



Events and Education

KEEP YOUR CALENDARS OPEN!

April 6th & 7th – Zilker Garden Festival

For over 50 years, the annual Zilker Garden Festival has been a one-stop, garden shopping destination when spring arrives in Austin and Central Texas. A family-friendly event, the garden festival offers something for everyone –

- The annual Flower Show in the Garden Center, featuring judged designs and an array of horticultural specimens. This year's theme is "Remember Our Beginnings"
- Live music from the Soundstage in the Rose Garden – with a variety of musical offerings both afternoons
- Gardening Talks under the big, white tent next to the Garden Center – where novice and seasoned gardeners will enjoy talks from local gardening experts
- The always fun and interactive Kids' Corner in the Rose Garden – where kids can build a birdhouse, have their faces painted, make dinosaur masks and butterfly wings
- Enjoy tasty food offerings at the Food Court in the Oak Grove on the Escarpment Trail

Visit the website for more information:

www.zilker garden.org/about/events/ZGF2013/zgf.html

April 7th – Big Day in the Park 2013 at Commons Ford

Commons Ford Big Day in the Park is Sunday, April 7, 2013. Join us for plenty of birding and nature walks including activities for families and children. While attendance and all activities are free, the Big Day in the Park will raise funds to continue the Commons Ford Prairie Restoration Project.

commonsfordpro.blogspot.com/p/big-day-in-park-2013.html

April 13th – KAB Clean Sweep

Imagine over 5,000 volunteers joining together on an ordinary Saturday morning to make an extraordinary difference in the City of Austin. Each April KAB hosts Clean Sweep, a city-wide service day spanning 140 sites in 31 zip codes throughout Austin and

resulting in over 29 tons of trash removed and more than 11,600 hours contributed. The network of cleanups is followed by a not to be missed volunteer party and environmental fair that features free lunch, live music, a climbing wall, children's environmental activities, recycled art, a unique object contest, fantastic door prizes, and more!

www.keeptaustinbeautiful.org/cleansweep

April 20th – Austin Earth Day Festival

Come to Austin's 2nd Earth Day Festival at Mueller. There will be live music, vendors, kids' activities, and more!

earthdayaustin.com

April 20th – West Bouldin Creek Workday

The Bouldin Creek neighborhood Association is looking for volunteers to help with invasive species removal in the West Bouldin Creek Greenbelt. The greenbelt covers 17 acres in South Austin. We have been working for almost three years to remove ligustrum, chinaberries, nandina, catsclaw, etc., to help the more durable native plants and bushes thrive. Please help us reestablish the native plants that once existed here so the greenbelt can have more biodiversity and have a higher resistance to drought.

www.keeptaustinbeautiful.org/node/2026

April 20th – Ecology Action's Back to the Land Earth Day

Back to the Land Work Days involve helping us remove litter after major storm events, maintain walking trails and make green infrastructure improvements to storm-water access points like culverts and tributary breaches. Back to the Land Work Days are also an exciting way to get involved with a brand new conservation project from the ground up. We will provide work gloves, water and any necessary tools but please wear sturdy closed toe shoes and dress for the weather.

www.ecology-action.org/montopolis-wetland-restoration

April 26th thru April 29th – Balcones Songbird Festival

www.friendsofbalcones.org/festival

April 27th – Wild Basin Workday

Like to get dirty, work hard, and have fun? Then join volunteers for trail maintenance, invasive plant removal, revegetation, erosion control, and other land management projects on the third Saturday of each month.

www.KeepAustinBeautiful.org/node/2106

April 27th – Ecological Literacy Day at Hornsby Bend

Help maintain Hornsby Bend! Did you know that all the Hornsby Bend trails, habitat gardens, and kiosks were built and are maintained by volunteers? If you enjoy birding or walking along the Colorado River here, please join us in maintaining these amenities and supporting public access at Hornsby Bend. We do 3 hours of work and one hour of learning about the ecology of the Colorado River and Hornsby Bend. Wear work clothes and work shoes, bring water and binoculars if you're interested in birds.

www.KeepAustinBeautiful.org/node/2108

Habitat Steward Training

Join your friends, neighbors and a host of interesting, committed and fun individuals and become a certified Habitat Steward™! The City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department and the National Wildlife Federation, in partnership with Travis Audubon Society, offer a comprehensive training annually designed specifically to help you learn to create and restore wildlife habitat in backyards, schoolyards, and other private and public areas. The training is fun and engaging, you are guaranteed to learn new things about your community, PLUS meet some really interesting people. You can make a real impact in our community and join with a group that's committed to, Keeping Austin Wild!



Spring training registration is now closed! You can always email the office with questions at wildlife@austintexas.gov or call at 512-978-2606.

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