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Watershed Week in Review

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South Llano River State Park Video

For those who were unable to catch the new State Park video on Texas Parks and Wildlife Television last week, here is a [YouTube link](#).

The video does a great job of highlighting the features of the park. As Park Superintendent Scott Whitener notes, *“Even though you can be sitting in the campground with 50 other campers, you only walk 100 yards and you are going to be all alone in the woods. And that’s what makes it special. Because there is space to be had out here.”*



A Little Side Trip

Here are a couple of scenes upstream (above) and down from Kimble County Road 320 that follows the south side of the Llano River above Grobe Crossing (KCR 314). The reddish rocks are Hensell Sand.



Bass # 6 and #7

Wow, talk about good luck!

Drake Javier Martinez from Junction caught two of the tagged Guadalupe Bass in the Broodstock Fishing Contest. Drake wins two prizes from Bass Pro Shops.

There are still 25 tagged bass to be had in the South Llano. I wonder how the fishing will be with the big weather change this weekend?

Thanks to TPWD and Bass Pro Shops for partnering with the Alliance on this contest.



Great Clean-up Opportunity in Junction

From Officer Jimmy Loer, Junction Code Enforcement

A reminder from the City of Junction this weekend, April 5-8, is **Free Dump** at the landfill. The landfill will only accept brush, construction or demolition waste and/or rubbish. It will not accept putrescible wastes, generator waste or household waste.

Rubbish is non-putrescible solid waste (excluding ashes), consisting of both combustible and noncombustible waste materials. Combustible rubbish includes paper, rags, cartons, woods, excelsior, furniture, rubber, plastics, brush or similar materials. Noncombustible rubbish includes glass, crockery, tin cans, aluminum cans and similar materials that will not burn at ordinary incinerator temperatures.

Yard waste is defined as leaves, grass clippings, yard and garden debris and brush. The term does not include stumps, roots or shrubs with intact root balls.

Construction or demolition wastes result from construction projects and include all materials that are directly or indirectly the by-products of construction or demolition work and include paper, cartons, gypsum board, wood, excelsior, rubber and plastics.

Master Naturalists seek applicants for new class

From Texas Master Naturalist

Texas Master Naturalist (TXMN) is a corps of trained volunteers who provide education, outreach, and service dedicated to the beneficial management of the natural resources and natural areas of Texas. The organization is sponsored by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension service.

The Hill Country Chapter of the TXMN program is announcing the schedule for the 2018 volunteer training class. The application period runs from April 1 through June 30, 2018. Class membership is limited to 40 trainees.

Classes meet each Wednesday for twelve weeks, beginning on August 22 and end on November 1. Classes are held in Kerrville. There is a \$200 application fee, which is refunded to applicants not accepted to the class. In addition to completion of the 12-week training, participants must also complete 40 hours of Volunteer Service and 8 hours of Advanced Training in order to become certified.

Apply online now at txmn.org/hillcountry. For more information about the TXMN Hill Country Chapter, contact hillcountrymembership@gmail.com

The First Annual South Llano River State Park Birding Festival is sponsored by the Friends of the SLRSP and they are looking for volunteers on April 28 & 29.

Help is needed to staff the four bird blinds at scheduled times and help visitors with basic bird ID. Volunteers are also needed for staging areas and as roving emergency contracts on some of the walks.

Volunteers who serve a total minimum of 4 hours will be given a volunteer's birding festival t-shirt, lunch on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday. Volunteers will also be given a free parking sticker for the park and be able to attend the afternoon public special events.

To learn more, check out their [Facebook Page](#).

To volunteer, email [Scott Richardson](#) or call 325-475-2271 or 830-459-2271.

Volunteers Needed



UPPER LLANOS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

902 College St Junction, TX

Thank you for supporting Upper Llanos SWCD!



**Tecoma Yellow Bells
(Esperanza) - Native**

ONE DAY ONLY SIDEWALK SALE FLOWERING SHRUBS & OTHER PLANTS



Butterfly Bush

FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 2018

9:00 — Noon, or until sold out

NO SALES BEFORE 9:00 A.M.

All plants will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis

First United Methodist Church parking lot

700 Springs Tour April 28

This year's tour of 700
Springs will be Saturday,
April 28th.

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





THE HILL COUNTRY ALLIANCE & THE HILL COUNTRY CONSERVANCY PRESENT

CONSERVATION EASEMENT WORKSHOP

Join fellow landowners in learning about an innovative estate planning and conservation tool: Conservation Easements. Land trust experts will be on hand to answer FAQs about conservation easements, income and estate tax implications of easements, the land trust / landowner relationship, and much more. Hear from landowners who have donated conservation easements, network with your neighbors, and celebrate the Hill Country! Lunch will be provided and a networking reception will follow. We hope to see you there!

*Questions? Contact Carolyn Vogel by email at cavogel2013@gmail.com
or by phone at (512)633-4995.*



WHERE: Burnet County Agrilife Extension Office Auditorium
607 N. Vandever Street
Burnet, TX 78611

WHEN: Friday, April 20, 2018 from 10 am to 4 pm

TICKETS: \$15/individual; \$20/couple. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the website below or at the door. Walk-ins are welcome!



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Family Park Programs, March 30th - April 9th South Llano River State Park Phone: (325) 446-3994

Bird Walk - Friday, March 30th

8:30 am - 10:00 am

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

South Llano River State Park is a great place to go birdwatching. Join us and see what we can spot! We will walk to the bird blind and see what birds come in to bathe, drink, or feed. If time permits, we may drive or walk to another bird blind as well.

Binoculars provided, or bring your own. All ages and skill levels welcome!



Geocaching 101 - Saturday, March 31st

11:00 am - 12 noon

Meet at Acorn 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 or your smartphone! Loaner GPS units will be provided for this activity. Good walking shoes and drinking water are recommended. All ages welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult.



Skins, Skulls, and More! - Saturday, March 31st

drop in between 2:30 - 3:30 pm

Held at Headquarters Front Porch

Stop by Park Headquarters between 2:30 and 3:30 to see and touch animal furs and skulls, and find out what a skull can tell us about how that animal survives!

Children must be accompanied by an adult.



Buck Lake Trail Nature Walk - Sunday, April 8th

10:00 am - 11:00 am

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

On this easy morning stroll, we'll walk past beautiful Buck Lake, named for the family who donated the land for the state park, and we'll keep an eye out for deer, birds, and other wildlife! This easy trail is approximately 1.25 miles round-trip. There is one steep but short hill, and the rest of the dirt path is fairly level. Good walking shoes and drinking water are recommended, and dress for the weather! All ages welcome.



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