

## 2011 Farm& Range Forum Schedule\*

### Conserving Our Rural Heritage

#### **Friday**

- 12:00 noon Field trip at Harris Ranch  
Meet in Uvalde to caravan and/or carpool — additional instructions to follow
- 12:30pm Field trip begins promptly at 12:30 at Harris Ranch, followed by dinner & campfire  
Riparian Assessment: Sky Lewey, Steve Nelle  
Rangeland Plants: Patty Pasztor, Bill Neiman, Rose Cooper  
Range Management Practices: Phillip Wright, Kason Haby  
"Happy Hour" discussion — Mark Mapston, TxDoA Animal Services  
Dinner  
Campfire discussion — Rep. Tracy King

#### **Saturday**

- 7:30am Breakfast at Southwest Texas Junior College  
Hill Country Alliance video
- 8:00am Optional Session on Pesticide Laws & Regulations (for CEUs) — Daniel Jackson, Texas Department of Agriculture
- 9:00am Welcome, Recap of Friday's Program & Preview — Helen Holdsworth, Texas Wildlife Association
- 9:30am Moderator:  
Public Benefits of Private Lands — Steve Jester, Guadalupe-Blanco River Trust  
Land Fragmentation & Implications for Range Management Practices — Roel Lopez, Texas A&M Institute for Renewable Natural Resources  
Maximizing Conservation Values of Rural Lands — Claude Ross, USDA-NRCS
- 10:40am Break
- 11:00am Moderator: Greg Pasztor, Bexar Audubon Society  
Estate Planning & Tax Update — Charles Granstaff  
Legislative Update — Rep. Doug Miller  
Conserving Family Lands: Landowners with conservation easements
- 12:00 noon Introduction: Bryan Davis, Texas AgriLife Extension Service  
Agritourism, Nature Tourism, & Rural Heritage — Shelly Plante, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department
- 12:30pm Lunch served
- 12:50pm Introduction: Susan Hughes, Green Spaces Alliance  
Keynote by Con Mims, Nueces River Authority
- 1:30pm Introduction: Bruce Fried, Green Spaces Alliance  
"Barn Again" Program & Tax Credit for Barn Restoration — Stuart Johnson, San Antonio Conservation Society & National Trust for Historic Preservation
- 2:00pm "Water in the West" — Moderator: Susan Hughes, Green Spaces Alliance  
Western Rivers & Streams in Peril — Sky Lewey, Nueces River Authority  
Land Management Programs for Water Conservation — Philip Wright, USDA NRCS  
New Developments in Groundwater Science — Geary Schindel, Edwards Aquifer Authority
- 3:00pm Break
- 3:15pm Edwards Aquifer Authority: 15 Years Out — Luana Buckner, Edwards Aquifer Authority  
Water Resource Management: Past, Present, Future (Region L & GMA 10) — Con Mims, NRA
- 4:00pm Introduction: Ken Weidenfeller, Texas Department of Agriculture  
Rain Enhancement — Stephanie Beall, Southwest Texas Rain Enhancement Association
- 4:30pm Moderator: Helen Holdsworth, Texas Wildlife Association  
Q&A/Discussion/Breaking Issues

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\* Speakers, schedule, & topics subject to change.