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Scholarship Opportunity!

The Kerr County Soil & Water Conservation District is proud to offer youth from Kerr County sponsor scholarships to conservation minded camps this summer!

Some of these camps are already taking applications! Please contact us today if you think you would like to apply to one of these camps!

Texas Brigades Camps - www.texasbrigades.org

Youth Range Workshop -
www.rangeland.org/texas/youtheducation.shtml

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KERR COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH

USDA—NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE & TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION SERVICE

Present Our Annual

Spring Field Day

May 6, 2016

Location: Hill Country Youth Event Center, Kerrville

Registration starts at 8:00 a.m.; Programs start at 9:00 a.m.; Ends at 3:30 p.m.

Cost: \$20 / person

**Lunch
Provided!**

Topics Will Include:

Soil Health, Conservation Planning & Programs; Pollinators & their Importance; Stone Fruit Production; Grape Production; Olive Tree Production; Marketing & Laws for Farmers Markets; Farm Fresh Network & hear from three local producers actively managing horticulture operations in Kerr County!

3 CEU's will be available!

Please RSVP with Name and Phone Number by April 25th to:

deanna@kerrcountyswcd.com or 830-896-4911 x 3

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Dates of Interest:

- April 9 : Blooms & Barrels Plant Sale
- April 12 : Bee Keeping Seminar
- April 14 - 15 : Bennett Land Stewardship Conference
- May 6 : SWCD Spring Field Day
- May 20 : Fish Sale Delivery



Blooms and Barrels Sale

Saturday, April 9, 2016 — 9am-1pm

Hill Country Youth Event Center- Ag Barn

3785 Hwy. 27 East, Kerrville

Sale! Plants Native and Adapted Ornamentals Trees Rain Barrels	Free Programs 10am "Growing Tomatoes in the Hill Country" "Basics of Beekeeping" 11am "Vegetable Gardening Basics" "Companion Gardening" 12pm "Rainwater Harvesting" Programs Presented by Texas Master Gardener Specialists
	Fun! Demo Garden Tours Children's Activities Exhibits Vendors

Plant and Rain Barrel Sales on 4/9/16 are tax exempt.

Cash and Checks Only

Advanced Bee Keeping Class
 By: Double L Feed & Kerr County Agrilife

When? Tuesday April 12th 6:00 p.m.
Where? Hill Country Youth Event Center
Cost? **Totally Free!**

Molly Keck - Integrated Pest Management Program Specialist, & Board Certified Entomologist, Will cover hive placement, Setting up a new hive, Inserting Your New Nucleus Hive, Requeening your hive, Tools, Maintenance, and other necessary topics!
 RSVP to Double L Feed 830-367-4100 and reserve your seat today!

USDA-NRCS & TSSWCB Programs Available

Several programs are available for Kerr County residents to apply for and receive assistance in implementing management practices for agricultural land.

The Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) is designed to assist agricultural producers in enhancing their land with certain management practices. Practices that address and improve water quantity and domestic animals are given high priority in Kerr County and include such practices as brush management, livestock water systems, fencing, and seeding.

The NRCS office accepts applications for this program year round and more information can be gained by contacting the Kerrville office at 830-896-4911 x 3 or visit the NRCS Texas homepage at: www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov.

The Water Quality Management Program (WQMP) is a stated-funded program made available through Senate Bill 503. It is a site-specific plan developed through and approved by the local soil and water conservation district for agricultural or silvicultural lands. The main goal of these plans is to abate agricultural and/or silvicultural nonpoint pollutant contributions to impaired or threatened waters as prioritized. A WQMP covers the entire operating unit and includes required practices applicable to the planned land use. The first step in obtaining a WQMP is to contact the Kerr County SWCD. There is no charge for the development of a WQMP, but there may be costs for implementing required practices outlined in the WQMP.

Financial assistance is available at this time in the form of a cost-share program for WQMPs in Kerr County. You may read more on this program at TSSWCB's website at: www.tsswcb.texas.gov (click on Programs, then select WQMP). You may also contact the Kerr County Soil and Water Conservation District's office at 830-896-4911x3 and ask for Deanna (SWCD) or Laura (NRCS) for assistance or to start the application process.

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SPRING FISH SALE

Look for the Flyer in this Newsletter or Call the Office for More Details!

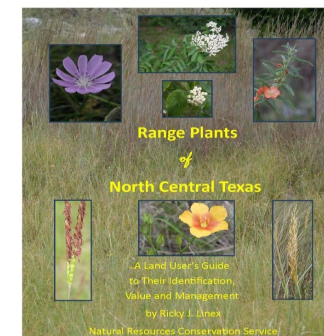
STOCK YOUR PONDS WITH YOUR CHOICE OF FISH:

-BASS, CATFISH, BLUEGILL, SUNFISH, CRAPPIE, MINNOWS, GOLDFISH, KOI

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With a Minimum \$20 Donation



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2104 Memorial Boulevard #103, Kerrville
(In the USDA Service Center, NRCS office)
830-896-4911 x 3 or 830-459-1701 (Deanna Pfeffer)

Natural Resources Stewardship Conference Set for April 14-15 in Kerrville

The 3rd Annual Bennett Trust Resource Stewardship Conference is scheduled for April 14-15 at the Inn of the Hills Resort & Conference Center in Kerrville. The conference is funded by the Ruth and Eskel Bennett Endowment and hosted by the Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service.

Cost of the 2 day conference is \$75 & includes all meals, break refreshments & tour transportation. Register online at <http://agriliferegister.tamu.edu/BennettTrust> or call 979-845-2604. Registration opens at 7:30 a.m. and the programs will start at 8:00 a.m.

The first day of the conference will include talks on topics such as 'Water=Value, Riparian Restoration & Stewardship,' '1-d-1 Valuation & Implications,' 'More People - Finite Resources,' 'Balancing Supply & Demand,' 'Managing for the Whole,' 'Managing Deep Rooted Invasions,' and 'Managing Warm-Blooded Invaders. The second day will be dedicated to tours. Individuals will pick from a tour of the Hillingdon Ranch in Kendall County, a 'Wine and Roses' tour in Gillespie County or a Kerr Wildlife Area tour. For more information about this seminar, please contact Dr. Larry Redmon at l-redmon@tamu.edu, Dr. Rick Machen at r-Machen@tamu.edu or Roy Walston at rwalston@ag.tamu.edu or call 830-257-6568.

Pecan Grafting and Production Workshop

A Pecan Grafting and Production Workshop is scheduled for April 19th at 9:00 a.m. at Bill Hathaway's Orchard. This will be an informative and educational opportunity for those pecan producers interested in grafting pecans. Early season insect and fertilization management will also be discussed by Dr. Larry Stein, Extension Horticulturist from Uvalde.

The orchard is located on Texas Hwy 173, approximately 4.5 miles from Kerrville-Schreiner State Park. Turn left on Center Point River Road and enter the first gate on the right; signs will be posted. Three hours of CEU's will be offered to Private, Commercial and Non-Commercial applicators. Anyone interested in learning more about pecan production will benefit from this field day. Registration is \$10 per person and is payable at the field day.

Please contact the Kerr County Extension office to pre-register for the field day at 830-257-6568.



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