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August Round-Up

Highlighting conservation efforts & events from across the Lone Star State

CONSERVATION EVENTS

[Water University Hosts DIY Rain Barrel Class](#)

LEWISVILLE, TX - Come learn the basics and benefits of rainwater harvesting and reduce the effect your stormwater has on the environment. Participants will learn how to collect and utilize rainwater at home. This class is hands on "DIY" where each participant will build and take home a 55-gallon rain barrel.

Location: Medical City Lewisville, Grand Theater
100 N. Charles, Lewisville, Texas 75057
Date: August 2, 2018, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

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[Water University Hosts DIY Drip Irrigation Class](#)

DENTON, TX - Make every drop count! Whether you have an existing sprinkler system or just an outdoor faucet, learn how to install, convert and maintain a drip irrigation system. Drip irrigation is the most efficient irrigation method for landscape beds, potted plants, vegetable gardens or home foundations. The flow of information from our experts will make "do it yourself" drip irrigation seem easy!

Location: Emily Fowler Public Library
502 Oakland St, Denton, Texas 76201
Date: Thursday, August 9, 2018, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

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[Water University's 2018 Nursery and Landscape Expo](#)

SAN ANTONIO, TX - Join Texas A&M AgriLife "Water University" Horticulturists as they present and showcase the best water conservation and stormwater management practices at the state's largest green industry conference. See the latest nursery and landscape offerings, talk one-on-one



with exhibitors and hear from industry leaders during the EXPO's many education opportunities-- all under one roof!

Location: Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center
900 E Market St, San Antonio, TX 78205

Date: August 16-18, 2018

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Texas Master Naturalist Program's 20th Anniversary Gala

GEORGETOWN, TX - We are excited to announce our 20th Anniversary Gala coming this October to celebrate our Texas Master Naturalist Program's 20 year milestone!



This event will include a celebration of the Texas Master Naturalist Program's impacts over the last 20 years, honor those who have made lasting conservation impacts on the land, and provide a sustainable future for the Program through the Texas Master Naturalist Endowment.

Location: Sheraton Georgetown Hotel and Conference Center
1101 Woodlawn Avenue, Georgetown, TX 78628

Date: October 25, 2018

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Texas Master Naturalist Program's 2018 Annual Meeting

GEORGETOWN, TX - Join us for our Texas Master Naturalist Program Annual Meeting to gather, learn and celebrate our 20th Anniversary.

The year's Annual Meeting provides an opportunity for Texas Master Naturalist volunteers from around the state to gather, participate in hands-on educational seminars, and receive all of their Advanced Training requirements for the year within one weekend. It's also an opportunity for program participants and supporters to network, share new ideas/projects, and to learn from different chapters from different regions of the state. This year's meeting will include day trips and training workshops to many local, state and even national refuges/parks, many of which will focus on the diversity of geography, flora, fauna and history this unique area of Texas so centrally located offers.



Location: Sheraton Georgetown Hotel and Conference Center
1101 Woodlawn Avenue, Georgetown, TX 78628
Date: October 26-28, 2018

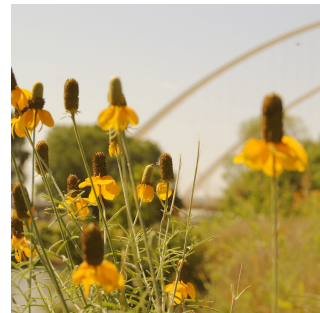
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Trinity Park Conservancy Presents "Summer at Simmons"

DALLAS, TX - The Trinity Park Conservancy is hosting its first annual "Summer at Simmons." Created to encourage Dallas citizens to get out and enjoy our shared natural resource, the Trinity River, Summer at Simmons includes free and family-friendly events such as hiking, biking and canoeing adventures in the heart of the future Harold Simmons Park.

Events are co-hosted by local experts in ecology, birding, architecture, photography, and history; such as Master Naturalist Bill Holston, and Nick Kanakis of the Trinity River Audubon Center.



Summer at Simmons kicks off on July 10 and continues until August 30.

Location: Varies for each event

Full Schedule: <https://trinityparkconservancy.org/enjoy-it-now/events/>

Date: July 10-August 30, 2018

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Summer Crops Tour and Center Pivot Irrigation Field Day

BUSHLAND, TX - A Summer Crops/Ogallala Aquifer Program Center Pivot Irrigation Field Day will be hosted by Texas A&M AgriLife and the U.S. Department of Agriculture-Agricultural Research Service Aug. 9 at the Conservation and Production Research Laboratory. The traditional summer field day has been expanded to provide producers and the general public an opportunity to hear crop and irrigation updates from experts participating in the Ogallala Aquifer Program, or OAP.



Location: Conservation and Production Research Laboratory

Date: August 9, 2018, 8 a.m.

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Texas Water Resources Institute's Hosts Urban Riparian and Stream Training

HOUSTON, TX - The Texas Water Resources Institute's Urban Riparian and Stream Restoration Program will host a workshop from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Aug. 16 in the Woodlands for professionals interested in conducting stream restoration projects in and around the Houston area. The goal of the workshop is to better understand urban stream functions and the impacts of development on urban streams.



Location: The Recreation Center at Bear Branch Park – Live Oak Room
5310 Research Forest Dr., The Woodlands, TX 77381

Date: August 16, 2018, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

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Preview: Neches River Refuge at the TCA Annual Meeting

NECHES, TX - The Neches River National Wildlife Refuge is expected to be open to the public in the next few months! Get a sneak preview of this beautiful bottomland habitat by attending Texas Conservation Alliance's Annual Meeting at the refuge, SEPTEMBER 29!

Bring your friends and family for a morning of refuge tours, trail walks, and nature activities for kids and adults, followed by a program about the refuge and how close we are to having it open to the public.

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. : Nature walks, activities for kids

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.: Interesting program about the refuge

Location: Refuge entrance on Hwy 79 between Palestine and Jacksonville just east of the Neches River

Date: September 29, 2018, 9 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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RECENT CONSERVATION NEWS

[Rio Grande Basin-Wide Project Addresses Water Challenges for Agricultural Sustainability](#)

COLLEGE STATION, TX - A team of 20 researchers representing Texas Water Resources Institute (TWRI), Texas A&M AgriLife Research, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, New Mexico Water Resources Research Institute and New Mexico State University has completed its first year of a \$5 million four-year grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) to address these water challenges and ensure agricultural sustainability in the basin.



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[Texas A&M's Natural Resources Proves Predation Theories for Conservation](#)

COLLEGE STATION, TX - Texas A&M's Natural Resources Institute (NRI) research team has recently proved predation for key vulnerable or endangered species to help bolster conservation efforts.



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[Texas Master Naturalist Conducts Fall Class Trainings](#)

COLLEGE STATION, TX - Sixteen chapters of the Texas Master Naturalist program are conducting training classes in the fall and winter months this year for volunteers wanting to learn about natural resource and conservation management.

The Texas Master Naturalist program, consisting of 48 chapters located across the state, aims to develop a corps of



well-informed citizen volunteers to educate their communities about the management of natural resources.

The main qualification needed to become a certified Texas Master Naturalist is an interest in learning and playing an active part in conservation. Volunteers will receive a minimum of 40 hours of basic training from educators and specialists from places such as universities, natural resource agencies, nature centers and museums. Training topics include interpretation and management of natural resources, ecological concepts, eco-regions in Texas and natural systems management. Volunteers are then asked to provide 40 hours of service a year in community education, demonstration and habitat enhancement projects in order to maintain certification as a Texas Master Naturalist. They are also expected to pursue a minimum of eight hours of advance training in areas of personal interest.

To find your local Texas Master Naturalist Chapter visit our clickable map - <https://txmn.org/chapters/>

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