

RIO BOSQUE NEWS

A newsletter reporting on events at Rio Bosque Wetlands Park

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BUILDING A BOSQUE RUNS THROUGH AUGUST 16

Have you had a chance yet to enjoy “**Building a Bosque: 10 Years of Habitat Restoration at Rio Bosque Wetlands Park**”? Better hurry. This special exhibit will be at the Centennial Museum on the UTEP campus only through **August 16**.

Building a Bosque will give you a memorable introduction to the world of Rio Bosque Wetlands Park. You’ll learn about the park’s diverse plants and animals, our changing river valley, the dramatic changes at Rio Bosque these past 10 years, and the project partners who’ve made it all possible.

Planning and preparation for this visually striking, compelling exhibit began well over a year ago. Maria Trunk of the Friends of the Rio Bosque conceived of and organized **Building a Bosque**



Thanks to Western Refining,
the Park has a new water trailer.

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THE WATER WAGON RETURNS!

Lack of water at Rio Bosque Wetlands Park in spring and summer makes establishment of native riparian vegetation a big challenge. In 2003, the ever-inventive Friends of the Rio Bosque addressed this challenge by rebuilding an old farm trailer, mounting 2 large water tanks and a pump on it, and using it to haul water to the park. The trailer served the park well,



Friends of the Rio Bosque Membership Application

Name:	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Bosque Buddy (12 and under)	\$4
Address:	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Student	\$8
	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Senior (62+)	\$8
	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	\$10
	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Family	\$15
	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Bosque Booster	\$50
E-mail:	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Cottonwood Commando	\$75-\$249
	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Restoration Patron	\$250-\$499
	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Wetlands Society	\$500+

Please make checks payable to *Friends of the Rio Bosque* and mail to: Maria Trunk,
Treasurer, Friends of the Rio Bosque,

but last year age caught up with it. Repeated mechanical breakdowns forced it out of operation.

Now, we're back in business. A generous donation from Western Refining allowed us to purchase a new trailer. The Friends of the Rio Bosque, led by ace pipe-fitter Sal Quintanilla, transferred the tanks and pump to it. With invaluable help from the City of El Paso's Parks and Recreation Department and the staff at El Paso Water Utilities' Roberto Bustamante Wastewater Treatment Plant, they reconnected the piping and quickly got the new trailer out on its weekly watering rounds. Thanks go to all of our great partners who contributed to the success of this project! ✂

GRACIAS

Many other groups have also helped at the Park in recent months. Sincere thanks and appreciation are due:

- The UTEP **Environmental Science and Engineering** grad students who installed new beaver-proof cages around selected cottonwoods in January.
- **Corey Bailey** and fellow Boy Scouts in **Troop 862** who installed bat houses as an Eagle Scout service project in February.
- The **Girl Scouts** of **Troop 95** and **Cub Scouts** of **Pack 137** who removed broken glass near the Bosque Trail in April.
- The **Chapin High School** students who planted wolfberry seedlings on May 2.
- The **Hanks High School** students who assisted on multiple projects during our community workdays at the park this spring. ✂

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RIO BOSQUE CALENDAR

Join us at the Park for a free walking tour or to help with habitat management, Park maintenance or faunal monitoring. Coming up:

JULY

Sat., Jul 12	Bird Tour	8 a.m.
Sat., Jul 19	Frog/Toad Walk	7 a.m.

(Subject to rescheduling if weather and amphibian activity.)

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