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Watershed Week in Review

Llano River Watershed Alliance

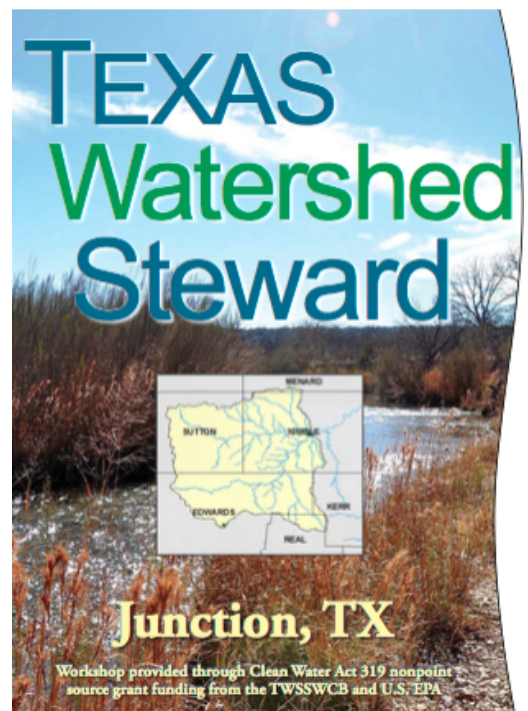
Do your part to protect the
Llano.

A Texas Watershed Steward workshop on water quality related to the Upper Llano River watershed will be presented on May 6th at Texas Tech Junction.

The workshop is free and open to anyone interested in improving water quality in the region. Program presenters are the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board in cooperation with the Llano River Field Station and the Upper Llano Watershed Coordination Committee. Light refreshments will be provided.

Attendees of the workshop will receive a copy of the Texas Watershed Steward Handbook and a certificate of completion. The program offers 4 CEUs in soil and water management for certified crop advisers, 4 CEUs for professional engineers and certified planners, 4 credits for certified teachers, and 4 development hours for professional geoscientists.

[...more info](#)



When: May 6, 8:30 am-
12:30 pm

Where: Llano River Field
Station, Texas Tech-
Junction

Cost: Free

Texas Tech Researchers meet to discuss Axis Study

Wildlife and aquatic biologist from Texas Tech University and the Llano River Field Station met with local landowners and agency personnel Thursday night in Junction to get public input on the upcoming population and disease ecology study of axis deer on the Edwards Plateau.

The study, working in conjunction with the Upper Llano River Watershed Protection Plan, will focus efforts on the North and South Llano riparian corridors. Stakeholders identified controlling exotic, free-ranging axis deer as a critical strategy for restoring riparian habitat and improving water quality in the Llano.

The goals of the study are to:

- Assess the extent of use and quantify damage of the riparian zone habitat, plants, and soils by Axis deer.
- Estimate regional population and group structure of Axis deer.
- Assess frequency of occurrence and potential risks of transmitting Chronic Wasting and other diseases.



- Characterize the extent of genetic diversity of Axis deer.

Researchers are asking for help to:

- Allow access to private land to conduct research.
- Provide details about management and hunting strategies for Axis deer.
- Provide heads and jaws of harvested Axis deer for sampling.

The study will commence this spring and run through 2019.

[Check out this online brochure fore more information.](#)



Photo: Robert Stubblefield

700 Springs Tour

This year's tour of 700 Springs will be Saturday, **April 29th**.

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



Apply to the Hill Country Chapter Class of 2017



Invitation from Reggie Cox, director 2017 Texas Master Naturalist, Hill Country Chapter training class

Welcome! The Hill Country Chapter's Class of 2017 is accepting applications. Residents of Bandera, Edwards, Gillespie, Kendall, Kerr, Kimble, Mason, Menard, Real, and San Saba counties who want to learn more about the Hill Country and volunteer in our ten-county area are encouraged to apply.

Texas Master Naturalist is a service-oriented organization, if you do not want to volunteer 40 hours per year with any of our 100 approved volunteer projects, please do not apply.

Applications must be received by 30 June. Our training course begins 21 August with our terrific trainee reception at Kerr Arts and Cultural Center in downtown Kerrville. Our educational (and fun) classes occur on Wednesdays beginning 23 August in the Upper Guadalupe River Authority Lecture Hall near downtown Kerrville. Field trips to geologically significant sites, preserves, and wildlife management areas are scheduled. Commencement occurs 15 November with a celebratory Bar-B-Q.

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