



Environmental Service Committee

Texas State University | San Marcos

Project Profile – Extreme River Clean-Up

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Date/Location–

October 15th, 2005 – 10 a.m. – 6:30 p.m., Sewell Park – San Marcos River, San Marcos, Texas

Number of Participants-

60

Description of Project

Based on observations of trash and potentially recyclable material in the San Marcos River, which runs through San Marcos and the Texas State University campus, students became concerned and wanted to organize a day of work to clean the bed and banks of the river. This work would be done by students who were further encouraged to participate with free food, T-shirts and fun.

In order to make this happen, contacts were set up with the Outdoor Center, part of Campus Recreation at Texas State University as well as local business support to increase awareness of the event. The Outdoor Center provided rental kayaks and canoes for students and other volunteers to use during the event as well as garbage containers and a permit to use Sewell Park as a base of operations. A local rafting company provided red mesh bags to haul trash and recyclables, Zookas Ultimate Burritos and HEB provided food, Mr. E's T-shirts printed custom T-shirts for the event and other supplies were obtained from Lowes. The City of San Marcos provided hauling of waste and recycling services free of charge, as the City's Parks and Recreation Department was hosting a similar event on the same day.

Overall the event was a success. Over 60 students and volunteers assisted in gathering approximately 550 gallons of trash and recyclables. Students enjoyed the food and T-shirts provided and expressed interest in making the event bi-annual. Great contacts were made with the City of San Marcos' Parks and Recreation Department who hosts a similar bi-annual event. This project has a great chance at becoming a tradition at Texas State and will hopefully provide a positive way for the university and city to work as one in cleaning up the San Marcos River.

Media Coverage

ESC requested coverage from the University Star, the student newspaper, but due to a miscommunication, no reporter attended.

Final Budgeting

Budget Item	Units	Unit Cost	Final Cost
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Canoe from Outdoor Center	6	\$10	\$60
Kayak from Outdoor Center	4	\$0	\$0
Zookas Ulitmate Burritos - Assorted Burritos	70	\$5	\$350
HEB Fruit Trays	8	\$9	\$72
River Clean Up T-Shirts - Mr. E's Tees	100	\$7	\$700
Gloves	10	\$11	\$110.00
Sewell Park Use Fee	1	\$35	\$35
Snorkels from Outdoor Center	8	\$0	\$0
		Total	\$1,327.00

Other

Pictures/Media