Dear Members and Friends...by Becky Etzler, Executive Director

Partners in Nature - Let’s Pair Up

RIVERSIDE NATURE CENTER is proud to launch Partners in Nature. This program offers your business the opportunity to support our mission: advancing the stewardship of our environment.

In turn we will help promote our affiliation with you.

A multi-year partnership with Riverside Nature Center would ensure the financial continuity needed to sustain and grow our efforts in and around Kerr County.

By financially supporting Riverside Nature Center through the Partners in Nature program, your business will benefit with widespread advertising, employee engagement and underwriting opportunities.

PARTNER PERKs

- Acknowledgement in RNC newsletter and social media platforms reaching more than 2,000 subscribers
- Complimentary venue for corporate event
- Your business banner displayed at both the Spring and Fall Native Plant Sales
- Featured spotlight in one issue of the RNC newsletter
- Business underwriting of event or program of your choice.

* perks package is dependent upon partnership level

PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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Interested business owners can contact Becky Etzler at director@riversidenaturecenter.org or 257-4837.

The ecology of the Hill Country draws many people to this area to live and work. We need sponsors to invest in the sustainability of Riverside Nature Center to perpetuate the cultural heritage and charm of the Hill Country. We are the lead entity in the community to educate the public on practices that can protect the health of our environment.

By joining us as a Partner in Nature, you are taking an active role in protecting what makes our community unique and desirable: its natural resources.
Thursday, July 5, 2018

Tuesday, July 10, 2018
10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
RNC Walk with Shucks the corn snake. Shucks and his friend Karen will answer your questions about snakes. All ages welcome.

Thursday, July 12, 2018
RNC Nature Night 6-7 p.m.
“Trees” with forester Erin Wieser of Texas A&M Forest Service. All ages welcome.

Monday, July 16th, 2018
Texas Waters Meeting, 4 p.m.
See page 7 for details.

There is no NEd Talk for Tuesday, July 17, 2018
SAVE THE DATE for Tuesday, AUGUST 18, 2018,
10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
RNC NEd Talk
“Hurricane Preparedness Hill Country Style”
Paul Yura with the National Weather Service.

Thursday, July 19, 2018
6-7 p.m.
RNC Nature Night Beekeeper Debra Windham has the bees!

Saturday, July 21, 2018
8 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
RNC Bird Walk & Talk with Paul & Deloris Sellin. Go birding with the Sellin couple along the river trail. Meet in front of the nature center. All Ages are welcome.

Thursday, July 26, 2018
6-7 p.m.
RNC Nature Night “Tarantulas!” with Bill Morgenstern. All ages welcome.

Tuesday, July 24, 2018
10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
RNC Walk with Shucks the corn snake. Shucks and his friend Karen will answer your questions about snakes. All ages welcome.

Saturday, July 28, 2018
8 a.m. 12 p.m.
15th Annual UGRA River Clean Up at Flat Rock Park. RNC is featuring our Guadalupe River model. Join in the organized clean up and win prizes and a cleaner river! www.ugra.org

Monday, July 30th, 2018
Texas Waters Meeting, 4 p.m.
See page 7 for details.

SAVE THE DATE
Beat the Heat August 4, 2018, 8-10 a.m.
RNC NEd Talk
AUGUST 18, 2018, 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
“Hurricane Preparedness Hill Country Style”
Run for Riverside 5K September 8, 2018 8:00 a.m.
FLYING FLOWERS

It’s hard to imagine the nature center with just a bloom here and there and wildflowers gone to seed. We have had one of the drought seasons most of us would like to erase from our memories. Some of us get excited to see certain seeds because we can anticipate another season of pretty blooms.

But that doesn’t mean you won’t see something pretty now when you walk around the garden paths behind the Visitor’s Center. It won’t take long before you’ll spot a dragonfly or two. Marilyn took some great pictures of what you will see. Dragonflies can always be spotted when you are near river water as is our beautiful and educational Nature Center grounds.

Your home may not be near a river, stream, or pond but when you walk near water like the Guadalupe this is where you may see the long slender body of the dragonfly with its green, blue or brown/blackish wings glistening in the sunlight when flying while holding its 6 legs together.

They have been known to fly 50 to 60 miles an hour and mate in flight. Eggs can be dropped in water in flight also.

More of Marilyn’s amazing photos on the next page...
After examining Marilyn’s pictures and spotting a few dragonflies in the gardens, you might want to see a copy of the dragonfly book that is in the gift shop in the Visitor’s Center. You may even wish to purchase a copy to add to your education collection at home.

The nymph eats water insects and sheds its skin a last time before leaving the water, flying about and living a few weeks or months.

Take a walk around the Nature Center grounds and see what you might see in the way of an interesting and beautiful dragonfly.
Riverside Nature Center Presents...
Nature Night
Thursday July 5
6pm-7pm
Celebrate Summer with Sun Prints!

Bring the family & make your very own, one of a kind, sun print craft designs!

For more information
Call us at
(830)257-4837
or visit us online at riversidenaturecenter.org
Riverside Nature Center Presents...

Nature Night
Thursday July 12
6pm-7pm

Did you know?
In one year an acre of mature trees can provide enough oxygen for 18 people.

Join us in learning about the many benefits trees can provide for humans and animals

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Texas Waters Seminar

On July 16 at 4 p.m. the Riverside Nature Center will begin a series of meetings to implement the Texas Waters Curriculum.

Developed by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, this curriculum includes 8 webinars and an interactive study focused on the online book “Texas Waters: Exploring Water and Watersheds.”

Melissa Alderson from TPWD will introduce the program.

Master Naturalists from the Hill Country chapter will coordinate the groups, on a schedule to be developed at the initial meeting.

Participants who complete the program will be certified as Texas Waters Specialists by TPWD.

It is not necessary to be a Master Naturalist to attend.

The Texas Waters meetings will be Monday, July 16th, 2018 at 4 p.m., and Monday, July 30th, 2018 at 4 p.m.

Here is the link for further information:

Or call Katy Kappel at 512-589-1498.
UGRA 15th Annual

River Clean Up

Volunteers Wanted!

When: Saturday, July 28th
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Where: Flat Rock Park

Volunteers should pre register before July 13th
or arrive at Flat Rock Park at 8:00 am for registration and instructions.

Let’s Keep OUR River Clean!

Refreshments, Prizes and Activities!!
T-shirts For First 300 Volunteers!!
Contact UGRA For More Info www.ugra.org
Register Run for Riverside 5K Today!


Save the Date- Register online or
Call (830) 257-4837 or email
RNC.Kerrville@gmail.com to volunteer
September 8, 2018 8 AM

Riverside Nature Center will host a
5k run/walk on the paved trail
along the scenic Guadalupe River.
This out and back course features
plenty of shade with water stops
along the route.

Register by August 9th to insure
your T shirt size is available.

Proceeds will benefit the Riverside
Nature Center, a non-profit nature
center providing community
education programs for the public
utilizing acres of native plants and
trees, rainwater harvesting, and
river trail access, as well as
rotating exhibits and expert,
dedicated volunteer presenters
on hill country living.

Special events include Earth
Day Celebration, native
plant sales, and more.
You asked for them, and we finally delivered! The new Riverside Nature Center caps are in our gift shop now! Stop by and get yours today!

There are only a few signed copies of The Wildflowers of Texas field guide by Michael Eason still available.

The popular Milkweed Village T shirt is now restocked.
NEW MEMBER
5/24/18 thru 6/25/18
(Does not include renewals)

Laurel Rhodes

RNC DONORS
5/24/18 thru 6/25/18

Mr. & Mrs. C. Warren Ferguson
    Mini-Mart Offices
Monica & Allen Slagle
Hill Country Bicycle Works, Inc.
    Gardens at the Ridge
Wellborn Engineering, LLC

Patricia & Gary Hatch
    Nicole Landrum
Harry & Dianne Parrish
Massey-Itschner & Co. PC
Jim & Priscilla Stanley
Richard & Diane White

This group is from the Southwest Baptist Youth Association.

They camped at Schreiner in June and assembled seed packets.

Thank you for your help!
What is a Riverside Nature Center?

Located at the confluence of the Guadalupe River and Town Creek in the Hill Country town of Kerrville — 2010 population, 22,347 — Riverside Nature Center is a 501[c][3] nonprofit organization, owned by its members and primarily operated by volunteers.

Our mission is to foster greater public awareness and appreciation of the Texas Hill Country’s natural resources through education, information, and by example. We provide quality educational experiences for the community’s children, adults and families; and we serve as a resource center for the community on native plants and nature related information.

RNC OFFICERS

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Jeff Gelsone - Treasurer

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