



Friends of Guadalupe River Honey Creek, Inc.

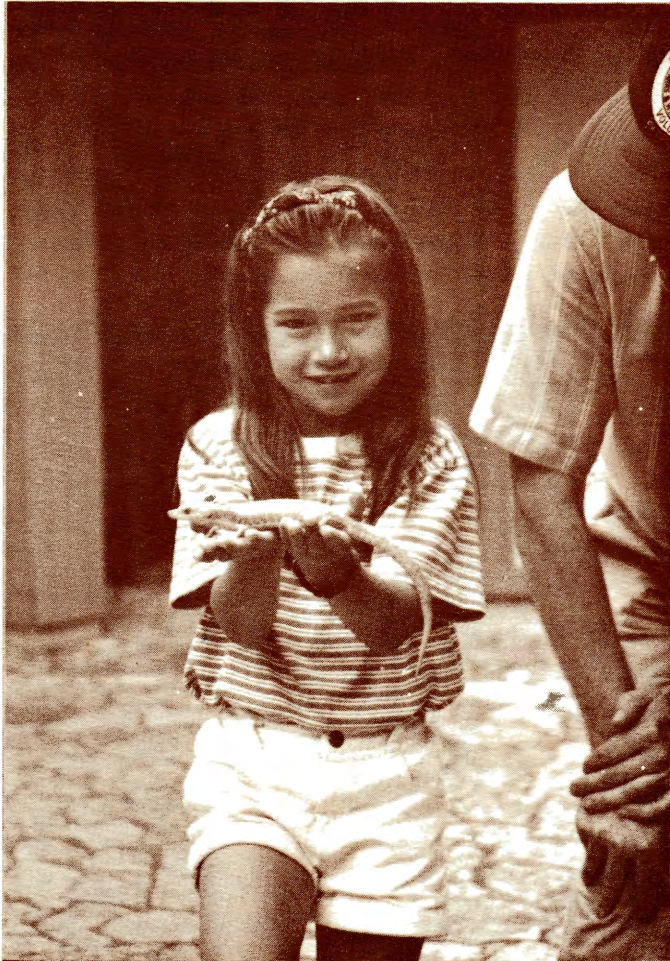
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Guadalupe River & Honey Creek Wildlife/Environmental

Day Camp was a great success. Our first ever Spring Science Camp was held at Guadalupe River State Park during the week of May 6th through May 13th. Thanks to the generous support of donations and membership dues, Friends of Guadalupe River/Honey Creek, Inc. was able to sponsor a day science camp for 400 area school children from Bill Brown and Bulverde Elementary and at least 100 area Home Schooled children. Students had fun while they learned about the care of our natural resources and how to check the health of the Guadalupe river. Children like Chelseye, pictured here at left, also had an opportunity to learn about and touch various snakes and lizards that are native to Central Texas.



The "Friends" organization hopes to be able to make this program an annual event. Our thanks to Mr. Thomas Vermersch of Living Jungle Science Programs of San Antonio, Park Superintendent and staff for hosting the event and waiving park entrance fees for camp participants. But, a special thanks to goes to you, our membership, for your generous donations which enabled us to keep the cost of the camp to a small fee of \$2.00 per school child.

Thank you!

Texas Parks and Wildlife has made a \$1,000 grant available to Guadalupe River State Park for painting and repairs to the Rust House Visitor Center. The Rust House is the trail head for hikes into Honey Creek State Natural Area as well as an activity area for Spring Break and Earth Day events and where we cook our Mustang Grape and Cactus Jellies each year. The home was built in 1917 and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rust until about 1950. It's a beautiful T-shaped wood frame home with 10 foot ceilings, a hall separating the parlor from the kitchen and single bedroom. We look forward to beginning this project this fall and welcome the help of all interested. By next newsletter issue we should have more information on how you can become involved in restoration work.

Friends of GR/HC deeply appreciate the beautiful water color painting of Honey Creek donated by Cathy Cotter of Plano, Texas. Ms. Cotter is Art Coordinator of Collins County Community College. She painted Honey Creek last year during a visit with several of her students. Once framed the art will be on display in the Rust Visitor Center.

Our Voice Mail system is available to take your reservations for events that require or request reservations. Our voice mail number is 210-935-4012 and is available after 6:00 p.m.

When reading about events in our newsletter calendar, note the voice mail box that you want to enter (It's listed in the calendar on page 5) follow our instructions and key in the mail box number, then #.

Please allow me 48 to 72 hours to return your calls.

Regular feature articles will return with November's issue. We'll finish the story about early German immigration into the Hill Country and learn about new plants and animal facts.

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Friends of Guadalupe River/Honey Creek, Inc. is a non-profit organization supported completely by your generous donations and membership dues. We do not receive funding from Texas Parks and Wildlife but instead help support our park systems goals of offering educational and interpretive activities for families. Do you enjoy behind the scenes activities, planning programs, working with kids? We can use your help and your creative ideals in 1995. We want to expand our offering of trail walks for schools into the week as well as expand family activities on the weekends. **And you can help.** It's easy to learn an activity and we will teach you. Already got a busy schedule? Spend as little or as much time with us as you'd like. We'll make it work around your needs. We also have the library resources that you can use.

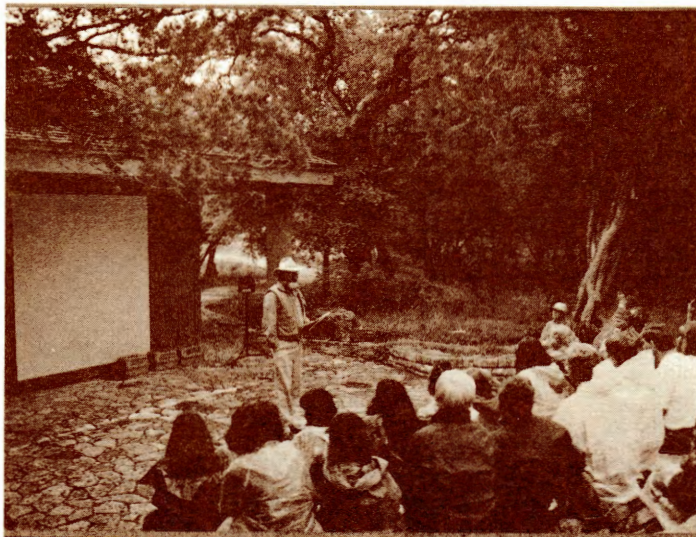
Check our **volunteer opportunities** in the Fall calendar on page 5. Do you know a student or youth group with a service project objective? We can help. Call our voice mail, write us or just drop into Honey Creek SNA on any Saturday morning. Penny is there for the nature hike from 8:40 a.m. - 12:00 and will be glad to fill you in. Check us out! Or contact us on our voice mail line 210-935-4012 (after 6 p.m.). Hope to see you at the park soon.



Jelly classes are set for this fall at Guadalupe River State Park. We will be making Mustang Grape, Mesquite Bean and Cactus tuna jelly again this year. And, thanks to The Coleman Company, I've already squirreled away 20 gallons of Mustang Grapes in our walk-in freezer. So check the calendar for dates in the somewhat cooler months of October and November. Please make your reservations early, because attendance will be limited to 8 people per class session. If any members have 1/2 pint or pint canning jars and lids they don't need -- we'd love to have them. We'd also love to have 4 oz and Jr. baby jar -- clean, please! I am still seeing baby food jars in my sleep from last year.



Solar Ovens were on display this past Earth Day -- but, the Sun was not in attendance. However, rain did not dampen the enthusiasm of the students of New Braunfels Middle School and Churchill High who turned out to help with Earth Day activities. We wrapped up the day with a hike down to Honey Creek and that evening was entertained by Mr. David McKelvey at the park amphitheater. Sunday was a beautiful day for two special events for photography and Birding along Honey Creek Canyon.





Science Camp enthusiasts enjoyed their day while learning about the food web in a short classroom style introduction, learned how to check water quality and for many -- a chance to touch and hold snakes and lizards native to Central Texas -- for the first time.



Dear, friends at Guadalupe River. I liked the snakes and the lizzards, but I also liked the River but I liked the snakes the best. Thanks for leting us come by.

from,
Kevin
moore

Dear Friends of Guadalupe River

I really enjoyed the field trip we all had fun and learned a lot on the animals and other things we enjoyed all the ducks and snacks and a turtle. Bow thank you for enviting us to your park

Sincerely
Ashley Nutron

Dear Friends of Guadalupe River:

Thank You for having my school come and look at all the things that you have. My favorite part was about the snakes my friends got a little scared but they still liked it. I learned how to use a magnifying glass how to take the temperature of a river. I learned of to tell a male and female dandelions. I learned a lot of neat things I can't wait until I can go to a camp. Thank you again

Rebecca
J

Dear Guadalupe River People,

I loved a lot when I was there and I would like to learn a lot more when I go next time. The thing I like the most is the way you take the temple of the ~~river~~ kite and the water.

Sincerely,
Earl
Wade

Dear Friends of Guadalupe River. Thanks for taking us and showing us snakes and other reptiles. I learned the difference from a mile feed and a senig feed. I liked when we went down by the river and saw every thing. Thanks is a bunch.

Your friend,
Pete Hays

Dear Friends of Guadalupe River.

I liked the trip we took for a field trip. I liked the snakes, I did not know the difference between a dragonfly, and a damselfly. But now I do. It was fun, and I hope we can come back.

Thank you,
Shelly
Schlomoach

Call our Voice Mail line at 210-935-4012-- after 6:00 p.m., to make reservations for limited attendance events. Programs are subject to change or cancellation, to confirm program schedules call our voice mail line.

Every Saturday morning, walk along Honey Creek Canyon. Topics vary, check calendar for today's topic. Walk starts promptly from 9 - 11 a.m. Honey Creek SNA.

Volunteer Opportunities abound with the "Friends" organization. Join us any Saturday on the Honey Creek trail walk at 9:00 a.m. with a hike through Honey Creek Canyon. Afterwards we can talk about projects for individuals or for groups - both adult and youth. Help us with trail walks on a variety of subjects, activities for kids, plant identification sessions, help make jelly, learn your way along the Honey Creek trail system and more. Call and let us know you are coming (Voice Mail box 11#), but reservations not required. Please pets are not allowed on the Honey Creek trail.

August 26 - Children's Nature Walk to Honey Creek. 9 - 11:00 a.m. Honey Creek SNA. Guide, James White of UTSA. Easy walk to creek with emphasis on flowers and insects along the way. Wade in creek for collection and study of Aquatic insects.

Sept 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 - Lower Edwards Plateau Ecosystem Walk. Honey Creek SNA. 9-11 a.m. Walk along Honey Creek canyon with interpretation of the cultural and environmental history of the hill country.

Oct 7 - Morning Program. Aquatic Insects and water resources. Charles Wiedenfeld of Upper Guadalupe River Authority will be on hand this morning for discussion of water quality and learn how we can take an active role in monitoring the quality of our rivers and creeks. Our classroom will be Honey Creek. We will collect aquatic insects for identification and learn how they help indicate the health of Honey Creek. Honey Creek SNA. 9-11 a.m.

Oct 7 - Afternoon Program. Jelly Cooking with Mustang Grapes. Reservations required, call 210-935-

4012 after 6 p.m. (Voice Mail 20#) - VISITORS WELCOME - Participants will be at the Rust Visitor Center at the trail head of Honey Creek SNA from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. making wild grape jelly from scratch. All supplies and Mustang grapes provided. Activity fee is \$10.00. Participants will leave with 4 1/2 pints of the best jelly on Earth. Make reservations early. If you just want to watch, come on down, we will have taste samples.

Oct 14 - Morning Program. Native Grass Identification Walk. We will take a leisurely walk down to Honey Creek Canyon and identify fall blooming grasses along the way. Honey Creek SNA. 9-11 a.m.

Oct 14 - Afternoon Program. Jelly Cooking with Mustang Grapes. Reservations Required. Visitors Welcome. Meet at Honey Creek SNA. 1:00 -5:00 p.m. (see October 7th for details)

Oct 21 - Morning Program. Native Grass Identification Walk. Guide, Wesley Blackman. We will take a leisurely walk down to Honey Creek Canyon and identify fall blooming grasses along the way. Easy 1 mile hike. Honey Creek SNA. 9-11 a.m.

Oct 21 - Afternoon Program. Jelly Cooking with Mustang Grapes. Reservations Required. Visitors Welcome. Meet at Honey Creek SNA. 1:00 -5:00 p.m. (see October 7th for details)

Oct 28 - Morning Program. Lower Edwards Plateau Ecosystem Walk. Meet at Honey Creek SNA. 9 -11:00 a.m. (see Sept 2 for details)

Oct 28 - Afternoon Program. Jelly Cooking with Cactus Fruit. Reservations Required. Call 210-935-4012 (Voice Mail 30#) Activity fee for participants, \$10.00. Visitors Welcome. We will cook jelly from scratch using the ripe fruit or "tunas" of prickly pear cactus. Each participant will leave with 3 1/2 pints of cactus jelly. All canning supplies and

fruit will be supplied. Please feel free to drop in and try some jelly this afternoon. Meet at Honey Creek SNA. 1:00 -5:00 p.m.

Oct. 29 - Artist and Photographers Outing. Reservations required 210-935-4012 (voice mail 25#). You will be able to paint or photograph at your own pace along Honey Creek Canyon. (If your camping with us this weekend, check with headquarters for openings).

Nov 4, 11, 18, 25 - Lower Edwards Plateau Ecosystem Walk. Honey Creek SNA. 9-11 a.m. Walk along Honey Creek canyon with interpretation of the cultural and environmental history of the hill country.

Nov 4 - Afternoon Program. Jelly Cooking with Cactus Fruit. Reservations Required. Call 210-935-4012 (Voice Mail 30#) Activity fee for participants, \$10.00. **VISITORS WELCOME.** Meet at Honey Creek SNA. 1:00 -5:00 p.m. (see October 28th for details)

Nov. 5 - Artist and Photographers Outing. Reservations required 210-935-4012 (voice mail 25#). You will be able to paint or photograph at your own pace along Honey Creek Canyon. (If your camping with us this weekend, check with headquarters for openings).

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Friends of Guadalupe River/Honey Creek, Inc. Membership Application

Annual Membership Dues and categories:

- \$5.00 Classroom:** students or youth organizations ages up to 18.
- \$5.00 Student:** Age 13 to 18
- \$8.00 Individual:** Adult over 18
- \$12.00 Family**
- \$50.00 Sustaining**
- \$100.00 Contributing**
- \$500.00 Corporate**
- \$1,000.00 Life**

Friends of Guadalupe River/Honey Creek, Inc. is a tax exempt, non-profit organization. All donations greatly appreciated and tax deductible.

Make check payable to: Friends of GR/HC, Inc., 3350 Park Rd. 31, Spring Branch, TX 78070

Name

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City, State & Zip

Phone: home, work, fax

I would like to donate \$ _____ beyond dues in support of educational programs at the park.

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