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Watershed Week in Review

A Publication of
Llano River Watershed Alliance and
Llano River Field Station

Elephant Ear Attack



Julymar Rodriguez, a summer intern from Puerto Rico at the Llano River Field Station, photo locates a patch of elephant ear below Flat Rock Crossing.

In the most ambitious Elephant Ear treatment effort to date, crews from Texas Parks and Wildlife, South Llano River State Park, Llano River Field Station, Llano River Watershed Alliance and volunteers from as far away as San Marcos, treated 45 miles of the river from Stevenson Falls above Telegraph to Yates Crossing near London over a two-day period this week.

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Free Rainwater Harvesting Workshop

Sign-up online

*Learn how to collect and store rainwater for irrigation, livestock, wildlife, firefighting, and indoor potable and non-potable uses at a Free Rainwater Harvesting Workshop specifically designed for landowners will be held **Saturday, June 9, 2018, from 9am to Noon at the Texas Tech Junction campus.***

See Page 2 for Registration

FREE Rainwater Harvesting Workshop Coming to Junction, June 9



Rainwater Harvesting
For Irrigation,
Livestock, Wildlife,
Firefighting

Rainwater Harvesting Class
June 9, 2018
9:00 to 12: noon
FREE

Texas Tech University - Junction
Center

Address: 254 Red Raider Ln, Junction,
TX 76849

Location Phone: 325-446-2301

Class Information Number:
972-952-9688

Registration:
wateruniversity.tamu.edu

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Think "Big Tank" and help save on your customer's water bill!!! This program covers design, construction, maintenance and benefits of a large rainwater collection system. Participants will learn how to calculate rainwater capture, design an above or below ground collection system and utilize rainwater using large tank systems for home or business applications. This program will also cover installing drip irrigation.

Elephant Ear Attack- *continued*

In addition, the crew of fifteen surveyed patches of *Arundo donax* (Giant Cane) at South Llano River State Park and Llano River Field Station for control later this summer.

For more information about this effort...[click here](#).



Carleton Turner, owner of London Longhorns near London, assists with control of elephant ears between Grobe and Yates Crossing.



Life's better outside!



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Family Park Programs, May 25 - June 3rd South Llano River State Park Phone: (325) 446-3994

National Trails Day Hike - Lowlands Loop - Saturday, June 2nd

9:00 am - 11:00 am

Meet at the First Day Use parking lot (take the road across from Headquarters, park at 1st parking lot on the right)

Celebrate National Trails Day with us! 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 along the spring-fed South Llano River. We'll keep an eye out for all kinds of wildlife and nature! This easy trail is approximately 1.5 miles. The dirt path is fairly level, but there is some uneven ground and a very small hill. All ages welcome! Friendly dogs on leash are welcome.



Skins, Skulls, and More! - Saturday, June 2nd

drop in between 1:30 - 2:30 pm

Held at Headquarters Front Porch

Stop by Park Headquarters between 1:30 and 2:30 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.



Birding 101 - Sunday, June 3rd

9:00 am - 10:00 am

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

How do you tell all those colorful birds apart? Join us to learn binocular and bird ID tips, and then we'll practice our newfound skills at the bird blind! If time permits, we may also take a short bird walk. Good walking shoes and drinking water are recommended.

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



Land Stewardship 101

Becoming Good Stewards of the Land

How long has it been since you had an opportunity for an Outdoors Experience in a beautiful setting, while earning Professional CEU's? Well that's too long!

JOIN US FOR AN OUTDOOR LEARNING EXPERIENCE ON THE BEAUTIFUL LLANO RIVER!



What is it? –An interdisciplinary environmental educational experience taught by education professionals and natural resource specialists. You will sharpen your skills and teaching methods to engage students in science, nature, and conservation.

Who Should Attend? – Anyone who is interested in learning more about fostering a relationship between our youth and the natural world– teachers, scout leaders, parents, naturalists, park rangers, zoo educators, youth group leaders, and private citizens.

Date: July 17-19, 2018

Cost: \$195.00

(Includes 2 nights lodging, 6 meals, and curriculum materials)

16 Hours of Professional Continuing Education Units

Certification in Leopold Education Program curriculum

For more information, contact Christine Moseley at Christine.moseley@utsa.edu

Texas Tech University Center in Junction, TX

<http://www.depts.ttu.edu/junction/>

Topics	Activities	Sponsors
Soils	Fishing	Texas Tech University -Junction
Water quality	Kayaking	McCulloch SWCD
Land ethics	Swimming	Upper Llanos SWCD
Biodiversity	Birding	Menard SWCD
Plant ID	Nature Walks	
Habitat management	Journaling	

Scholarships may be available through local Soil and Water Conservation Districts

SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE!

[Click here for more info...](#)



Texas offers a Free Fishing Day on the first Saturday in June every year to help kick off National Fishing and Boating Week. On this day anglers can fish on any public waterbody in the state without a fishing license.

Maybe the rules haven't caught up with water conservation technology?

Confluence Park in San Antonio uses an artistic and ingenious method for capturing rainfall. Rain falls on the pavilion covers and is funneled into a rainwater collection system that is used for landscaping as well as the flushing of toilets. It appears, however, the Notice Rules regarding use of non-potable water haven't caught up this new type of water reuse.

