



LAKE CREEK PRESERVE NEWS

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EAGLE SCOUTS CONTINUE TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS TO PRESERVE:

Since May 2 additional Eagle Scout projects have been completed adding an informational Kiosk and a section of boardwalk to the preserve trails. 30 Eagle projects have now been completed involving over 3500 volunteer hours. Additional volunteer hours by Scouts and are volunteers continue to keep the trail in good condition.

Information kiosk at trail head:

Eagle candidate Justin Foster led a team to construct a covered informational kiosk at the trail head that will feature a map, information on the plant and wildlife, a map of specific trees along the trail and how to access the nature guide that describes features of these trees including the value of the ecological services that they provide. Benches are also being added for those who wish rest and /or to discuss the preserve features before or after a hike.



New section of boardwalk on the Blue Trail:

Eagle candidate Tanner Christensen led a team to add a 48' extension to the southernmost boardwalk on the blue trail. This boardwalk now extends about 100' over an area that normally has standing water during wet periods. Except for some small steps at the end of several boardwalks, an 8' bridge and some stepping stones over a few muddy areas, work on wet area crossings is now complete.



Additions to nature guide under way:

Two Eagle candidates are currently working on additions to the trail nature guide. The text on the first is nearly complete and we expect to have the numbered posts installed and an updated guide on our web site in early August. The schedule for the second project which will cover the creek loop is pending.

NEXT TRAIL MAINTENANCE DAY ON JULY 22

We are planning a trail maintenance day for the morning of Saturday July 22. Depending on the number of volunteers, in addition to trimming, weed eating and mowing we hope to widen short sections of the creek loop and blue trails as well as clear an area to improve visibility of one of the new trees in the nature guide. We have a mower and extra lopper, but can use several weed eaters. We plan to meet at the trail head and start at 8:00 and finish by 11:00.

AUGUST 5 PROGRAM AT TAMINA FARMER'S MARKET

We are planning an information program with activities for youth at the Tamina Farmer's Market for Saturday August 5. In addition to information on the preserve and plans for the greenway we will feature activities on watersheds, fishing & aquatic ecology and a fundraising raffle.

LOOKING FOR CORPORATE/BUSINESS SPONSORS

Since any grants we have received are dedicated to program and supporting project materials, we rely on individual and company contributions/memberships to cover our modest operating expenses. We are completely volunteer. Contributions may be made through our Friends of Lake Creek at lakecreektx.org.