



Neighbor to Neighbor

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The Mission of the Hill Country Alliance is to bring together an ever-expanding alliance of groups throughout a multi-county region of Central Texas with the long-term objective of preserving open spaces, water supply, water quality and the unique character of the Texas Hill Country.

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The 2010 – 2011 Season of the Texas Water Symposium kicks off Thursday, September 30th at the Texas State Capitol. Free and open to the public, the recording of this radio show for Texas Public Radio will explore critical water issues facing the upcoming legislative session. Please spread the word in your communities. A printable flyer can be downloaded [here](#). More about the Texas Water Symposium series and partnership [here](#).

The Texas Water Symposium: *Created through the partnership with [Schreiner University](#), [Texas Tech University](#), [Texas Public Radio](#), and [Hill Country Alliance](#).*

Water, essential for life, is our most precious and valuable natural resource. But water supply is limited and under increasing pressure from a growing population. How will we protect this resource and plan for a sustainable future? There is a great need for a water-literate public; decisions being made today have far reaching and long lasting effects for our children and future generations.



Hamilton Pool Photographer: Dave Wilson

The 2010-2011 Texas Water Symposium Series will provide perspectives from policy makers, scientists, water resource experts and regional leaders. Join us as we explore together, the complexity and challenges in providing water for Texans in this century. Each session is free and open to the public. The hour-long program begins at 7:00 pm, followed by discussion time with Q&A. The events are recorded and aired on Texas Public Radio one week later.

Mark your calendars today!

1 Sept. 30, 2010

Texas State Capitol Auditorium in Austin

Legislative Action affecting Texas Water Resources: Key issues from the interim and a preview of what to expect during the upcoming legislative session.

Moderator: Texas State Representative Harvey Hilderbran

Panelists: Texas State Representative Doug Miller, State Representative Bill Callegari and Dr. Robert Mace from the Texas Water Development Board

2 Nov. 11, 2010

Texas Tech University, Hill Country University Center Bldg., Fredericksburg

The Insidious and Stealthy Water Thieves of Texas: Invasive species impacts on resources, economics and ecosystems.

Moderator: Carter Smith, Executive Director, Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept.

Panelists: Jim Bergan, TNC; Earl Chilton, TPWD and Tom Arsuffi, Texas Tech Univ.

3 Jan. 27, 2011

Witte Museum, Memorial Auditorium, San Antonio

co-hosted and sponsored by the Witte Museum

Tradeoffs in Sustainability in the 21st Century: Energy at the Currency of Water at the Expense of Power

Moderator: Robert Potts, Dixon Water Foundation

Panelists: Les Shephard, CARE; Amy Hardberger, EDF and John Brocksch, Aquifer Group

4 Mar. 31, 2011

Schreiner University, Cailloux Campus Activity Center, Kerrville Texas

River Watch Programs and Activities in the Hill Country: How Local Communities Take Care of Their Rivers and Water

Moderator – Andy Sansom, Executive Director, Texas Rivers Institute

Panelists: Dianne Wassenich (San Marcos River), Robert Brischetto (Medina River), Tyson Broad (S. Llano Watershed Alliance)

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