



BRAZOS BEND BUNCH BUGLE

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Brazos Bend continues to be a very busy place, even during this hot summer! I believe I heard that our Superintendent is trying to achieve one million visitors this year!



It is interesting to read what others say about the park in books and newspapers. The Houston Chronicle mentioned us as a good place to go. I found it humorous when the article said to 'watch out for the alligators'. In Canada we were told to make noise before going around a blind corner – to alert bears. Do we need to tell our visitors the same thing?... Are those gators hiding behind trees or corners, waiting to pounce on unsuspecting visitors? Perhaps they're in the trees waiting to fall on top of people? Yes, I am exaggerating, but my humorous side just creeps out occasionally.

A book titled *Natural Wonders of Texas* also wrote about Brazos Bend. They mentioned that the best time to visit our park is anytime, except winter. Wait a minute, winter is my favorite time at the park!

Getting back to the topic of attendance numbers, our Thursday morning Eco-Explorers program, has attracted 234 different children to the park, and still has one more week to go. Approximately 40 of those children have attended more than 5 times. And figuring an adult to every 2 children, the number is even higher.

I was saddened that the Texas Legislature did not approve the funds for our new building. The Thursday morning program sure could have used more space. We had 70+ children the first few weeks. The building we have is not large enough to accommodate that many, so next year we will limit each Thursday to 30 children.

Hope all of you can find time this summer to come out and help in whatever capacity. It is hot, but exciting things are happening!!!!

Carrie Sample

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JULY MEETING NOTES

Contributed by Anna Dell Williamson

Vice President **Suzie Gann** called the meeting to order on July 11, 2009. There were nine members and three staff members present. The minutes of the June meeting were approved as posted.

Steve Killian, David Heinicke and **Sharon Hanzik** brought their reports, which are published elsewhere in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: **Diane Carpenter** brought the Budget report, which is available in the volunteer lounge. The following budget requests were submitted and approved:

- Maintenance requested funds for a hood for the 4110 tractor, owned by the volunteer organization. This would come from the Tractor Maintenance Fund.
- **Ron Morrison** requested funds from the El Paso Account for five yards of topsoil to use around new trees to help retain water. Unused topsoil would be stored at Big Creek area.
- There was a request to purchase one or more "Easy Reachers" for picking up litter on trails. It was suggested we put labels on the tools, stating that they are property of BBSPVO and where to store them. **Cindy Peterson** will purchase the grippers.
- **Steve Killian** requested a computer monitor from the Supervisor's Fund. Steve also requested three electric pumps for resource management, spraying prairies and lakes. Funds will come from the Tools and Equipment fund.
- **Steve Killian** requested ten gallons of herbicide marker with blue dye. The green dye has been used up from last month. The dye shows where the spraying has been done. This will come out of the Chemical budget.
- A new water fountain was requested for the Nature Center. The water spout is hard to clean, and one button doesn't work. Funds are in the Nature Center Maintenance and Support account.

Friends of Galveston Island have been asking us about fund raising and for information on our Gift Shop. They have recommended some sources of funding for the Elm Lake observation platform.

Maintenance Report: Maintenance has been sanding benches and following up with water sealant.

Announcements: **David Heinicke** received a call for a problem at the pier at 40-Acre. An alligator was coming down the pier and some visitors were trapped on the pier. A one-way gate has been installed to keep alligators off the pier. One of the trapped visitors made a 9-1-1 call for help, which was passed on to David.

The meeting was adjourned.



STAFF REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

by Steve Killian

A copy of a study of 24 alligator nests was distributed at the meeting. This might be a record number of nests.

Dennis Jones has retired, and we have a posting to hire a new assistant manager. We also have posted for a new manager trainee, and a new Park Ranger 2 position.

This past June was a record June in terms of revenue.

Prairie management continues with spraying of woodies and exotics. Lake management continues, and the lakes are in pretty good shape. We are planning to maintain native species, and reduce wild rice and exotics such as water hyacinth and water lettuce. The rice doesn't clear out in winter and builds walls we can't see through.

We received a grant to work on Pilant Lake. This will enable us to aerial spray the lake to kill alligator weed (exotic) and reduce wild rice. This is the first step of a long-term project. There are 107 acres in the center of the lake.

The new trail maps have arrived. Thanks for the funding by the volunteer organization. The Park hosts have built stands and frames for the new trail head maps (visitor orientation panels).

We are working to improve the equestrian area to provide a non-potable well for horses, water and electricity camp sites in back, and a multi-use campground with 25 sites for other campers. The area does not flood.

We received bad news: The last Legislative session did not approve a new Nature Center, so, although BBSP is still at the top of the list, the project was not approved. We plan to put the classroom back on the organization list after the sundial and Elm Lake platform are completed.

The mini-cabin has been completed, but is not open yet. We have to wait until next year to have the new fee structure approved.

INTERPRETIVE STAFF REPORTS

DAVID HEINICKE

Another reminder to watch for heat problems. We had a couple of bad problems recently. Let staff know, and watch out for dogs with heat problems as well as visitors and volunteers. We still need help on weekends; visitation is high for summer. Trailhead maps have arrived. The funds approved for the maps (which was covered by the state) will be used for construction of stands, which include a plexiglass cover for each map. The covers will be caulked to prevent moisture damage.

We are planning a kayak trip on July 17 at the mouth of the San Bernard River. Let David know if you can come. All are welcome. We are planning a first aid and CPR class for volunteers at minimal cost. **Suzie Gann** will offer the courses on a weekday and a Saturday.

David is revising the water station procedure so we have a consistent policy. The procedure will be published in the newsletter and presented at training to the VIT's.

The George Foundation Youth Leaders in Philanthropy are having their culminating project at BBSP on the first Saturday in February. Two to three hundred teenage volunteers will be here to provide lots of free labor. This will help establish good relations with the George Foundation. Funds are included for funding the projects. All staff and volunteers will be asked to help with the work crews.

SHARON HANZIK



The Eco-Explorers program is full and no new children are being recruited. We have had up to 80 showing up, 60 last week, and lots of volunteer help.

Mary Lockwood has finished her training requirements.

The deadline for applications for September training has been extended through July 14. We had several candidates drop out when it came time for interviews. Training dates are September 12, 19, 26.

The Perseid meteor shower is Tuesday night, August 11, and a good turnout is expected.

Mozelle Franklin is doing well. She is at her son's house in Texas City and is recuperating nicely. Frank Willett fell recently and is in the hospital with a shattered shoulder socket. Dave Armstrong's father passed away.

FOURTH OF JULY BICYCLE PARADE

The Independence Day Bicycle Parade was held July 4 at 6:00 PM at the Nature Center. Visitors decorated their bikes, paraded through the camping loops, and enjoyed watermelon, lemonade and popsicles. There were 45 adults, 43 children and 4 dogs participating. Chuck Duplant was busy during the event taking pictures for our enjoyment.



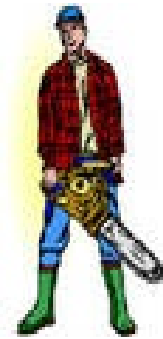
JULY MAINTENANCE REPORT

Contributed by Ron Morrison

Wood Yard: Split wood for firewood.

Mowing and Landscaping: Installed a bench by a tree at the Observation Tower on 40 Acre Lake. Straightened a leaning sign that is close to the bench and painted and installed a piece of trim that was missing from the sign. Cleared several large pecan limbs from the 100 loop camping area.

Trail Trimming and Trail Maintenance: Cleared a large broken limb just behind Hale Lake picnic pavilion. Trimmed the low hanging branches from the tree so visitors could see the lake better. Installed, repaired and repainted signs on Horseshoe Lake trail. Added trail topping on the trail that goes from the wood yard to the Nature Center where it connects with the sidewalk. The trail had washed away and was a safety hazard for hikers and bikers. Watered the planted trees on the Creekfield Forest Trail several times. Cut trees obscuring the Brazos River viewing area at Joe's Bench. Removed two blow down trees from the Red Buckeye Trail. Cut down and removed a dead Soapberry Tree endangering the Creekfield Nature trail by the alligator display. Cleared several other large limbs, vines and debris from the Creekfield Nature trail, White Oak Trail, and 40 Acre Lake Trail by Hoots Hollow and by the Observation Tower. Trimmed the low hanging branches and vines from a tree at the wood yard.



Equipment Maintenance: Did an inventory of filters and fluids for BBSPVO equipment that the rangers maintain.

Pest Control: Treated Chinese Tallow trees on Horseshoe Lake area and Pilant Slough area.

HOT WEATHER PRECAUTIONS

August is still a very hot time of summer. Be sure to keep an eye on visitors and pets, staff, fellow volunteers and yourself for heat-related problems. Be very careful to drink plenty of water when out on the trails and working in the park. Take time to cool off periodically.



Remember to keep the water station coolers full, carry extra water when you patrol the trails and contact staff by phone or radio if you have a heat emergency.

By the way, we occasionally have visitors drop by the Nature Center and thank the volunteers for the water stations. They are an important service of the organization.



NATURE CENTER REPORT — July 2009

Contributed by Anna Dell Williamson

Here are the totals for the various activities and attendance recorded for the Nature Center, hikes, and programs for July 1-31, 2009. Independence Day was July 4. Attendance continues to be high for summer.

PROGRAMS	TOTALS
NATURE CENTER ATTENDANCE	Saturdays (5) 1391 High, 417, 7/18 Average: 465
July 2009 - 4298 (high 417, 7/18)	
July 2008 - 4484	Sundays (5) – 1082 High, 321, 7/26 Average: 285
	Weekdays (23)– 1825 High, 222, 7/3 Average, 79
CREEKFIELD HIKES (11)	65– High, 7/18 - 26
ALLIGATOR PROGRAMS (10)	167 - High, 7/25 - 51
BIRD PROGRAMS/HIKES (2)	17- High, 7/18 -11
SNAKE PROGRAMS (4)	98 – High,7/4 - 32
CHILDREN’S STORY TIME (8)	104– High, 7/26 - 30
ECO-EXPLORERS (3)	337– High, 7/2 - 107
OTHER PROGRAMS (3) includes photo, bike parade, bats	99
TOTAL VISITORS SERVED IN HIKES AND PROGRAMS	887
TOTAL VOLUNTEER HOURS IN INTERPRETIVE PROGRAMS	554

WATER STATION DUTY

by David Heinicke

(Ed. Note: The procedure for water station duty has been clarified so that all volunteers are following the same process to provide visitors with pure, safe drinking water. Please read the revisions and follow them when you work the water station.)

Water stations are operated for the convenience and safety of park visitors and their pets. Two water stations are located within the park. One is located at the base of the 40-Acre Lake observation tower. The other station is located on Elm Lake at the intersection of the Elm Lake trail and the trail to 40-Acre Lake. The stations are operated on weekends and holidays from April through October. Holidays include Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day. Fresh cool water and paper cups are provided. Two daily shifts are required: one at approximately 9:00 AM and the other at around 1:00 PM. During periods of heavy rain, lightning or other inclement weather water station operation may be postponed or canceled.

Water station duty requires two individuals per shift due to the weight of the water containers. Ten-gallon

igloo coolers are used with a total weight of approximately 80 pounds, thus the need for two individuals. One individual should be checked out on the operation of our John Deere gators and have obtained one from the wood yard. Always check fuel level and air pressure of the tires.

Coolers are located in the Nature Center chaseway. This is the maintenance area between the restrooms. Supplies for cleaning the coolers are also located in the chaseway. Keys for opening the door and the ice machine may be obtained from behind the Nature Center front desk. Always replace the keys before proceeding to the water stations.

On weekend and holiday mornings: Four coolers should be cleaned with a weak solution of Clorox and water before use. Pour about two cups of Clorox solution into one of the coolers. Replace the top and place cooler on the ground. Spin and roll the cooler to insure that all areas inside the cooler are exposed to the Clorox solution. Pour the Clorox solution into the second cooler and repeat the procedure to clean the second, third and fourth cooler. Run some of the Clorox water solution through each of the spouts. The coolers can now be rinsed well. A hose is located in the chaseway for this procedure. The rinse water should be poured into the floor drain located in the chaseway. A small ice chest is located in the chaseway for transportation of the ice to the water stations.

Fill the coolers with water at the fill station located on the outside of the Nature Center adjacent to the bird enclosure. The coolers should be filled to $\frac{3}{4}$ full (approximately 8 gallons). Some of the coolers have the gallons marked inside; if not fill to approximately the same level as the handles on the outside of the cooler, maybe slightly above. The coolers can now be loaded into the gator. Place one bag of ice per cooler into the ice chest. The ice should be placed into the cooler at the water stations. The gator may be backed into the area close to the fill station to make it easier to load the coolers and ice. (Unbagged ice may also be obtained from an ice machine located at the park maintenance area. See interpretive staff for details). A supply of paper cups for the water stations should be obtained from the volunteer lounge area of the Nature Center. The paper cups are located in the wooden shelf storage area. At the water stations, paper cup holders located on the front of each station should be filled and the remaining cups placed inside the door. A holder is provided on the inside of the door for extra bags of paper cups.

Before proceeding to the water stations, a radio should be checked out from the interpretive staff office. A clipboard is located on the wall near the radios for this purpose. Please take a radio! Cell phones are not always reliable in the park. Also, bring two heavy duty trash bags in case the trash cans need to be emptied.

Proceed to the water stations. The water stations have a combination lock on each door. The combination is the same as the maintenance area gate (or check with staff before you leave). Place coolers inside water station and add the bag of ice. Survey the area around and inside the water station for trash. A pointed pickup stick and a five-gallon bucket are available at the nature center for this purpose. While proceeding from one water station to the other, keep an eye out for discarded paper cups and other trash. Survey the inside of the water station for wasps and spiders. Wasps should be taken care of ASAP. Spiders are left up to the individual..... Remember that they eat bugs.

Check the trash cans at each station. If they are anywhere near half full go ahead and pull them out and insert fresh bags. The dumpsters at the picnic areas can be used for disposal of the full or partially full bags. While in route to or from the water stations volunteers should drive the gator through the Elm Lake and 40 Acre Lake picnic areas to pick up any litter in the picnic area and along the trail. Notify park staff of any trees or limbs down or other situations that need attention.

The afternoon shift should repeat the same procedure as the morning shift. Afternoon shift should also pick up, drain and return the coolers from the morning shift to the chase way at the Nature Center. **Gator should be returned to the wood yard after the afternoon shift.**

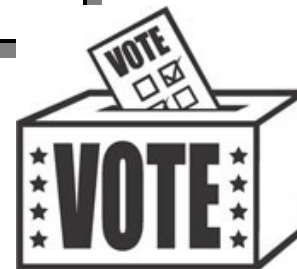
Note: During hot weather and days of heavy park visitation, two coolers should be put out at each water station; during periods of lighter visitation only one cooler can be placed at each station. If unsure please consult park interpretive staff.

Two smaller coolers (two gallon) are located in the chaseway for use in our doggy water stations. These coolers only need to be rinsed out each Saturday morning with water. No ice is needed for these. Gallon jugs are in the chaseway and can be used to refill the doggy coolers in the afternoons. The gallon jugs should NOT be used to fill the large water coolers.

Sunday morning procedure is the same as Saturday but the morning shift should pick up, drain and return used coolers to the nature center. Park staff or park hosts pick up coolers after the weekend.

ELECTIONS COMING UP!

The Nominating Committee will make their report at the August meeting and nominations from the floor will also be accepted at that time. The election of new officers will occur at the September meeting.



2009-2010 BIRD HIKES

Park Naturalist **David Heinicke** and Volunteer **Bill Godley** have announced the bird hike schedule for 2009-2010. They will be leading bird hikes on selected Fridays and Sundays, September through May, beginning at 8:00 AM at the 40-Acre Lake restrooms. There are three "Sunset at the Observation Tower" hikes on Saturday evenings in December and January. Meet at 5:00 p.m. at the tower. Participants will witness thousands of incoming birds roosting at the park. Later in the year, Saturday "Beginning Birder" hikes will be added. Hike dates and times are published in the newsletter calendar and on the website under "Nature Programs and Hikes". Dates and times are subject to change. Beginners and advanced birders are welcome. Hikes are normally two hours in duration. Bring your binoculars and cameras!

Friday "Migration Madness" hikes will be held in April and will include both BBSP and Quintana (optional) to follow. Hikes will start at 8 AM at BBSP and finish after lunch at Quintana. Contact Bill at fribbish@msn.com for details. The "25th Christmas Bird Count" will be held Saturday, December 19, 2009, beginning at 6:30 a.m. Check the website for more information.

VOLUNTEER NEWS & NOTES

CONGRATULATIONS

Mary Lockwood, Christine Kovach and Shanay Kapadia have finished their training and are now full volunteers. Be sure to welcome them into the organization.

William "Bear" Dobbs and **Kylie Kramr** have completed their training as Junior Volunteers. Please make them feel welcome and help them as they learn more about volunteering.



...to everyone who helped with Eco-Explorers: **Mary Lockwood, Eddy Grizzaffi, Patricia Marshall, Bill Godley, Suzie Gann, Jaci**

Elliott, Connie Waltrip, Pam Tatge, Carol Ramsayer, Anna Dell & Bruce Williamson, Marilyn Vossler, Larry Sample, Kayli Kramr, Jeff McMullan for his bee presentation, **Jerry Carpenter** for his alligator program, **Tom Prentiss** for his snake program; The Coastal Prairie Master Naturalist and the Gulf Coast Master Naturalist, The Houston Audubon Society, and the George Observatory staff.

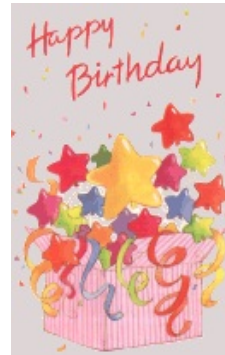
... to **Anna Dell Williamson** and **Jenn Mantei** for the meeting night supper in July.

... to **Chuck Duplant** for the pictures of the Fourth of July Bicycle Parade and the poster in the Nature Center.

Happenings

We now have a male black widow spider on display in the Nature Center. There is a new case with cages for the female black widow, the male black widow and the brown recluse spiders.

A bobcat with kittens has been sighted near HQ.



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Sylvia Carrillo (Staff)
Tom Draper
Jim Gilliam (Staff)
Eddy Grizzaffi
Frank Seay
Rob Thacker

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Gary Bialas (Staff)
Jim Calvert
Ron Dearman
Barry Eversole (Staff)
Frank Gregg (Emeritus)
Linda Oden Heinicke
Tina Ibarra (Staff)



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Ray and Dana Anderson
Jim and Lorena Calvert
Ron and Margaret Morrison
Laszlo and Lexi Perlaky
Frank and Stacey Seay
Bruce and Anna Dell Williamson

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Dave and Gay Armstrong
Jaci Elliott
Jim and Patricia Hiatt
Eddy and Sam Grizzaffi
Don and Marilyn Vossler (1966)

NEW VOLUNTEER TRAINING

by Anna Dell Williamson

Our fall training class will meet September 12, 19, and 26. There are nine applicants who have been approved for training. Remember that you will be called on to help these VIT's with their requirements. It takes the entire organization's assistance for a successful training program. I am requesting help in the four areas - mentors, resources, orientation lunch and road tour drivers. You may sign up on the special events calendar for September 12, 2009. Please note the deadlines for each area.

Mentors: This is a one-on-one buddy who will help the VIT get acquainted and feel comfortable in the group. Mentors will be asked to contact the VIT at least once a month to check on progress in meeting training requirements, and to offer assistance and/or introductions to others who can assist. It is preferred that the mentors be able to attend the Orientation session on September 12 to get acquainted. If you will be a mentor, please sign up on the special events web calendar by August 25 or contact me directly.

Resources and Contacts: This is a list of people in several areas of volunteer work that the VITs can contact for assistance in meeting requirements during hands-on training. The list is placed in the training manual for the VIT's to use when they need someone to help with a training requirement. If you are already on the list from February, I will keep your listing, unless you contact me.

The following categories are available:

Maintenance	Drivers for ATV Trail Tours
Interpretive Programs	Hikes & Trail Interpretation (includes Creekfield)
Gift Shop Operation	Wood Yard
Nature Center Operation	Water Station

If you would like to place your name in any of these areas, please send me the following by August 15:

1. Name and contact information (phone numbers and email address)
2. Areas you are willing to serve in (please don't just say "anything you need", because the lists need to reflect the areas where you want to help).

Orientation Lunch: I need the usual participation on Orientation day. We will have introductory information starting at 10:00, and then lunch about 11:45. Lunch will be a sandwich meal, and all volunteers are asked to attend and bring items for the lunch - meat, cheese, bread or rolls, and other sandwich fixings and desserts. Please sign up on the special events web calendar by September 7 to let me know if you will be attending and what you will bring. During lunch, volunteers will be asked to introduce themselves.

Road Tour: After lunch, there will be an optional road tour for VIT's. If you are willing to drive, please sign up on the special events web calendar by September 7.

Gift Shop/Nature Center Training: When you sign up to work the NC or GS, you may have a VIT working with you. There are revised procedure manuals in the Gift Shop and Nature Center. Beginning with this training, VIT's who are doing their assisted training will be asked to read the manual at their first session in that area. We are hoping this will help provide more consistency in their training experience. Please take time to look over the manuals prior to assisting a VIT so you are familiar with the contents. If you see anything unclear or missing, please let me know by placing a post-it note on the page with your suggestions. This is a work in progress that can be revised easily. I plan to place a copy on the web site as well, so you can review the information at home.

Thank you for your willingness to help our VIT's. If we get the VIT's off to a good start, we have a better chance of keeping them as active volunteers.

PERSEID METEOR SHOWER WATCH PARTY



George Observatory
Photo by Joseph Dellinger

When: Evening of Tuesday, August 11 to morning of Wednesday, August 12

Where: BBSP and George Observatory, 9 pm – 5 am

The George Observatory will be open to the public to view the Perseid meteor shower. Telescopes will be open to the public from 9 p.m. to midnight. Meteor viewing will continue until 5 a.m. on Wednesday, August 12, weather permitting.

The Perseid Meteor Shower typically creates fast and bright meteors that radiate from a point in the constellation Perseus and should cover a large part of the sky. The Perseids are considered by many people to be the year's best shower when the moon is out of the way during the shower's peak. Unfortunately, this

year's moon is not totally out of the way during the Perseids, with the moon rising around midnight. Nonetheless, you should be able to catch a good number of Perseid meteors before moonrise – and even after. The Perseids tend to strengthen in number as midnight ebbs toward dawn. These meteors are often bright and frequently leave persistent trains. What's more, enhanced activity may be in the works, so perhaps enough brighter meteors can overcome the moonlight to make this year's production breathtaking. Brazos Bend State Park's dark skies will make it one of the best places around Houston to view the meteors.

The park's Nature Center will be open from 11:00am – 7:00pm. From 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm, the park's naturalists will have a booth set up near Creekfield Lake on the trail leading to the George Observatory. They will have live animals and park information, and answer questions about the park and its wildlife. Starting at 9:00 pm until midnight, the George Observatory will have stargazing available through its large 36-inch telescope. The George Observatory's elevated observation deck will have trained astronomers available to aid in viewing the meteor shower. No special equipment is necessary to see the Perseids. Bring a lawn chair and insect repellent, and kick back and relax and gaze into the heavens to experience this annual event. The park gates will be open all night for the Perseid Meteor Shower Watch Party.

2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 5	Amphibian and reptile photography Photo-walk, 5:00 PM
September 7	Labor Day
September 12	New Volunteer Training, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM Volunteer Orientation Potluck Lunch, 11:45 AM Regular meeting, 5:30 PM
September 19	New Volunteer Training, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
September 25	Bird Hike, 8:00 AM, 40-Acre Lake restrooms
September 26	New Volunteer Training, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
October 3	Photo-walk: Bird photography #3, 5:00 PM
October 10	Annual Volunteer Picnic, 5:30 PM
October 12	Columbus Day Holiday
October 23	Bird Hike, 8:00 AM, 40-Acre Lake restrooms
October 31	Halloween

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→ **NEXT MEETING DAY AND TIME** ←

SATURDAY, September 12, 2009, 5:30 PM

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REGULAR VOLUNTEER EVENTS

Creekfield Hikes	Every Saturday and Sunday at 10:00 AM, led by volunteers
Photo Hikes	First Saturday of each month
Volunteer meeting	Second Saturday of each month at 5:30 PM, supper at 5:00 PM
Bird Hikes	See schedule in calendar

BRAZOS BEND STATE PARK VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION

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