

DAY AT THE BOSQUE II

On **Sat., Nov. 1**, the Day at the Bosque is back, bigger and better than ever! During our event in February, cold weather hampered participation, and lack of water meant the Park was at less than its best. So, Friends of the Rio Bosque decided a move to the fall was in order. The weather should be better, the wetlands should be flooded, and waterbirds should be present in good numbers. All we need is you to make it a perfect day. The flyer enclosed with this newsletter has all the details. See you there!

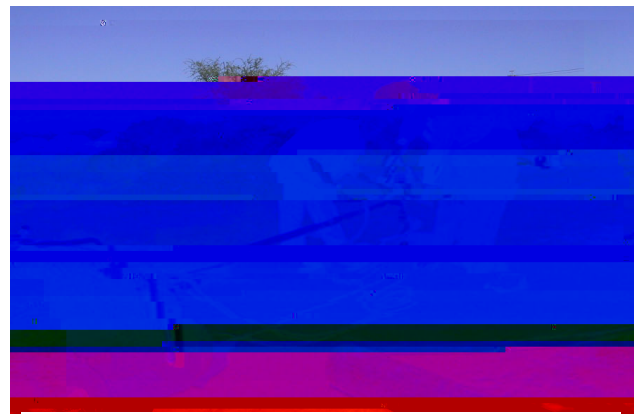
DÍA DEL RÍO

Sat., Oct. 18, is the 9th annual Día del Río. Organized by the Rio Grande/Río Bravo Basin Coalition, this event celebrates our river, focuses attention on the critical state of its waters and wildlife, and demonstrates the commitment of citizens in the river basin to improving their quality of life. For our Día del Río project, we'll be working on Rio Bosque's trail system. Join us at 9 a.m. on Oct. 18 to celebrate Día del Río (see back)!

RESTORATION REPORT

After 6+ dry months, Rio Bosque received a welcome inflow of water from early August to early September. Though temporary, it came at a critical

time for the Park's desiccated vegetation. At this writing in late September, the Park is again dry but noticeably greener. With the irrigation season winding down, we hope to have water again soon.



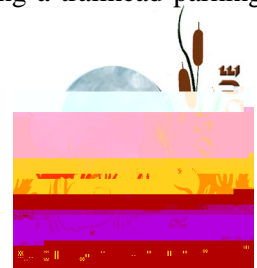
Eagle Scout candidate Sean Gray (left) and colleagues dig post holes, Sept. 20, 2003.

GRACIAS

What are the main factors shaping the future of Rio Bosque Wetlands Park? Hard-working volunteers and broad community support. For their recent contributions, we extend thanks and appreciation to:

- Eagle Scout candidate **Sean Gray** and his fellow scouts in **Troop 59** for building a trailhead parking area at the Park's north end.

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- **El Paso County Water Improvement District No. 1** for making water available to the Park in late summer in this very dry year.
- The **Trans-Pecos Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalists** and community-service workers from the **West Texas Community Supervision and Corrections Dept.** for their work clearing tumble-weeds from our water channels in preparation for the return of water to the Park.
- **Lowe's** in west El Paso and its store manager Chris Zett and home & garden shop manager Suzan Anderson for donating tools for our volunteers.

