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## Watershed Week in Review

Llano River Watershed Alliance



# Special Junction Event in need of Volunteers

During April 8-10<sup>th</sup>, 24 high school teams will arrive in Junction to participate in the <u>Texas Envirothon</u>. Five member teams will answer questions in the field about soils, aquatics, wildlife, forestry, and current issues. Monday morning, each team will deliver 20-minute oral presentations. The winner of the Envirothon competes in the National event in Maryland.

Volunteers are needed as group leaders and station monitors in the field on Sunday and as presentation judges on Monday morning. Training for judges will be provided. No experience is necessary.

Past Envirothon judges all positively comment about this rewarding experience. To volunteer, contact Koy Coffer at TTU-Junction (325) 446-2301





# TONIGHT-South Llano River State Park celebrates their Dark Sky Park designation with a Star Party

South Llano River
State Park was
recently designated by
the International DarkSky Association as an
International Dark Sky
Park! Come enjoy our
dark skies at our first
Star Party since this
important designation.



Join Texas Tech University Outdoor School, Mason Stargazers, and park staff as we reenact the legend of Perseus, find our way around the night sky and look through telescopes. We'll also find out what the new International Dark Sky Park designation means for the park, and what we are doing to protect our dark skies.

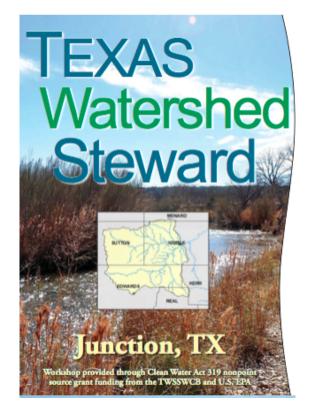
#### Watershed Steward Program

May 6th - Junction

The Texas Watershed Steward Program will be returning to Junction on May 6<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 to 12:30 at the Llano River Field Station.

"This workshop is designed to assist watershed residents improve and protect their water resources by becoming involved in Llano River watershed protection and management activities," said Michael Kuitu, AgriLife Extension program specialist and coordinator for the Texas Watershed Steward program. "The workshop is free and open to anyone interested in improving water quality in the region. Participants are encouraged to preregister at the Texas Watershed Steward website at http://tws.tamu.edu."

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER...



### 700 Springs Tour

This year's tour of 700 Springs will be Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>.

As in years previous, the tour will being at the Kimble County Courthouse in Junction at 10am sharp and caravan to the 700 Springs Ranch.



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## Texas Master Naturalist-Hill Country Chapter

Restoration Agriculture : Using Agriculture to Create Habitat Instead of Destruction

The public is invited to attend the March meeting of Texas Master Naturalist-Hill Country Chapter to hear a presentation from Ben Eldredge, the Director of Adult Education at the Cibolo Nature Center & Farm. Mr. Eldredge oversees the adult education, citizen science programs, as well as a significant program expansion to the neighboring Herff Farm, including agriculture and land restoration education. He also oversees land stewardship of the nature center and farm's 4 habitats. Prior to working at the nature center, Mr. Eldredge was the manager of a 5,000-acre ranch in the Texas Hill Country.

The meeting is free and open to the public. It will be held on Monday, March 27, 2017 at the Upper Guadalupe River Authority's lecture hall, 125 North Lehmann Drive in Kerrville. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; the program starts at 7:00 p.m. Contact Craig Childs, Vice-President, (210) 286-2674, for further information.