8am – 2pm. The event will be held at the Coke Stevenson Center on north Highway 83 in Junction. For more information on cost and to make reservations, [click here...](#)

Become a Master Naturalist

The Hill Country Chapter of Texas Master Naturalist is now accepting applications for the Class of 2016. Texas Master Naturalist is a service-oriented organization designed to develop a corps of well-informed volunteers who provide education, outreach, and service dedicated to the beneficial management of natural resources and natural areas within their community.

"I applied to become a member of the 2015 Hill Country Chapter Master Naturalist Class. That was the best thing I could possibly have done. Never, EVER could I have imagined the knowledge I would gain from the Master Naturalist Class. The lecturers and presentation were more engaging and more instructive than any I had ever had..." -Diana Armbrust, Director, Class of 2016

Application Deadline is July 13.

[Go here for more information](#)

Discussions begin on plan for San Saba River

--From San Angelo Standard Times

About 40 McCulloch County landowners gathered Wednesday at the Heart of Texas Events Center in Brady to hear a plan that could help keep the San Saba River flowing through the Hill Country.

Disputes have arisen for more than a decade among those who have water rights for irrigation purposes and the riparian landowners who draw from the river for domestic and livestock uses...[continue to article](#)

Some sad news from the City of Llano

A Victoria man drowned in the Llano River near the dam in Llano on Wednesday afternoon trying to rescue his daughter...[more details](#)

This is second drowning in the Llano in two years. Last year a drowning occurred below the James River crossing in Mason County



FACTS ABOUT TEXAS WATER

The Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club has released the [2nd Edition of Facts About Texas Water](#), a guide to learn basic information about our water supply and how to appreciate, conserve, and protect this valuable resource. While the guide is prepared for 7th/8th grade students, it is useful to all Texans. It is also available [in Spanish](#).

Day and Night Fun at South Llano River State Park this weekend



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Family Park Programs South Llano River State Park Phone: (325) 446-3994

Bird Walk

Friday, June 24th, 8:30 am - 10:00 am

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



Yellow-breasted Chat

More than 250 species of birds have been observed at the park. Join us for a bird walk, and see what you can spot! Binoculars provided, or bring your own. Good walking shoes, drinking water, and sun protection are recommended. All ages and skill levels welcome!



Geocaching 101

Saturday, June 25th, 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

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

Join us for Geocaching, a high-tech treasure hunt you can do anywhere in the world using a GPS unit (provided) or your smartphone! Good walking shoes, sun protection, insect repellent, and drinking water are recommended.

All ages welcome!

Night Hike

Saturday, June 25th, 8:30 pm - 10:00 pm

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



Experience the park after the sun goes down, as we enjoy the night and look and listen for nocturnal animals! Good walking shoes, insect repellent, and drinking water are recommended. Bring a flashlight or headlamp!

All ages welcome.

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

Water Seminar Planned for Kerr County

All Things Water Kerr County



Wednesday, June 29, 2016

9:00 AM — 4:00 PM

Upper Guadalupe River Authority Auditorium

125 Lehmann Drive, Kerrville TX 78028

Seminar topics include: water planning, water rights, new landowner considerations, rangeland management, riparian area structure and function, water efficient landscapes, and rainwater harvesting.

Free of charge and includes lunch!

Eligible for 3 Pesticide CEUs.

[More info...](#)

Seating is limited, so pre-registration is required.

Call UGRA at (830) 896-5445 to register.

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