

San Marcos River Clean Up

30th Annual - March 7, 2015

On Saturday, March 7, folks from all over Texas will be participating in the world's longest river clean up. We will be picking up trash along the entire length of the San Marcos River (approximately 90 miles).

BANK CREWS

Everyone is urged to help. If you are unable to participate in the water, we need volunteers to work the banks of the river, especially at parks and highway crossings.

RECREATIONAL PADDLERS

The upper sections of the San Marcos River, particularly just downstream of the City of San Marcos, will require the most attention, and the short mileages set for these sections reflect this. Furthermore, the river becomes less accessible and more hazardous as one goes downstream. For that reason, novice boaters should volunteer for section 1 and more experienced boaters for the other sections.

CANOE RACING ENTHUSIASTS

The lower river, from Luling to Gonzales, has several long sections with few bridge crossings and for that reason, we are asking canoe racers (especially teams that have competed in the Texas Water Safari) to volunteer for sections 9 - 11.

CAMPOUT AND GET-TO-GETHER

Everyone participating in this event is invited to camp free at either Shady Grove Campground/ Spencer Canoes (<http://www.spencercanoes.net>) or at the San Marcos River Retreat (<http://www.sanmarcosriverretreat.com>) for the weekend. Starting at 6 p.m. on Saturday evening there will be a meal provided by the San Marcos River Foundation (<http://www.sanmarcosriver.org>) at Shady Grove/Spencer Canoes.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

On Sunday morning at 8 a.m., there will be a non-denominational Christian worship service at the San Marcos River Retreat.

MEETING TIMES AND SHUTTLES

Canoe racers paddling the lower river will meet at Palmetto Park at 8:30 a.m. (Contact Tom Goynes for more information). Everyone paddling the sections of river between Thompson's Island and Luling (sections 2-9) will meet at 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning at the San Marcos River Retreat (we will meet in the Chapel). Persons interested in cleaning the banks of the river and the parks and trails in San Marcos should meet at City Park in San Marcos at 9:30. Paddlers working section 1 will meet at City Park in San Marcos at 10:00 a.m.

RIVER SECTION LISTINGS (Paddlers)

1. San Marcos City Park to Thompson's Island (2 miles)
2. Thompson's Island to The San Marcos River Retreat (3.5 miles)
3. San Marcos River Retreat to Spencer Canoes (6 mi.)
4. Spencer Canoes to Staples - Hwy 1977 (5 miles)
5. Staples to Fentress - Hwy 20 (9 miles)
6. Fentress to Prairie Lea 1 (2miles)
7. Prairie Lea 1 to Stairtown (5 miles)
8. Stairtown to Luling - Hwy 90 (6.5miles)
9. Hwy 90 to Luling City Park (6 mi.)
10. Luling City Park to Palmetto State Park (14.4 mi.)
11. Palmetto State Park to Gonzales Hwy 90A (14.8 miles)
12. Gonzales 90A to Gonzales 183 (10 mi.)

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