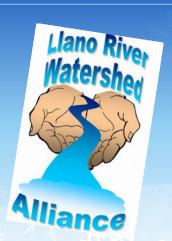
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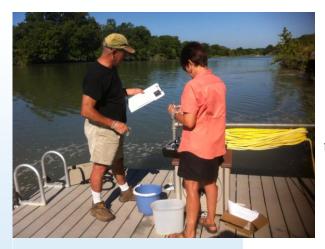
# in Review

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## Become a Citizen Scientist and Help Your River

The Llano River needs you to become a water quality monitor.



#### Why?

The Llano River is considered a healthy stream, having only the occasional water quality problem. However, as pressures increase on the river – people, fragmentation, wildfires, hogs, and exotic species – we need to be able to identify potential water quality changes so that we can manage our efforts to correct them.

The Alliance does not have the capacity to do this alone.

#### How?

The Llano River Field Station at Texas Tech Junction, in conjunction with the Meadows Center for Water and the Environment at Texas State University, will be hosting both **beginner and advanced**<u>Stream Team Training</u> on June 30<sup>th</sup> at the Field Station in Junction. *The training is free!* 

#### What is Stream Team Training?

Core Water Quality Monitoring involves performing tests for water temperature, dissolved oxygen, conductivity, pH, water clarity, total depth, as well as conducting field observations. Advanced training tests for E. coli bacteria, turbidity, stream flow and other constituents (<u>read more about the training</u>).

You can sign up for one or both trainings.

Space will be limited, so send an email with your contact info and request for one or both trainings to southllanoriver@gmail.com.

## More Google Earth tools

Love to plan your outings with Google Earth? Then you will love this.

Texas Parks and Wildlife has created trail map overlays on Google Earth for most of our State Parks. To the right is the overlay for South Llano River State Park – <u>click here to download</u>. The download works best if you have Google Earth already open.



Trail map overlays are available on the website for each park. Happy hiking!

### If hiking at South Llano State Park, you want to read this...

The park will not have potable water until 2 p.m. on Tues., Jan. 26, 2016. . . .

. . . due to water system inspections and repairs.  $\square$   $\square$  Visitors must bring their own water for cooking and drinking. No water will be available for RV hookups, the trailer dump station, restrooms and showers.

Contact the park for more information.

### Edwards Plateau Stewardship Trust



The Bennett Trust was established through a posthumous endowment provided by Eskel and Ruth Bennett to the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. The endowment supports land stewardship education in the Edwards Plateau to help improve and protect the region's valuable natural resources.

Mr. Bennett's "desire was for us to be able to conduct land stewardship programs in the Edwards Plateau, because that is where they lived and that is a property they loved...Mr. Bennett's gift is an enduring legacy and our ability to conduct stewardship

programs out there will go on indefinitely." Dr. Larry Redmond, Bennett Trust AgriLife Extension Specialist

Learn more about the Trust and the upcoming programs...