

TEXAN NATURE™

January Conservation Round-Up

Highlighting conservation efforts & events from across the Lone Star State

CONSERVATION EVENTS

Stars & S'mores

CEDAR HILL - Join the Dogwood Canyon Audubon Center for s'mores around the campfire, stargazing, and guided night hikes into the canyon to check on our nocturnal residents.

Registration Link:

<https://dogwoodcanyonaudubon.ticketleap.com/starsandsmores/?fbclid=IwAR0hTYR244RmRUqLTVXy0aF5RZNiS7cbe6CaoPHI6U-fA7CUMfkbSUJZcGc>

Location: Dogwood Canyon Audubon Center at Cedar Hill
1206 W Fm 1382, Cedar Hill, TX 75104

Date: January 19, 2019

Time: 6 pm - 9 pm

Cost: \$5

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John Bunker Sands Wetland Center Walk & Talk Bird Tour

DALLAS - Join the John Bunker Sands Wetland Center for a walking bird tour! Participants will learn about the birds who live at the Wetland. With migration here, it is the perfect time to learn the basics of birding.

In this beginner to immediate class, you will learn how to use binoculars, field guides, keep a life-list and what to look for when identifying birds. Enjoy a relaxing morning learning more about the fastest growing spectator sport in America. Binoculars and Field guides are available for use. For more information, visit www.wetlandcenter.com.

Location: John Bunker Sands Wetland Center, 655 Martin Lane
Combine/Seagoville, TX 75159

Date: January 5, 2019

Time: 7:00 AM

Cost: Free with \$5 Admission; Members are Free.

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John Bunker Sands Wetland Center Pond Trail Walk

DALLAS/FORT WORTH - Join the John Bunker Sands Wetland Center on the newly opened Bunker's Pond Trail and learn about the natural and cultural history of the 1.8 mile loop trail. The trail begins with a walk through a forested area to a true bottomland hardwood forest, then follows the East Fork on the Trinity River and ends on the Wetland levee roads.

This trail is great for families and those who are interested in learning about native trees, flowers, animals and anything else we find along the way! For more information, visit www.wetlandcenter.com.

Location: John Bunker Sands Wetland Center, 655 Martin Lane
Combine/Seagoville, TX 75159

Date: January 19, 2019

Time: 10:00 AM

Cost: Free with \$5 Admission; Members are Free.

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John Bunker Sands Wetland Center Highway Cleanup

DALLAS/FORT WORTH - Join the John Bunker Sands Wetland Center for their 8th annual Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup. Come support the community that has been a great help to the Wetland Center. We have adopted two miles of roadway for cleanup and will be giving a prize for the Most Unusual Thing Found.

Registration Link: <https://bit.ly/2EAdkrJ>

Location: John Bunker Sands Wetland Center, 655 Martin Lane
Combine/Seagoville, TX 75159

Date: January 2, 2019

Time: 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Cost: Free with \$5 Admission; Members are Free.

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Archeology 101

GOLDTHWAITE - Goldthwaite, Texas - can you dig it? Learn the basics of Rural Archaeology in Texas. Del Barnett, Archeology Steward, will host this informative meeting.

Registration Link: www.legacyplaza.org

Location: Legacy Plaza, Corner of US Hwy 183 and 2nd Street in Goldthwaite, Texas

Date: January 19, 2019

Time: 1:00 PM



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The Historic Use of the Headwaters Site

NEW BRAUNFELS - Once a month, special programs will take place for visitors who want to dig a little deeper into archaeology. These will include an in depth tour of the site and fun presentation led by members of the archaeology community.

In January, Headwaters at the Comal invites you to tour the 1930s-era water utility buildings and learn about the historical use of the property.



Registration Link:

<https://www.headwatersatthecomal.com/event/historicuse/>

Location: Headwaters at the Comal, 333 E. Klingemann St., New Braunfels, TX 78130

Date: January 12, 2019

Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Cost: \$3 – \$10

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CONSERVATION NEWS

Monarch Conservation Partners Meeting Puts Planning into Action

This November, more than 160 stakeholders from 100 organizations came together to put planning into action at the Monarch Conservation Partners Meeting, co-hosted by the Monarch Joint Venture (MJV) and the Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (MAFWA). Partners convened from 30 states to share information and advance implementation goals of the Mid-America Monarch Conservation Strategy and the Monarch Joint Venture.



Announcement Link:

<https://monarchjointventure.org/news-events/news/monarch-conservation-partners-meeting-puts-planning-into-action>

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Three ways to get milkweed plugs for Spring 2019

Many gardeners, farmers, conservationists, and other land managers find it tricky to find locally appropriate milkweed plants. Help is here! Our partners at the non-profit, Monarch Watch, have created the Milkweed Market to offer low cost or free (for nonprofits and schools) milkweed plugs for your pollinator gardens or larger-scale projects.



Announcement Link:

<https://monarchjointventure.org/news-events/news/three-ways-to-get-milkweed-seedlings-for-spring-2019>

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Archaeology Tours Extended through January

Due to weather delays, archaeology tours and programming at the Headwaters at the Comal have been extended until the end of January.

Visitors will continue to be able to interact with the archaeology at the Headwaters through a variety of methods, including guided tours, weekly YouTube Live videos, and frequent website updates.

Visit our website to learn more and to check availability for tours and programs: <https://www.headwatersatthecomal.com/archaeology/>



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Texas Watershed Coordinator Roundtable

Water and natural resource professionals are invited to the next Texas Watershed Coordinator Roundtable. The day will include an agency panel/updates, watershed protection plan presentations, highlighting managing deer populations, implementation, and outreach programs, Texas A&M Forest Service Programs overview, and updates on outreach programs and upcoming events.

A catered lunch from Jason's Deli consisting of a variety sandwiches, salads, chips, pickle and tea will be provided to participants for a cost of \$10 or participants may bring their own lunch. Lunch can be paid either in advance by credit card online at the link below or with cash at the door the day of the event.

Parking is located in front of the building.

Registration Link:

<http://watershedplanning.tamu.edu/training/jan-31-2019-texas-watershed-coordinator-roundtable/>

Location: Texas Farm Bureau Conference and Training Center

Date: January 31, 2019

Time: 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM

Cost: \$3 – \$10

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