

TEXAN by NATURE™

April Conservation Round-Up

Highlighting conservation efforts & events from across the Lone Star State

CONSERVATION EVENTS

Don't mess with Texas® Art Contest



**Get creative and help
keep Texas clean!**

K-12 Art Contest
Deadline extended to May 29, 2020!

Keep Texas Beautiful and the Texas Department of Transportation invites Texas students in kindergarten through twelfth grade to submit their best litter prevention-inspired artwork to be considered for the Don't mess with Texas Calendar. Students with the top 14 designs will have their work featured in the calendar and win other prizes. Submissions must be postmarked by no later than May 29. Learn more and share with your friends and family today: ktb.org/artcontest. Keep Texas Beautiful is a Texan by Nature Conservation Partner.

Link: <https://ktb.org/artcontest>

Date: 4/1/2020

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Witte Where You Are Virtual Museum Experience



Witte Where You Are features online content from the Witte Museum curators and educators using award-winning demonstration, and school program curriculum, as well as behind-the-scenes tours. This allows us to offer Witte Museum content for our community, free of charge.

Witte Where You Are programming is available on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube and the Witte's webpage: www.wittemuseum.org/witte-where-you-are. The Witte Museum is a Texan by Nature Conservation Partner.

Link: <https://www.wittemuseum.org/witte-where-you-are/>

Date: 4/1/2020 +

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WEBINAR: Intro to Waste in Place Workshop with Keep Texas Beautiful

Please join Sara Walters from Keep Texas Beautiful for this one hour Introduction to Waste in Place (WIP)! WIP is a hands-on, environmental activity guide from Keep America Beautiful (KAB). This activity guide contains interactive lessons adaptable for grades pre-K to 6. The activity guide provides activities designed to develop awareness and knowledge about litter prevention, waste reduction, beautification and community improvement, which results in informed decisions by tomorrow's community leaders. Join the webinar to see if your schools, youth groups, or other organizations could benefit from WIP. Keep Texas Beautiful is a Texan by Nature Conservation Partner.

Link: <https://ktb.org/get-involved/calendar-of-events/education/webinar-intro-to-waste-in-place>

Date: 4/8/2020

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Agriculture is Critical! Happy Hour Webinar Series



Join Soil Regen for a weekly happy hour webinar with experts on topics ranging from growing your own food, to direct marketing, to the principles of regenerative agriculture. All are welcome! Healthy soils = healthy people! Soil Regen is a Texan by Nature Conservation Partner.

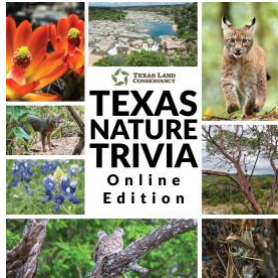
Link: www.agsoilregen.com/events

Date: 4/9/2020

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TLC's Texas Nature Trivia: Online Edition



From the pecan tree to the armadillo, we'll trivia-lize it all. Focusing on all things nature, individuals will compete with their fellow Texas nature lovers ONLINE for the top spot on the leaderboard. Texas Land Conservancy is a Texan by Nature Conservation Partner.

Link: <https://texaslandconservancy.org/texas-nature-trivia-online/>

Date: 4/14/2020

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Introduction to Watershed Modeling



The virtual workshop will provide watershed coordinators with an introduction to watershed modeling and cover models available for use. Participants will gain an understanding of what model is needed for watershed protection planning, how modeling fits into 9 Elements, and the resources needed to take the next steps. The models and tools the course will cover include: load duration curves (LDC), Spreadsheet Tool for Estimating Pollutant Load (STEP-L), Generalized Watershed Loading Function (GWLf), P8 urban

catchment model (P8-UCM), Soil and Water Assessment Tool (SWAT), SELECT- Spatially Explicit Load Enrichment Calculation Tool, Agricultural Non-Point Source Pollution Model (AGNPS), Hydrologic Simulation Program - FORTRAN (HSPF), and Storm Water Management Model (SWMM). There will also be a demonstration of the Hydrologic and Water Quality System (HAWQS) Model. Texas Water Resources Institute is a Texan by Nature Conservation Partner.

Link: <https://twri.tamu.edu/our-work/engaging-educating/texas-watershed-planning/workshop-schedule/2020/april/introduction-to-watershed-modeling-online/>

Date: 4/15/2020

Time: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

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Celebrate Earth Day in the Gardens



Join us for a live ladybug release in celebration of Earth Day at 12:00pm. Please remember to practice social distancing if you attend. Texas Botanical Gardens & Native American Interpretive Center is a Texan by Nature Conservation Partner.

Link: www.texasbotanicalgardens.org

Date: 4/22/2020

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50th Anniversary of Earth Day Celebration with EarthX



Join us online for a day of virtual activity to celebrate this milestone event for environmental and sustainability efforts worldwide and for the people, movements, organizations, businesses and governments that have supported, collaborated, advocated, activated and advanced the causes, initiatives, projects and concepts that have, and will continue to create positive change for our world and its inhabitants into the future. EarthX is Texan by Nature Conservation Partner.

Link: <https://earthx.org/earthx2020-to-be-held-virtually/>

Date: 4/22/2020

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Earthx Conferences



Earthx Conference is a series of conferences that will be held virtually from April 22-27 for the purpose of cultivating relationships and forming partnerships between mission-driven advocates, investors, accelerators, researchers and other concerned world citizens. The conference goals are to educate, promote and instigate activities that sustain environmental initiatives with a substantial, positive impact on all living things and on our planet. EarthX is a Texan by Nature Conservation Partner.

Link: <https://earthx.org/conference/>

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EarthxE-Capital Virtual Summit 2020



EarthxE-Capital Virtual Summit 2020 will be a digital experience from April 22 - 24 that cultivates and connects private capital, financiers, early to late-stage companies, industry thought leaders, key local and national policy-makers, incubators, accelerators and researchers to form partnerships catalyzing investment into environmental solutions.

EarthX will deliver its previously scheduled in-person E-Capital Summit as a virtual conference, where attendees from all over the world can participate online at no charge this year. We understand that, for many people, our annual event in Dallas is an experience they greatly look forward to attending, but we are excited about the opportunity to re-imagine the E-Capital Summit as a global online event to bring broader exposure to the climate tech innovation ecosystem. EarthX is a Texan by Nature Conservation Partner.

Link: <https://earthx.org/conference/e-capital-summit/>

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Texas Watershed Coordinator Roundtable Online



This event is being offered online. The Zoom link to join the meeting will be sent out to all registered attendees the week of the training.

Water and natural resource professionals are invited to the next Texas Watershed Coordinator Roundtable. In light of the COVID-19 concern, Texas Water Resources Institute has decided to transition the Texas Watershed Coordinators Roundtable to an online delivery taking place on April 23, 2020. This new approach for the meeting has resulted in a change to the current agenda as well.

The new online Texas Watershed Coordinators Roundtable will center around an agency panel for program updates in response to the COVID-19 health concern. A brief moderated Q&A session will conclude this event. The Roundtable will start at 9:30 a.m. and conclude no later than 11:30 a.m. More details and an updated agenda to come.

More information can be found at <https://twri.tamu.edu/texas-watershed-planning/> or by contacting Nathan Glavy at Nathan.glavy@ag.tamu.edu or 979-458-5915. Texas Water Resources Institute is a Texan by Nature Conservation Partner.

Link: <https://twri.tamu.edu/our-work/engaging-educating/texas-watershed-planning/workshop-schedule/2020/april/texas-watershed-coordinator-roundtable-online/>

Date: 4/23/2020

Time: 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

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CONSERVATION NEWS

El Paso gets help to become more water smart



El Paso Water presented a check for \$25,000 to the City of El Paso at their Council Meeting on Feb. 18 to help make more municipal buildings water efficient.

Link:https://epwater.org/about_us/newsroom/news_from_the_pipeline/city_gets_help_to_become_more_water_smart

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EPA official David Ross talks El Paso



Moments after the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) unveiled the National Water Reuse Action Plan at their headquarters in Washington DC, David Ross Assistant Administrator of Water for EPA, sat down with El Paso Water to discuss the plan and discuss how El Paso Water plays an important role in the effort.

Link:https://epwater.org/about_us/newsroom/news_from_the_pipeline/e_p_a_official_david_ross_talks_el_paso

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Don't Flush Wipes or Paper Towels



With the shortage of toilet paper due to the coronavirus outbreak, many people are turning to wipes and paper towels instead. Disinfection wipes are used in every household as people try to sanitize anything and everything 24/7. But before you try to flush them down the toilet, heed this warning: there is no such thing as a flushable wipe.

Link:https://epwater.org/about_us/newsroom/news_from_the_pipeline/don_t_flush_wipes_or_paper_towels

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Governor Abbott Reappoints Buford To Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board



Governor Greg Abbott has reappointed Tina Yturria Buford to the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB) for a term set to expire on February 1, 2022. Buford joined the Board in May of 2017.

Link:<https://www.tsswcb.texas.gov/news/governor-abbott-reappoints-buford-texas-state-soil-and-water-conservation-board-0>

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Local DeKalb Middle School Student Places in National Poster Contest

National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD), in partnership with the NACD Auxiliary, recently announced the winners of the 2019 Poster Contest during the 74th NACD Annual Meeting held in Las Vegas. Wyatt Barger of DeKalb won the 2019 Texas Conservation Awards Program Poster Contest put on by the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB) and the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts (ATSWCD) qualifying him for the NACD Poster Contest.

Link:<https://www.tsswcb.texas.gov/news/local-dekalb-middle-school-student-places-national-poster-contest>

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Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board Releases 2019 Annual Report on Nonpoint Source Pollution Management in Texas

The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB) is announcing the release of the 2019 Annual Report. The Nonpoint Source Pollution Management in Texas – 2019 Annual Report is a jointly published report by the TSSWCB and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ).

Link:<https://www.tsswcb.texas.gov/news/texas-state-soil-and-water-conservation-board-releases-2019-annual-report-nonpoint-source>

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Volunteers Assisted Borderlands Research Institute with Grassland Bird Banding Captures This Winter

In the Marfa grasslands of Far West Texas, volunteers contributed over 1,600 hours toward grassland bird captures this winter! Check out what birds researchers and volunteers found this year!

Link:<https://bri.sulross.edu/volunteers-assisted-with-grassland-bird-banding-captures-this-winter/>

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