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# Watershed Week in Review

Llano River Watershed Alliance

## Llano River Field Station tackles 'Nature Deficit Disorder'



STEM (Science Technology Engineering Math) Camp wraps up this week at the Llano River Field Station.

This video highlights how the Llano River and its watershed serve as a critical educational tool for Texas middle school students to learn about nature, experience wonder, and hear what career opportunities await them.

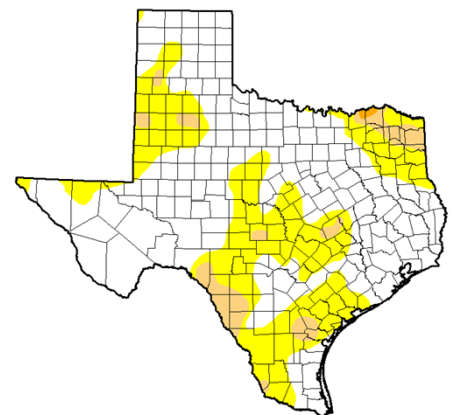
[Watch Wonder in the Wilderness...](#)

## It's Back!

Not surprisingly, the Llano Watershed officially returned to drought conditions this week, with portions of Mason County inching into the Moderate Drought Category.

Some areas of the basin (London and Kingsland) did see over 2 inches this week, however.

[Check out our Climate page](#)



## Control measure shows promise (continued)



In last week's newsletter, there was a [San Antonio Express-News article](#) discussing Kerr Wildlife Management Areas effort to control feral hogs using sodium nitrate.

This triggered discussions in the conservation community regarding what impact this might have on secondary consumers should they consume meat or other tissue

from swine controlled through the use of sodium nitrate.

Donnie Frels of Kerr WMA graciously provided information regarding their efforts to answer this question. [Read response...](#)

## Our Groundwater Supply



David Langford, longtime Llano River Watershed Alliance supporter, discusses how our groundwater management decisions can bring significant consequences to ranches dependent on flowing water from springs.

[Watch Hill Country Alliance Video](#)

## All about the birds and the bats this weekend at SLRSP.



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### Skins, Skulls, and More!

Saturday, July 30th, Drop-in between 3:00 pm and 4:00 pm  
Held at the Acorn Blind

(down the path from the restrooms, between campsites 39 and 41)

Stop by the Acorn Blind between 3:00 and 4:00 to see and touch animal skins and skulls, and find out what a skull can tell us about how that animal lives!

All ages welcome.

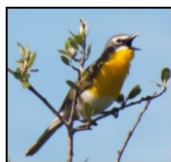
### Bat Bonanza!

Saturday, July 30th, 8:30 pm - 9:30 pm  
Meet at the Acorn Blind

(down the path from the restrooms, between campsites 39 and 41)

Bats get a bad rap--but did you know they actually help people and nature? Find out the truth about this amazing mammal. After a presentation, we will walk nearby and see if we can spot the bats hunting their insect prey!

Close-toed shoes are recommended. All ages welcome!



Yellow-breasted Chat

### Bird Walk

Sunday, July 31st, 8:30 am - 10:00 am  
Meet at the Fawn Trail parking lot  
(behind Park Headquarters)

Join us as we walk the trails and look for birds. Good walking shoes, sun protection, and drinking water are recommended. Binoculars provided, or bring your own. All ages welcome!

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



**Tour Kerr WMA next Friday!**

# **KERR WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA**

## **Wildlife Management and Research Seminar**



Join us at the Lee and Ramona Bass Conference Facility for discussions on wildlife management and research in the Texas Hill Country.

### **EACH SEMINAR COVERS:**

- Improving Land for Wildlife Diversity  
*Axe, Fire, Plow, Cow and Gun*
- Food, Water and Cover Needs
- Threatened and Endangered Species
- Function of Genetic and Nutrition in White-tailed Deer Management

*Donnie E. Harmel White-tailed Deer Research Pens*

- New Research on Feral Swine Control  
*Kerr WMA Feral Swine Research Facility*

Aug. 5th, Sept 2nd & Oct. 7th  
@1pm-5pm

Presented at the Kerr WMA  
Free

WMA/Facility Tour to Follow  
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