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Watershed Week in Review

Llano River Watershed Alliance
and
Llano River Field Station

Learn What's in Your Well Next Tuesday in Junction



Do you have bacteria in your well?

Well tests in Kimble County over the past few years have found that between 13% and 23% of wells test positive for E. coli, a coliform bacteria that can cause illness.

How do you know if you have this in your well?
Bring in a well sample to be tested at the Texas
Well Owner Network, November 14 in
Junction.

[Details on the program and collecting water well samples](#)

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State Park Entry is Free on Nov. 12



Thanks to all veterans and active military personnel for your service! In your honor, TPWD will waive day-use entry fees for everyone on Sunday, Nov. 12.

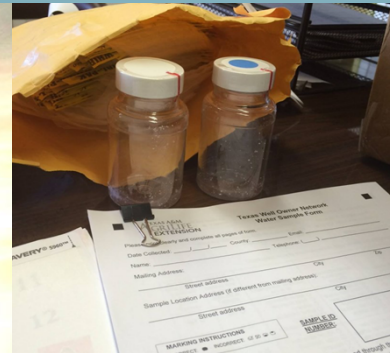
(Camping and other activity fees will still apply.)

Gather your family and spend the day exploring a park near you, for free. And say thanks to a veteran or soldier if you see one!

See page 3 for activities at
South Llano River State
Park

Get your Well Tested and Learn How to Protect It From Contamination

Water Well Owners Educational Event



Tuesday, November 14, 2017
8:30 am— 12:30 pm

Texas Tech Center at Junction
254 Red Raider Ln.
Junction, TX

TEXAS WELL OWNER NETWORK PROGRAM

The Texas Well Owner Network (TWON) program is a free, educational training for Texas residents who depend on household wells for their water needs. TWON is for private well owners who want to become familiar with groundwater resources, septic system maintenance, well maintenance, water quality and water treatment. Private well owners are independently responsible for monitoring the quality of their wells. Essentially, they are the operators of their own water system and are responsible for ensuring that their water is safe.

BRING YOUR WELL WATER SAMPLES!

Well owners may bring water samples to the training to be screened for nitrate-nitrogen, total dissolved solids (TDS) and *E. coli* bacteria for \$10. Pick up approved sample containers with instructions at the [Kimble](#) County Texas A&M AgriLife Extension office.

Bring your samples and payment of \$10 to the training on November 14.

Pre-register for the workshop at

<http://twon.tamu.edu/training/> or call 979-845-1461



Funding provided through a non point source grant from the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board.

DETAILS

City of Junction Seeks to Renew Wastewater Permit



The City of Junction is requesting to renew its Permit to discharge up to 280,000 gallons per day of treated domestic wastewater to the Llano River.

[View Permit Request](#)

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The Notice for Permit Renewal was published Wednesday in this week's *Junction Eagle*. Thus, the 30-day time period mentioned in the Permit Renewal began on November 8th and will end December 8th.

The Llano River Watershed Alliance will discuss the Permit Application and at next week's Board Meeting on November 16th.



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Family Park Programs South Llano River State Park Phone: (325) 446-3994

Buck Lake Trail Nature Walk

Sunday, November 12th, 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Meet at the Acorn Blind

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



Join us for a hike in the pecan and hardwood forest. 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. Friendly dogs on leash are welcome.

All ages welcome.

NOTE : SOUTH LLANO RIVER STATE PARK WILL BE CLOSED FROM 10PM, NOVEMBER 13 UNTIL 2PM NOVEMBER 16 FOR WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT HUNTS

Mason Students Learn about Riparian Systems

Contributed by Daniel Oppenheimer – Hill Country Alliance

Photos by Tony Plutino – Llano River Region Adventures

On November 7th, students from Mason High School spent the day along Comanche Creek at Fort Mason City Park. As part of the School District's Blue Ribbon Service Day, these five students learned about the importance of riparian systems and the adverse impacts of non-native, invasive plants. Working with Hill Country Alliance, Texas Master Naturalists, and the Parks Department, students helped improve habitat along Comanche Creek. Service work started with control of non-native, invasive Chinaberry trees, followed by planting of native grasses and sedges. In the coming months, volunteers will build off the students' work to control the remaining infestation of Chinaberry trees and broadcast a native seed mix along the creek.



Daniel Oppenheimer with Hill Country Alliance explains riparian areas and the threat Chinaberry trees play



Native grasses such Bushy Bluestem and Texas Sedge were planted to assist riparian restoration efforts along Comanche Creek in Mason



Mason High School students girdle Chinaberry trees in preparation for treatment early next Spring