

Please join us at Westcave Preserve for a free presentation about:

“Best Practices in Land Management”

Wednesday, July 13, 2011, 7pm – 8pm
(optional field trip on Thursday July 14 at 6:30pm)

RSVP to: sue.sbsd@gmail.com

Wednesday Evening:

Our guest speaker, Gary Freeborg, will talk about a wholistic suite of techniques to control erosion; keep more water on your property; build healthy topsoil; increase biodiversity while making your property more aesthetically pleasing. Gary uses Permaculture, Biodynamics, Eco-Agriculture along with standard engineering and habitat restoration techniques.

Field Trip on Thursday:

Field Trip is to a 50 acre property in Blanco County a few miles west of Hamilton Pool.

We will interpret a pond and wetland that was built in an abandoned quarry site.

A series of permaculture swales were constructed to bring water to the pond and wetland (see swales in tool section).

View the strategies employed to reduce erosion and build soil life and structure including dead barriers. This system will soak millions of gallons into the soil and recharge the pond and wetland with water that would have contributed to flooding downstream.

We will discuss techniques used to build fertility and jump start natural process of accelerated soil building. This site has a wildlife use agricultural exemption and we will discuss the many strategies used to enhance wildlife populations.

The Westcave Roundtable brings local area residents together to explore issues of common interest.

Contact us if you have any questions or comments.

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