

Friday Field Trips/Activities:

Field Trip #1 – Texas AgriLife Research Station at Sonora

The Texas AgriLife Research Station at Sonora has been the hub of cutting edge Southwest Texas range management and restoration research for decades. Our field trip guide is Dr. Charles A. “Butch” Taylor who has worked at the Station since 1983. During his tenure, Dr. Taylor has become an imminent authority on the use of grazing and fire protocols and has guided the research and professional development of a number of graduate students. In 2007, he received the Sustained Lifetime Achievement Award from the Society for Range Management.

Meet at the pavilion outside of TTU's Packard Hall at 9am to carpool to Sonora. We will return around 4pm. Bag lunches will be provided.

Field Trip #2 – Riparian Workshop

The Riparian Workshop will focus on the nature and function of stream and riparian zones and the benefits from healthy riparian vegetation zones. The program will cover an introduction to riparian principles, watershed processes, basic hydrology and available resources including technical assistance and tools that can be employed to restore stream and riparian ecosystems.

The workshop will be held from 9am – 12pm in a classroom at TTU's Building B. Bag lunch will be provided and we will walk out to the Upper Llano River to see the river and riparian vegetation until around 2 pm.

Field Trip #3 – Canoe Paddle on the South Llano River

Spend a leisurely afternoon paddling the South Llano River. Canoes will be provided. Please wear closed-toe shoes – no flip flops or bare feet. Bring an eye glasses holder if you wear glasses.

Meet in front of TTU's Dining Hall at 2pm. Paddlers will return around 4pm.

Field Trip #4 – TTU Campus Tours

For those not attending another Friday field trip and who wish to learn more about TTU's Llano River Field Station, a campus tour is offered at 10am.

Meet in the foyer of Building B.