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6th Annual Geronimo and Alligator Creeks Cleanup Scheduled for April 7th

New Braunfels, TX – Spring has sprung, and it is time for the 6th Annual Geronimo and Alligator Creeks Cleanup Event. The Clean Up is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. until noon on Saturday, April 7th. The event is coordinated by the Geronimo and Alligator Creeks Partnership as part of implementation efforts for the area’s watershed protection plan.

“As a volunteer, you can help protect Geronimo and Alligator Creeks by collecting trash from several target areas that drain to the creeks,” said Ward Ling, Watershed Coordinator with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension.

Ling said participants can go online at <http://geronimocreek.org/> to register to meet at any of the following three locations:

- New Braunfels Regional Airport at the corner of Airport Road and Entrance Drive.
- Irma Lewis Seguin Outdoor Learning Center, 1865 US Hwy 90 East, Seguin.
- Navarro High School parking lot, 6450 N. State Highway 123, Seguin.

Volunteers should arrive at 9:00 a.m. for breakfast tacos, event T-shirts, safety instructions and supplies. Upon arrival, volunteers will receive directions to local areas needing trash pickup.

“If you have your own gloves or pick up tools, bring them and dress appropriately for the weather,” Ling said. “Trash bags and a limited supply of gloves and pick-up tools will be available.”

“Last year’s event was a great success with 198 volunteers picking up 1,950 pounds of trash from 27 locations around the area. We want this year’s cleanup to be bigger and better. It would not be possible without the support from our sponsors and volunteers,” said Lauren Willis, Water Quality Permitting & Project Coordinator for the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority.

The number of sponsors for the event is growing, and currently include: The City of New Braunfels, Alamo Group, Becker’s Feed & Fertilizer, Continental, Crossroads Veterinary Hospital, Ehlers’ Tree Farm, Guadalupe County Groundwater Conservation District, Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority, Irma Lewis Seguin Outdoor Learning Center, KWED, Niagara Bottling LLC, Spirit of Joy, Irma Lewis Seguin Outdoor Learning Center, Thrivent Financial, and Waste Connections.

There is still time to sign up to sponsor the event. Those interested may obtain information on how to become a sponsor at <http://www.geronimocreek.org/>.

The City of New Braunfels and Progressive Waste Solutions are donating large disposal containers to collect the trash and providing disposal free of charge.

Anyone wishing to participate in the cleanup may register online by going to <http://www.geronimocreek.org/> and clicking on the registration form under the Clean Up announcement or contact Ling at 979-845-6980 or wling@tamu.edu. Volunteers can include teams organized by the sponsors or neighborhood groups, as well as individual citizens who are concerned about the welfare of the creeks.

“We are excited by the outpouring of support from the community for this year’s event already,” said Mark Enders, City of New Braunfels Watershed Program Manager. “Everyone is invited to come join the effort.”

The Geronimo and Alligator Creeks Watershed Protection Plan was developed by local stakeholders after water quality monitoring data showed elevated concentrations of bacteria and nitrogen in the creeks. The plan outlines strategies to restore and protect water quality in the creeks. Everyone is encouraged to get involved. Additional information is available at <http://www.geronimocreek.org/>.

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