River Fest Education and Outreach Information One-Pager 2025

River Education and Stewardship Alliance

Education and Outreach information:

Respect the River: City residents, students, and wildlife all call the river home. Treat it and all its inhabitants as you'd want to be treated: with respect. Preserving this cherished habitat is our shared responsibility, ensuring it remains a thriving ecosystem and a treasured recreational space at Texas State. Here at Texas State University, we take pride in our beautiful river and our natural spaces. As residents of San Marcos, we are responsible for taking care of the river and ensuring it remains healthy so that it can be enjoyed by those downstream.
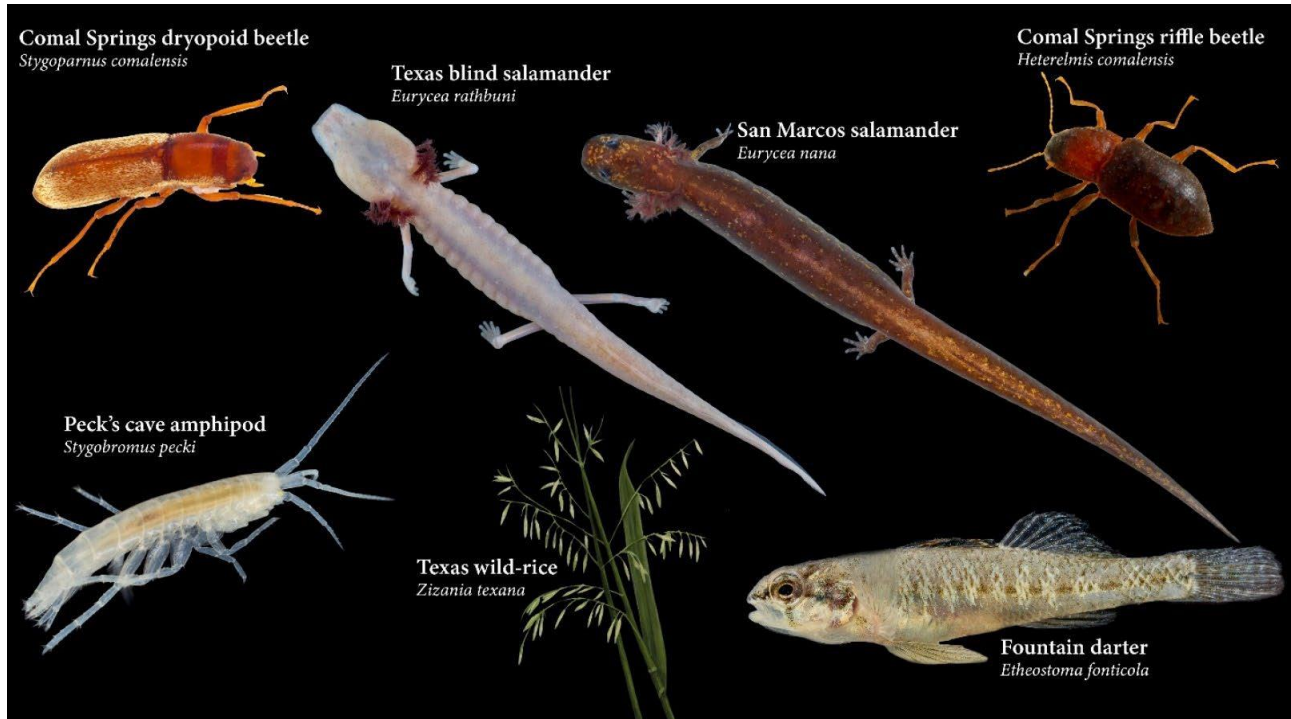
Remember: What Goes Here Flows Here, keep the San Marcos River clean, starting with picking up one piece of trash.

More Than a River

- Did you know TXST is one of the few campuses that has a protected river running through?
- That's not seaweed – it's Texas wild-rice! Endangered aquatic grass only found in our River.
- The spring-fed water is a constant 72°F year-round (now that's cool).
- Our roots run deep with human inhabitants and artifacts dating back over 12,000 years.
- There are seven known species listed as threatened or endangered by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department that reside in the upper

San Marcos region of the Edwards Aquifer, Spring Lake, and the upper four miles of the San Marcos River:

What not to do at the river:

- Don't bring glass or foam – it's illegal! Bring a reusable water bottle instead.
- Don't bring cans or single use containers into the river – it is illegal!
- Don't wear body glitter or glittery attire. It easily sheds off as microplastics into our river.
- Don't toss confetti or glitter, even if marked as biodegradable. Glitter is Litter!
- Don't touch the wildlife – it's illegal!
- Don't pull/trample vegetation.
- Don't let litter enter the river. If you see something, pick it up because what goes here flows here.