

Hays County Master Naturalists NEWSLETTER



-- right here at home -- in the Hill Country

July, 2009

July 2009 Events

Chapter Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be held on Thursday, July 9th at the Camp Jacob Watershed Education Center at Jacob's Well Natural Area, from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. A map is available [here](#). The meeting is open to members and the public.

If you have any questions or items for the agenda, please contact Dixie Camp, pres@haysmn.org, or 512-517-3111, by July 6th.

Chapter Meeting

The next chapter meeting will be held on Thursday, July 30th, from 6:30pm to 8:00pm at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit, 301 Hays County Acres Rd, in Dripping Springs. A map is available [here](#).

The speaker will be Dr. Laurence Meissner, Biology Professor at Concordia University Texas and his topic will be "Pleistocene Ecology and The Friesenhahn Cave".

Most people in Central Texas don't even know the Friesenhahn Cave exists because it is on private property and its whereabouts was kept unpublicized because of security issues. Thankfully, just before the land on which the cave is located was sold by the previous owner a few years ago for development, Concordia University Texas was able to acquire the cave and 3+ acres so that this natural treasure is forever protected from activities that might compromise its integrity as a research and educational site.

For the past 13 years Dr. Meissner, and his work teams have been removing and sifting sediments that were disturbed in previous excavations, and cleaning and cataloging fossils that had been overlooked in the Friesenhahn Cave. The site near Bulverde has been called, "one of the most important paleontological sites in the United States" (The Caves of Bexar County, Veni, 1988).

Excavations conducted by a team of researchers from the University of Texas at Austin during the early 1950s and by Russell Graham from the University of Texas at Austin in the 1960s yielded fossils from over 40 genera of ice age animals including bones and teeth of mammoths, mastodons, scimitar cats, lions, bears, several rodent species, a species of turtle that was never

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before known to exist, and numerous other vertebrates.

If you have announcements you would like to have presented at the chapter meeting or suggestions for topics/speakers, please contact Ben Adair, vp@haysmn.org, or 512-773-3668.



A Naturalist's View

This month we hear from Lee Ann Linam, the Chapter Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Representative.

I think many of you may know me already. You know--the redhead that makes frog sounds and has those two beautiful children and that husband that knows the name of every fish in Texas. What many of you may not know is that I'm also the Texas Parks and Wildlife advisor for the Hays County Texas Master Naturalist Chapter.

I guess you could say that this career was "in my blood." My father worked for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and as a child I lived on several national wildlife refuges throughout the southeastern U.S., the last of which was Aransas National Wildlife Refuge. After graduation from Texas A&M in wildlife biology, I held several positions at TPWD, including serving as a wetlands biologist in Port Arthur and as the Endangered

Species Program coordinator in Austin. I also squeezed in a graduate degree in Environmental Studies at Monash University in Melbourne, Australia, along the way.

My current position is as a biologist in the outreach branch of the Wildlife Diversity Program at TPWD. I work with several statewide programs concerning non-game species, but I have the blessing of being able to office out of my house in Wimberley. My primary responsibility is to develop monitoring programs for rare species around the state based on the concept of training volunteers to contribute needed data—a field often called “citizen science” and something we call “Texas Nature Trackers” at TPWD—and something very compatible with the concepts behind Texas Master Naturalists.

I feel my primary role as advisor for the chapter is to help the members find the resources that they need—whether it be speakers, materials, ideas, or guidance. I can also serve as a sounding-board for the leaders of the chapter, although final decisions always rest with the chapter and its board as they follow the guidelines they receive from the state TMN program. I feel like I follow in some huge footsteps left by the tradition of excellent sponsors for this chapter, especially from our county extension office. I hope that Agrilife and I can continue to complement each other in the assets we have to offer the chapter.

My career dream, even at Texas A&M, has always been to somehow combine the enjoyment of working in ecology with the important aspect of changing people’s perceptions through education. That’s one reason I admire the Texas Master Naturalist program, and people who serve as Master Naturalists, so much. That’s also the reason that I’m happy to serve this chapter in any way that I can.

- Lee Ann Linam



Featured Project

Eco-Day 2009, Project #804

Neither heat nor distance stopped crowds of people from attending the second annual Eco-Day on Saturday, June 20th. The schedule of outstanding speakers attracted Standing-Room-Only crowds in the presentation room at the Henly South Fire Station. Hays County Master Naturalists Ray Franklin, Jamie Kinscherff, and Karen Archer each spoke on areas of concern for Hays County and surrounding communities. Bryan Davis and Billy

Kniffen, both well-known experts on oak wilt and rainwater collection, talked about the importance of conserving our state’s most precious commodity. Roger Jennings spoke about the availability of solar power. Peter Pfeiffer, an architect with Barley and Pfeiffer, offered many invaluable hints on ways to build “green.” See Peter on “This Old House” and the “Today Show” on his website barleypfeiffer.com. Attendees often did not take a break between sessions in anticipation of the next speaker.



HCMN Jamie Kinscherff reviews the principles of good land management and stewardship. Photo by Andy Quittner.

Several of this year’s class members helped with the displays, activities, and demonstrations throughout the day, including Janae Renaud, Stan Wilson, Andy Quittner, Jean and Al Ohm, John Meeks, Dwanna and Lou Zyla, and Jeff Vasgaard. Some class member volunteers brought critters for display: Karen Langridge brought Remy, her ornate box turtle and Corinne Dundon provided several insects and an anole, which laid a milky-white $\frac{3}{8}$ ” egg. Tadpoles and frogs swam around river plants and ant lions kicked up dry soil. All critters provided new information for many of the Eco-Day folks, who in turn left that day with a new respect for wildlife of all sizes.



HCMN Mimi Boelter explaining the concept of a watershed, storm water pollution and runoff using a watershed model. Photo by Andy Quittner.

Door prizes and raffle items brought extra excitement to the day. HCMN Tom Watson was all smiles when he won the grand finale door prize: a “guzzler” for wildlife watering, provided by Bryan Davis and Billy Kniffen. Other door prizes included caps, mugs, and a water keg provided by Guadalupe-Blanco River Trust. The Hays County Water Conservation Working Group gave away six rainwater barrels.



Onlookers listen to Bryan Davis explain the simple construction of the guzzler, a rainwater wildlife watering system, which he and Billy Kniffen donated to Eco-Day. Photo by Lance Jones.

Raffle items were also generously donated by area individuals and companies including Connie Endres, Blue Haven Porcelain, Argus Ecoservices, Tractor Supply of Dripping Springs, The Natural Gardener, Corinne Dundon, the Feed Store in Dripping Springs, and Jean McMeans.



Visitors at the displays. Photo by Andy Quittner.

The best sign of success for Eco-Day occurred when two individuals voiced their interest in holding similar events in their neighborhoods. The more information that is offered, the more people it will impact, and the more that impact will preserve our resources.

- Mimi Boelter

Chapter News

Texas Nature Trackers

“What Is Texas Nature Trackers?”

Have you ever wished that you’d taken a few more biology classes in school? Ever dreamed of being the Marlin Perkins or Steve Erwin of your day? Ever thought, “Those Texas Parks and Wildlife biologists sure look like they’re having fun?” Well, it’s not too late for you to be a scientist in the biological field—a citizen scientist, that is!

Texas Nature Trackers offers interested volunteers a chance to help gather data on species of concern throughout the state. The program emerged in the 1990s as biologists at TPWD realized that there were many more species than biologists in the state and that we needed help in making sure those species were not on their way to becoming endangered or threatened. Since the initiation of the program thousands of volunteers have helped us better understand the status and conservation needs of hundreds of species.

There are several different monitoring or “Watch” programs offered under Texas Nature Trackers addressing a wide variety of species. Each program and its materials have been designed by a TPWD biologist, and biologists regularly review the data to examine the insights that citizen scientists provide. Currently, Texas Nature Trackers offers the following watch programs:

- Texas Horned Lizard Watch – free monitoring packet available; occasional workshops
- Texas Hummingbird Roundup – monitoring packet available; occasional workshops
- Texas Monarch Watch – info available online
- Texas Mussel Watch – workshops available
- Texas Amphibian Watch – free monitoring packet; \$5 CD of frog calls; workshops available
- Texas Black-tailed Prairie Dog Watch – free monitoring packet available
- Texas Box Turtle Survey – free data form available
- Texas Night-bird Survey – in development

In addition, Texas Nature Trackers, with assistance from other staff in the TPWD Wildlife Diversity Program, sometimes offers site-specific training to help volunteers recognize and monitor other species of concern, such as rare plants, that may occur in their area.

The Hays County TMN Chapter is looking into becoming a partner in Texas Amphibian Watch. If you would be interested in attending a “train-the-trainer” session for this project or would simply like to receive more in-depth training in amphibian monitoring, please contact Susan Nenny at outreach@haysmn.org.

Don't miss your chance again! Amaze your friends and become a citizen scientist through Texas Nature Trackers!

- Lee Ann Linam

Hike at Ringtail Ridge

Tom Watson, former chapter president, led a group of Master Naturalists and interested hikers on a two hour learning experience around the Ringtail Ridge trails. The city-owned greenbelt was previously used as a slaughter plant and has high populations of prickly pear cactus, chinaberry, bermuda grass and mesquite.

The land is recovering and an examination of the plant and wildlife that inhabit the 45 acre property was the subject of the hike on June 6th. San Marcos Greenbelt Alliance sponsored two hikes on National Trails Day in an effort to get folks out and enjoy nature.

- Lance Jones



Tom Watson leading the hike. Photo by Lance Jones.



Thistle dissected. Photo by Lance Jones.

Class Site Visit

The Dire Wolves MN Class of 2009 learned a lot about identifying oak trees at the Zyla's site visit on June 2nd. The class hiked up a trail that Dwanna Zyla blazed mostly by herself with the help of a pickaxe, 20% vinegar, 2-foot cedar sections, and long spikes.

At the top of the trail, the group stood at the highest point in Hays County, on the Divide between the Pedernales and the Blanco Watersheds. On this stunning hilltop, the class found at least seven different types of oak trees.

- Mimi Boelter



Class members and Training Committee members listen to LaRay Geist talk about the ecology at Lou and Dwanna Zyla's northwest Hays County property. Photo by Lou Zyla.

Chapter Historian Position Open

The chapter has an immediate opening for the position of Historian.

The Historian maintains the historical records of the chapter. Historical records include but are not limited to: Training classes, projects, recognitions, events, elections, meetings, and Chapter Newsletter archives. Also included is keeping track of the chapter's tax info and files, photos, and compiling a scrapbook.

Here's your chance to help the chapter in an important record-keeping position! Please contact Dixie Camp, pres@haysmn.org, or 512-517-3111, if you would like to help.

Chapter Reporting Update

Part of our chapter's annual reporting requirements to the state organization include the number of outreach/education events, both direct and indirect and also a count of the number of youths, adults or private landowners who attended.

Also included in our reports are the total acreage impacted through new chapter projects and the number of trail miles developed or improved.

If you're a project leader or coordinator please remember to record this information and to help compile it for our report.

Please contact Dixie Camp, pres@haysmn.org, for more information.

Class July Schedule

Ch. #	date	Location	Topics	Speaker
17,	July 7	Holy Spirit	Water Resources in Texas and Hays County	Roland Ruiz
14			Herps of Texas (Herpetology)	Dr. Randy Simpson

HaysMN Forum

There's been a flurry of postings lately as Lee Ann Linam asked for help in locating harvester ants for a horned lizard she is taking care of.



Harvester Ants. Photo by Tom Watson.

To join the HaysMN Forum, simply go to the haysmn.org web site and look for the Forum application in the menu.

Please let Herb Smith, web@haysmn.org, know if you have any questions or suggestions. Better yet, use the Forum to discuss the Forum.

Reporting Reminder

Reports for June 2009 are due by July 7th. Please submit your reports of Volunteer and Advanced Training hours by using the friendly report forms at www.haysmn.org.

Newsletter Items

Have you read a good book lately? Submit a short review and share with the chapter! Have some neat photos of a volunteer or training activity? Let us see them! Do you have news about yourself or another HCMN? Send it in!

Please send your comments, news items, and photos to news@haysmn.org.



Members News

Tom Hausler's BirdCam

Thanks to Tom for sharing a few photos this month. All of the photos were taken with a BirdCam on a seed tray.



A Cardinal and a Painted Bunting at the feeder. Photo by Tom Hausler.



A Lazuli Bunting. Photo by Tom Hausler.



Several Lazuli Buntings sharing a meal. Photo by Tom Hausler.

Calendar

Wildflower Center Nature Nights

Join us for family fun four Thursday evenings in July to learn about fossils (July 9), birds of prey (July 16), bees (July 23), and river ecology (July 30) through activities and habitat hikes. \$1 admission, or free to members.

Austin Pond Tour

July 18 and 19

The Wildflower Center is participating in one day of the Austin Pond Society's 15th Annual Pond Tour.

Featured as part of the afternoon tour on Sunday, July 19, will be the center's Wetland Pond near the front archway, the Hill Country Stream in the Woodland Garden and ponds in the Members' and Butterfly Gardens. These water features will be accessible from noon. to 5 p.m..

Wristbands to see all 32 water features on the two-day tour are available for \$12.50 through the society's web site or at select retail outlets starting July 1. The wristbands can also be purchased on the tour days at select ponds for \$15. The society's Web site also describes a \$20-a-day tour bus option. Learn more at the Pond Society's website, www.austinpondsociety.org.



Advanced Training Opportunities

Cibolo Nature Center

140 City Park Road
Boerne, TX 78006
Ph.: 830-249-4616

July 11, 2009

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Rainwater Harvest Seminar

3 Hours Advanced Training

John Kight, engineer and rainwater catchment owner, gives the latest technological information and the most practical advice. Learn about design and materials from someone who has done it himself!

Time: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Location: CNC Auditorium and visit to Kight installation

[read more](#)

July 11, 2009

Project WILD! Workshop (2 day training)

3 Hours Advanced Training Each Day

Saturdays July 11 and 18

Presenter: Mary Kennedy

Teachers, informal educators and youth group leaders: Learn how to teach young people about ecology and wildlife using fun, hands-on educational activities.

Time: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Location: Visitor Center Back Porch

July 22, 2009

Conservation Easement Workshop

1.5 Hours Advanced Training

Presented by: Cibolo Conservancy

Are you in love with your land? Do you own 50 acres of wonderful Texas Hill Country you would like to preserve permanently? A conservation easement may be a way for you to do just that.

Time: 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Location: CNC Auditorium

Wildland Conservation Education Event

Night Hike on the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve

2.5 Hours Advanced Training

BCP Hike and Lecture Series hike – hosted by The City of Austin

Date and Time: Saturday, July 11, 8:15 to 10:30pm

Location: Location: Near the intersection of FM 2222 and Riverplace Dr. Directions sent upon [registration](#)

Description: Enjoy the canyonlands as day turns to night during this guided interpretive hike. From frog choruses and coyote yips to a starry sky, we'll tune your senses to the sights, sounds, and smells of a Texas summer. Ages 13 and up.

To learn more about these events, or to register, please visit the calendar on our webpage at <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/water/wildland/online/registration/ecowebevents.cfm>

All events are free of charge.

Honey Creek State Natural Area /Guadalupe River State Park

3350 Park Road 31

Spring Branch TX 78070

830/438-2656

Saturday, July 4

Honey Creek Hike

2 Hours Advanced Training

9-11 a.m.

You are invited to join our trained Honey Creek guides for a walk to Honey Creek. This beautiful stream and surrounding environment is one of the scenic wonders of the Hill Country. You'll learn about both the natural and cultural history of this area during this approximate two-hour hike. Sponsored by the Friends of Guadalupe River and Honey Creek, a suggested donation of \$5 per family or \$2 per individual is requested. Meet at the Rust House.

Saturday, July 4

Nature Adventurers 101: Dragon Chasing

1.5 Hours Advanced Training

2-3:30 p.m.

That's right, we're chasing after dragons! Okay, not those kinds of dragons, but dragonflies! Join us and we'll provide the nets and containers to capture, admire, identify and then release dragonflies and their cousins, the damselflies, along the river. Just in case, we may have to get wet. Meet at the Amphitheatre.

Saturday, July 11

Honey Creek Hike

2 Hours Advanced Training

9-11 a.m.

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Saturday, July 11

Nature Adventurers 101: Wet, Wild and Wonderful!

1.5 Hours Advanced Training

2-3:30 p.m.

Join us for an afternoon of wet and wild fun as we wander into the river in search of fish, frogs, funky looking bugs and more! We'll provide the nets, you show up ready to get wet! Meet at the Amphitheatre.

Saturday, July 11

Saturday Night Speaker Series: Ethnobotany or How We Use Plants

1.0 Hours Advanced Training

8-9 p.m.

Join Naturalist and ethnobotanist Peggy Spring from the City of San Antonio's Parks and Recreation Department for a presentation on ethnobotany. You will learn how various native plants were and are used for everything from dyes and medicines to food. **Sponsored by the Friends of Guadalupe River and Honey Creek, a suggested donation of \$5 per family or \$2 per individual is requested. Meet at the Amphitheatre.**

Saturday, July 18

Honey Creek Hike

2.0 Hours Advanced Training

9-11 a.m.

You are invited to join our trained Honey Creek guides for a walk to Honey Creek. This beautiful stream and surrounding environment is one of the scenic wonders of the Hill Country. You'll learn about both the natural and cultural history of this area during this approximate two-hour hike. **Sponsored by the Friends of Guadalupe River and Honey Creek, a suggested donation of \$5 per family or \$2 per individual is requested. Meet at the Rust House.**

Saturday, July 18

Nature Adventurers 101: Mammal Mysteries 2-3:30 p.m.

1.5 Hours Advanced Training

From the things they leave behind such as tracks, trails and yes, even scat, to their skulls and skins, mammals provide all kinds of opportunities for learning. Join us for an afternoon of warm-blooded, furry fun as we check out the world of our amazing mammals. Meet at the Amphitheatre.

Saturday, July 18

Saturday Night Speaker Series: Frogs and Toads of the Park

8-9:30 p.m.

1.5 Hours Advanced Training

Join Park Interpreter Craig Hensley and Intern Traci Guckian to learn about amphibians, with special emphasis on the frogs and toads found in the park. Did you know they use their eyes to eat? To find out the mystery behind this and more, join us for a presentation followed by a flashlight search for them at the river's edge. **Sponsored by the Friends of Guadalupe River and Honey Creek, a suggested donation of \$5 per family or \$2 per individual is requested. Meet at the Amphitheatre.**

Saturday, July 25

Honey Creek Hike

2 Hours Advanced Training

9-11 a.m.

You are invited to join our trained Honey Creek guides for a walk to Honey Creek. This beautiful stream and surrounding environment is one of the scenic wonders of the Hill Country. You'll learn about both the natural and cultural history of this area during this approximate two-hour hike. **Sponsored by the Friends of Guadalupe River and Honey Creek, a suggested donation of \$5 per family or \$2 per individual is requested. Meet at the Rust House.**

Saturday, July 25

Nature Adventurers 101: Plant-astic!

1.5 Hours Advanced Training

2-3:30 p.m.

Without them, where would we be, yet we take them for granted most of the time. Plants come in every shape, size and color and we'll be checking out how they work, why they are important and take a walk to check them out. We'll end the program with a sweet taste straight from flowers thanks to our friends, the honey bees. Meet at the amphitheatre.



Volunteer Opportunities

Texas Wild Rice Annual Monitoring

Is it hot enough yet? If not, will it be even hotter in July? Whether it is or it isn't, what would be a better way to cool off and do something good than to help monitor Texas wild-rice in the upper two miles of the San Marcos River? At least I hope there's still enough water in the San Marcos River to cool off in by mid-July. Flows are down and water level is low to non-existent in some areas. But sometimes lower water level makes the monitoring easier.

The monitoring will be spread across two weeks this year: July 14-16 and 21-24. That should give us enough time and allow for random events such as rainfall or other things that might keep us out of the river. In case you're not familiar with Texas wild-rice or this annual event, staff and volunteers from Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Texas State University, the Wildflower Center, Texas Department of Transportation, San Marcos River Foundation, Master Naturalists, and others meet somewhere along the San Marcos River and measure the length, width, areal coverage, and depth of stands of Texas wild-rice. Texas wild-rice was the first Texas plant to

be federally and state listed, and it still one of the rarest and most threatened. It is a beautiful, green, aquatic grass with flowing leaves up to several meters long. It occasionally flowers, and the leaves, stalks, and seeds are eaten by waterfowl, nutria, and various invertebrates.

Here is the daily drill. You can meet us in San Marcos or carpool with us from TPWD headquarters in Austin. We leave Austin at 8 am and meet the San Marcos crew at 9 am in the City Park parking lot near the Lions Club Tube Rental or the A.E. Wood State Fish Hatchery (maps to either site will be supplied). There are two basic job types, terrestrial and aquatic, and you can switch off during the day. The land team doesn't have to get wet unless they want to. Their job involves taking and recording measurements using tapes, compasses, or electronic equipment. The water team uses tapes, stadia rods, and ingenuity to help the land crew measure the distance and bearing from the bank as well as take the length, width, depth, and areal coverage of the stands. Be prepared for hot weather (bring WATER, sunscreen, hats, etc.) but remember if you are in the water, that the upper San Marcos River is a more or less constant 72-75 degrees (some people even wear wetsuits). It is also very muddy and mucky in places so old clothes and shoes that stay on your feet (no flip flops) are a must. Lunch is on your own, and most of us usually go to the local restaurants although some people bring their lunch and hang out along the river. We usually work until around 4 in the afternoon. You can work partial days also.

If this sounds appealing to you, just let me know what day(s) you'd like to help and I'll sign you up. Time slots are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis, so sign up early to get the days that you want. We do have a limit on the number of people per day. Feel free to forward this message to anyone that I have inadvertently overlooked or you think might be interested. If you have any questions, please contact me. I hope to see you there and thanks for helping!

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Elephant Ear Removal

**Wednesday, July 1 and 15th
4:00pm-7:00pm**

Hays MN Project #408

The unique and critical habitat of Spring Lake requires a carefully managed habitat conservation program. Volunteers meet the first and third Wednesday of each month to remove the invasive Elephant Ear plant that grows along the banks of the lake. Work begins at 4pm.

For more information, contact Leah Laszewski (laszewski@yahoo.com).

Hyacinth Removal

Saturday, July 25

9:00am-12:00pm

Hays MN Project #408

The unique and critical habitat of Spring Lake requires a carefully managed habitat conservation program. The San Marcos River Foundation works with Aquarena to provide regular water hyacinth removal the 4th Saturday of every month. Volunteers meet at the Wetlands nursery at 9 AM and work until about noon.

For more information e-mail Diane Wassenich (wassenich@grandecom.net).



State and National News

U.S. Drought Monitor

Not that we need any reminding, but the National Drought Mitigation Center has a nice web site that allows you to see the drought conditions across the country.

You can access the site at
<http://drought.unl.edu/DM/MONITOR.HTML>.

Edwards Aquifer Authority Declares Critical Period Stage Two

SAN ANTONIO (June 18, 2009) – The Edwards Aquifer Authority today declared stage two of the region's critical period management plan, further limiting how much groundwater can be pumped from the Edwards Aquifer across a seven-county area of south-central Texas.

You may read the full press release here:
http://www.edwardsaquifer.org/pdfs/News/2009/News_Releases/Stage2PressRelease.pdf.



Local News

5th Annual Naturescapes Photography Contest

This is the last call for all photographers! Here's your chance to share your creativity and to showcase the natural beauty of Hays County.

The 5th Annual Naturescapes Photography Contest and Exhibition, sponsored by the San Marcos Greenbelt Alliance and the Hill Country Photography Club is accepting entries starting April 1st. The deadline is July 6th. More information is available here: hcphotoclub.org/naturescapes.html.



Links to Chapter Sponsors and Partners

Sponsors:

Texas Master Naturalist -- State Website -- masternaturalist.tamu.edu
Texas AgriLife Extension -- texasextension.tamu.edu
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department -- www.tpwd.state.tx.us/

Agencies of Interest:

Bamberger Ranch -- bambergerranch.org
Native Plant Society of Texas -- www.npsot.org
San Marcos Greenbelt Alliance -- www.smgreenbelt.org
San Marcos River Foundation -- www.sanmarcosriver.org
Texas Outdoor Women's Network -- www.townsanmarcos.org
Texas Cooperative Extension -- Sea Grant Program - texas-sea-grant.tamu.edu
Texas Forest Service -- txforestservice.tamu.edu
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers -- www.usace.army.mil
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U.S.D.A. Natural Resource Conservation Service -- www.nrcs.usda.gov
Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority -- www.gbra.org

Partners

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LBJ Wildflower Center -- www.wildflower.org
San Marcos Nature Center -- www.ci.san-marcos.tx.us/departments/parks/Nature_Center.html
Gorge Preservation Society -- www.canyongorge.org