



# NEWS

## San Marcos River Clean-up

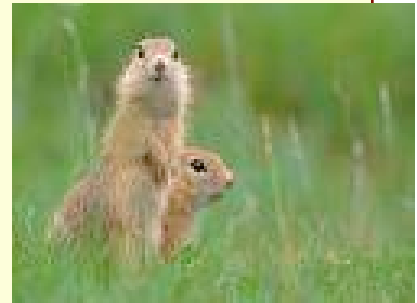
*It's a Dirty Job, But Someone's gotta do it.*



*Wildlife Society members participated in the Annual San Marcos River Cleanup on March 1st. The San Marcos River Foundation (SMRF) coordinates the event and had a record turnout this year. Many canoeing groups from both Austin and San Antonio attended. Six members of the society walked the banks or canoed and gathered bags and bags of debris. Some of the strangest things: hub caps. Romey decided to keep them and put them on his car. We also gained a member. Angelika Fuller decided to join the society after teaming up with another member and canoeing for trash. Welcome, Angelika! The event is held every year and is a great chance to get out on the river as well as to clean up our waterways from beer cans, diapers and many other things you wouldn't even believe if I told you. So next time, please join us! - Jen Korn*

### Upcoming Events

- April 4th, 11th: Lockhart outdoor classroom
- April 5th: Austin Smiles
- April 6th: Fort Hood tour with Scott Summers
- April 11th: Freeman Ranch Nature Trail
- April 12th: Bastrop/Caldwell County Wildlife Extravaganza
- May 7th: Annual shoot-out
- May 9th: TWA event-Dripping Springs
- Ongoing: Help at Freeman Ranch!





HOW WOULD YOU DO IN THE QUIZ BOWL

The Quiz Bowl is held every year at the Texas Wildlife Society Chapter Meeting. This is a jeopardy-like competition between universities to quiz undergraduate's knowledge in wildlife. If you were a part of the team, how would you do?<sup>1</sup>

1. Which river system has the most water diverted from it? (Colorado)
2. Who described imprinting? (Konrad Lorenz)
3. Pesticide responsible for egg thinning in raptors? (DDT)
4. What is the sensory organ called on the roof of a snake's mouth? (Jacobson's)
5. Name the 3 major components of a firearm. (Barrel, action, stock)
6. What is the nitrogenous waste excreted by birds? (uric acid)
7. Which hemisphere of the brain controls birdsong? (left)
8. Name the federal law that outlawed market hunting (Lacey Act)
9. What North American canine can climb trees? (gray fox)
10. What are the 4 parts of a ruminant's stomach? (rumen, reticulum, omasum, abomasum)

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<sup>1</sup> Last month's answers: 1. oligotrophic 2. greater primary coverts 3. allen's rule 4.nervous system 5. fossorial 6. armadillo 7. pen 8. crown fire 9.divergent evolution 10. mist net



TEXAS STATE CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT



**Top:** Measuring the proper antler width  
**Bottom:** Dr. Simpson setting up a track sample

The Texas State Career Development Event (CDE) is a state-wide event where high-school students learn about wildlife all year round then get to come and show off their knowledge, either with a livestock show, sampling soils, or competing with other schools in a hands-on test. Our society helped immensely with the test to set up a “techniques station” as well as man all the other 7 stations for the test. Other stations included plant identification, compass-pacing, wildlife laws and biological facts such as “what is the wing-span of a bobwhite quail.” These students expressed great knowledge and will be a threat to us when they enter college. A book is available with all of this information for only \$25. If you want one, let us know and we can send you in the right direction. With our many volunteers helping, this event went as smooth as possible.

A Refresher course in: ANIMAL TRACKS

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Animal print answers



Great Blue Heron



Raccoon



Gray Fox



Red Tailed Hawk



Skunk



Porcupine

Great Horned Owl



Bobcat



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The Texas State University chapter of The Wildlife Society is composed of graduate and undergraduate students with varied interests and majors that come together to discuss wildlife issues, create educational opportunities for the public about wildlife, educate ourselves and have fun. We invite all majors to join our society and help us become more diverse and gain new perspective. If you have any questions concerning our organization, please contact our officers listed below.

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