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Watershed Week in Review

Llano River Watershed Alliance



Alliance receives grant to purchase stream-monitoring kits

The Llano River Watershed Alliance received a grant from the Mason Community Foundation this past week to purchase new stream-monitoring kits. These new kits will allow quicker monitoring for temperature, pH, dissolved oxygen, etc. and now provide the ability to monitor for bacteria in our river.

Members of the Alliance, as well as members of the Hill Country Texas Master Naturalist recently completed Texas Stream Team training at the Llano River Field Station in Junction.

Dr. Pat Reardon (left) of the Community Foundation presented the award at the sampling site below the James River Crossing.

Hill Country **STEM** Natural Resource Adventures

A great educational opportunity awaits 6th, 7th, and 8th graders this summer at the Llano River Field Station in Junction.

[Details here](#)



Elephant Ear Treatments

The treatment of invasive Elephant Ear along the Llano by Texas Parks and Wildlife and the Llano River Field Station will continue this spring. This patch (above), just above the confluence of the North and South Llano rivers, was treated last fall. Only a small patch now remains to be treated by follow up efforts.

To date, treatment has occurred along the entire South Llano and the first five miles of the Llano main stem. Treatments will resume along the main stem and North Llano next month.

If you are aware of elephant ear along the river, please let us know, so that none are overlooked.

Permit Withdrawn to irrigate from James River



The Alliance learned this week that a water rights application filed in 2013 to irrigate 195 acres along the James River was withdrawn by the applicant in January of this year.

More info about this beautiful tributary of the Llano can be obtained through this report.

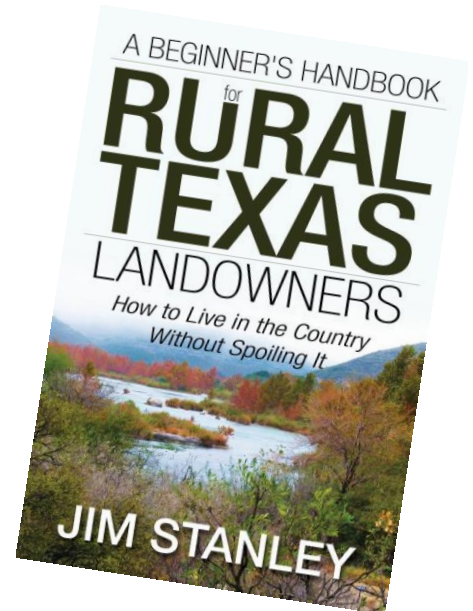
SAVE THE DATE: April 30th Outing *From our Uplands to our Rivers and Springs*

Jim Stanley at Kerr Wildlife Management Area

Join the Alliance and noted land stewardship author Jim Stanley **on April 30th, 2016** from 1-4 pm at the Kerr Wildlife Management Area (WMA) as we explore firsthand how what we do on the land can help (or hinder) our rivers and springs. This Alliance outing is FREE.

[Jim Stanley's Weekly Columns...](#)

Please RSVP to southllanoriver@gmail.com



Date of annual 700 Springs Tour Announced

The Kimble County Historical Commission announced that Mr. Lee Pfluger has once again graciously invited the general public to his 700 Springs Ranch on **Saturday, April 16th, 2016.**



Seven Hundred Springs are one of the headwater springs of the South Llano River. A visit to these springs is an unforgettable experience for the entire family.

Meet at the Kimble County Courthouse in Junction, Texas at 10am to caravan to the springs.

[More details...](#)