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## the Lone Star Summit



**ANCA Summit XII**  
**McKinney Roughs Nature Park**  
**Austin, Texas**  
**August 24-26, 2006**

Rolling canyons, wildflower meadows, and lazy river bends are just waiting to be explored at McKinney Roughs Nature Park, owned by the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA), and located along the lower Colorado River just east of Austin Texas.

LCRA plays a variety of roles in Central Texas: delivering electricity, managing the water supply and environment of the lower Colorado River basin, developing water and wastewater utilities, providing public recreation areas, and supporting community and economic development.

The 1,100-acre nature park has

characteristics of four Texas regions and provides habitat for hundreds of species of mammals, birds, amphibians, and reptiles. Post Oak Savannah, Blackland Prairie, East Texas Piney Woods, and Central Texas Plateau all converge to create an unusual blend of natural resources at McKinney Roughs Nature Park. Once slated for development as residential housing, the LCRA purchased the site in 1995 and developed it as a nature park and natural science center in 1998.

The Summit's main activities will be held within the McKinney Rough's education complex, featuring a 200 person capacity dining hall and

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**"You can't afford to miss ANCA'S 2006  
Lone Star Summit! " —Beth Banks**

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# President's Message

**Tim Sandsmark  
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As I write this article, it's a beautiful spring day in the Rockies and school kids are buzzing around my window actively engaged in one of our school programs offered here and elsewhere in our Open Space park system. As directors, it's easy to find ourselves chained to our desks, phones, and computers as we get caught up in all of the administrative duties of our jobs. As necessary as these office duties are to running successful centers, it is always refreshing to hear and see people interacting with nature and it reminds us why we are really here.

Enough daydreaming out my window - the tension in my desk chain suggests that my mind has drifted far enough and it's time to re-focus on letting you know what's happening with ANCA.

Actually a lot is happening and the rest of this epistle will be devoted to bringing you up to date on several of note. The first item of note is the upcoming annual Summit in August. The "Lone Star Summit" will be held August 24-26, 2006 at McKinney Roughs Nature Park in Cedar Creek, Texas. The Summit registration materials will be sent soon, in fact you may have this material by the time you are reading this. If you have not received a packet or need additional information, please check out the article on the Summit on page 1, or check the Summit link on ANCA's website- [www.natctr.org/summit.html](http://www.natctr.org/summit.html) or call Larry Brown at the ANCA office at 800-490-2622. For those of you who have attended ANCA's Summit

you know how valuable it is and for those who have not attended, please join us and find out what you have been missing!

The second item is the web-based salary and benefits survey. Many of you gave very generously (see list of donors below) last summer at the Summit during the "Fund-the-Need" portion of the auction to create a web-based salary and benefits survey that will provide current information of nature center salaries and benefits for several different positions that typical at most centers (directors, education/program directors, educators/naturalists, development directors, office, maintenance staff, etc.). This survey will be designed to be updated at any time. The most recent ANCA salary survey was done in 2001 and was a very valuable tool for many administrators, but was a major undertaking and difficult to update in a timely manner. Thanks to advances in web-based technology, surveys that can be custom designed and updated continuously are now possible.

I'm pleased to report that we have awarded the contract to begin the work on this and hope to have it ready to go before or by the Summit in August. This survey will be a secure database that ANCA members will be able to access to enter and obtain information. The beauty of this system is that in addition to the immediate value of the salary and benefits survey, this database will also allow for other

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surveys to be developed such as marketing or facilities based surveys. Thanks again to all of you who so generously gave donations to make this possible and a special thanks to Paul and Debbie Brainerd who provided a lead gift of \$2,500 to start the process.

The next item is our **Monograph** series. This process also is made possible through your generosity. At the 2003 Summit in Ohio, Leadership Award recipient, Charity Krueger provided a challenge donation to raise \$9,000 to pay for the first monographs. Many of you responded with donations during the "Fund-the-Need" at the Summit or afterward. Thanks to these donations, there are currently four monographs in progress that will provide best practices and in-depth information on Exhibit Design, Building Design, Management Succession Planning, and Programming. These monographs are designed to be a supplement to the *Director's Guide to Best Practices* and will continue to set best practices for the profession. The titles above are in various stages of completion with exhibit and building design very close to final publication.

Last, but not least are ANCA Peer and Technical Assistance through consults. More than 50 nature and environmental centers have benefited from consults since 1992. These

consults are offered at very reasonable fees. ANCA's Board of Directors and members provide these services with no personal financial gain, while centers gain the advantage of advice and guidance from some of the nature center profession's most respected and experienced leaders. Organizations that sponsor an ANCA Peer Consult receive the unique benefit of input from nature center directors and senior staff from across the country and offer a forum for extended conversations with professional colleagues. For many clients, it is also the beginning of an ongoing personal network of peers and friends. ANCA consulting services also benefit the organization by providing funds from the consult fee that is used to support board meetings and services to the membership.

This is proving to be a busy year for Peer Consults and there are several that have already occurred and several more that are ready to take place. To find out more about ANCA's Peer Consults, contact Bo Glover, Vice President for Professional Services at boglo@aol.com. We can also put you in contact with any of our previous clients. They are our best advertisements and references.

Keep up the important work you do and hope to see y'all at the Lone Star Summit in Texas this August! 🌻

## Fund the Need!

Thanks to the following members for supporting ANCA's projects:

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## Lone Star Summit

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conference facility. The main complex is adjacent to the hiking trailhead and interpretive trail areas.

Take a short hike to catch a glimpse of many of the hundreds of native Texas plants, birds and mammals that reside at McKinney Roughs, depending on the season. An exhibit hall that showcases the species native to this area of Texas will be a great way to learn about the wildlife that surrounds you.

The Park's natural science center hosts quality science-based educational programs and recreational activities led by a professional staff. Teachers, students, home schoolers, scout troops and other youth groups, as well as government and corporate organizations schedule field trips and visits to learn about the role of the Colorado River in sustaining the area's unique plant and animal life. Program topics include animals and insects, plants and minerals, water quality, interpretive hikes, orienteering, and GPS programs.

### Summit Workshop and Facilitated

Session topics will address issues and challenges faced by all nature center administrators.

### Workshops:

- Integrated Branding and Marketing for Nature Centers: Gretta Bolger - Bolger + Battle, Inc.
- Pattern Writing: Environment and Building Design to Support Human Activity and Natural Processes: Wayne Reckard - The Kubala Washatko Architects, Inc.
- "Zapp, Sapp, and the Nimble Zone": Dealing with Change - A Leader's Role and the Notion of Empowerment: Dr. Michal Anne Lord - Texas Recreation & Park Society

- Beyond Grant Writing: Thinking Outside the Bun: Larry Lancaster - Eagle Grant Services
- Native Landscaping at Your Nature Center: Kelly Bender - Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
- Developing an Employee Manual: David Toman - Delaware Nature Society
- Use Volunteer? Let's Talk! Cathy Devendorf - Chippewa Nature Center

### Facilitated Sessions:

#### Staffing:

- Maturing Your Staff: A Challenge or An Opportunity?



photo by Billy Moore

Bald cypress (*Taxodium distichum*) along the Colorado River.

- Team Building: Is a Challenge Course a Wise Investment for Your Nature Center?
- Volunteer Management: Accomplishing More with Volunteer Labor
- Mediation Techniques: How to Resolve Conflict Quickly and Successfully

#### Land and Facilities Management:

- Controlling invasive species: Identification, control, developing a management plan
- Aging Buildings: From Crisis Management to Planning Ahead
- Playing it Safe: Necessary Training for Your Staff (first aid, CPR, fire/flood plan, etc.)
- Going Native: Creating Native Landscapes at Your Nature Center

#### Management Tools:

- Unified Marketing: Sharing Insights About Branding, Marketing, and Results

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- Getting the Most Out of Your Website/On-line Registration
- What I Would've Done Differently: Panel of Seasoned ANCA Administrators
- Recruiting and Working Successfully With Your Board: Creating the Board You Need
- How to Utilize What You Have: Showcasing Your Center's Niche
- Outdoor Education in an Urban Setting: Nature Education in the City
- Farm Programs: Why Did the Chicken Cross the Road?



*Dining Hall at McKinney Roughs Nature Park.*

photo by Billy Moore

Our Keynote Speaker, Ed Pembleton, works with Pheasants Forever as Director of the Leopold Education Project. Mr. Pembleton's keynote presentation, *Learning to Love the Land: Using Aldo Leopold's Legacy*, will inspire you to think creatively about using Aldo Leopold's land ethic legacy as a framework for the new restoration frontier. Be prepared to be inspired on Thursday night, August 24<sup>th</sup>.

Watch for the Summit brochure in early May. We hope you will be able to join other nature center professionals here in Central Texas at this year's Lone Star Summit.

Take the next step in making your nature center the very best it can be! 🍁

- Strategic Planning - Sharing Ideas, Experiences, and Results
- Small Nature Centers: Unique Aspects of Running a Small Center
- Conferences and Booths: Tracking Business and Benefits of This Type of Marketing

**Government Topics:**

- Partnerships and Collaborations for Success: Panel of Seasoned ANCA Administrators
- School District-run Nature Centers: Challenges and Benefits

**Innovative Programming:**

- Extinction of Experience: The Importance of Getting Children Outside in Nature
- Residential Program: Can Your Center Benefit From Overnight Programs?



*Kayaking and rafting on the Colorado River.*

photo by Billy Moore

**the LONE STAR SUMMIT**  
**McKinney Roughs Nature Park**  
**Austin, Texas**  
**August 24-26, 2006**

Brent Evans  
LMSW-ACP

Co-Author of *The Nature Center Book*  
Cibalo Conservancy  
Boerne, TX

## Where Do The Children Play?

As a social worker, I have to ask: what is urban life doing to our kids? Are children becoming so divorced from nature that artificial worlds are accepted as real, while the natural world is alien to them? How can we prepare the next generation to inherit the Earth, if the next generation has no personal relationship with the Earth? The great indoor migration is putting the health of our children, as well as the planet, at risk. Interpretive programs in the city have never been more important.

Urbanization is a relentless global trend, impacting the biosphere in geological proportions, and changing the texture of culture. Even in the early days of nuclear testing, the Atomic Energy Commission ominously noted that average Americans spent over 95% of their lives indoors. In a recent Hofstra University Study, 70 percent of mothers reported playing outdoors every day when they were young, compared with only 31 percent of their children. Today's parents find it simpler and safer for children to just stay inside.

**Play is the work of children.** The oblivious insulated childhood, sequestered from nature and immersed in electronic fantasy, has limited options for learning, exercise, and creativity. The average American child sees 10,000 television murders before the age of ten. Isolation from nature is becoming so complete that a great disconnect is happening, a disconnect between experience and reality.

In *Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children from Nature Deficit Disorder*, author Richard Louv sees our children so

plugged into television and video games that they are ".the first generation to be raised without meaningful contact with the natural world."

The average seven year-old suburban child has been exposed to over 20,000 advertisements and can identify 200 corporate logos. Yet, they cannot identify the trees growing in their front yard. Larry Schweiger of the National Wildlife Federation asks, "How can they be good stewards if they don't care about trees?"

*Nature centers are providing places and programs that literally put youth in touch with nature. This is where our communities can encourage kids to be kids, to climb trees, play in the creeks, skip rocks, encounter the critters, and dig in the dirt.*

In *The Thunder Tree: Lessons from an Urban Wildland*, author Robert Michael Pyle put it this way: "In the long run, this mass estrangement from things natural bodes ill for the care of the earth. If we are to forge new links to the land, we must resist the extinction of experience. We must save not only the wilderness but the vacant lots, the ditches as well as the canyon lands, and woodlots along with the old growth. We must become believers in the world."

Professor of environmental studies David Orr asks: "What if every class in every educational institution, from preschool through university, adopted a local ecosystem as a means of informing its educational program?" But, test-score obsessed schools are cutting down on field trips. And, outdoor education requires teachers who understand discovery learning and the power of direct experience.

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The two thousand American nature centers face an enormous challenge: how to invite citizens out of their comfortable air-conditioned boxes to experience, fall in love

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with, and defend nature. We must give children parks, natural areas, community gardens, greenways, botanical centers, zoos, aquariums, nature centers, and the encouragement to step outside of their “virtual reality.”

**Children need to explore the undomesticated world.** The reclusive sedentary childhood promotes obesity, social isolation, and a lack of compassion. Minimally supervised outdoor play promotes curiosity and confidence. Children become more healthy and conservation-minded by playing hide-and-seek in the woods than by studying the decline of distant rain forests.

People who participate in more outdoor activities report significantly greater satisfaction with their personal lives. On the other hand, when mammals are crowded into zoos, the consequences are: aggression, hoarding of food, depression, neglect and abuse of the young, and loss of immune system. Does any of this sound familiar? Is short-sighted urban planning giving us the same zoo-like results? Simply adding grass and trees to public housing developments is linked to fewer reports of domestic violence and stronger neighborhood ties. **Humans need contact with nature.**

My experience with adolescents in psychiatric hospitals was that volunteering at local parks was more therapeutic than standard psychotherapy. When kids work on conservation projects and feel their own worth, they are less obsessed with personal frustrations. The American Journal of Public Health reports that spending time in parks, farms or grassy backyards reduces symptoms of ADHD. Wilderness therapy works

**Nature centers shine by inspiring good local stewardship.** Talented interpreters can engage their audiences, ask challenging questions, and make conservation fun. This is how top-notch interpretation differs from informing. At its best, interpretation provokes. Interpretation can arouse action. Interpretation can promote care for the land and the children.



*Children need nature's nutrition.*

photo by Kerry Phillip

For example: seventeen years ago in Kendall County, Texas, we started a little nature center, researched others, and eventually wrote *The Nature Center Book: How to Create and Nurture a Nature Center in Your Community*. Our organization recently spearheaded a successful \$5,000,000 county bond election for parks and natural areas, with hiking trails and river recreation. And,

wonders with all kinds of children.

Many suburban neighborhoods have little more natural area than impoverished inner city slums. Flood plains and creeks are stripped of vegetation and channeled. Houses are spaced close together, with monotonous postage stamp yards. By advocating for parks and natural areas, citizens can shape communities that fascinate and vitalize children.

we are not alone. According to the Trust for Public Land, 85% of bond elections for natural areas have passed in the last ten years.

**People are hungry for the natural world and for a sense of community.** You will undoubtedly find kindred spirits at nature centers. And, you will find those children, those stewards of the future, the ones we can't afford to lose. 🍂

# Profiles:

## Environmental Nature Center & \$4.5 Million!

**Bo Glover**  
**Executive Director**  
**Environmental Nature Center**  
**Newport Beach, CA**

The Environmental Nature Center in Newport Beach, California was awarded a 4.5 million dollar gift from the Harry and Grace Steele Foundation, one of Orange County, California's oldest and most respected philanthropic organizations. The donation to the Environmental Nature Center was the culminating contribution from the Steele Foundation which has made prior contributions of more than \$170 million since 1954 primarily to projects and organizations within Orange County, CA.

The Environmental Nature Center will use the gift for the much-needed construction of a new building including a hands-on museum and classrooms. The ENC plans to incorporate sustainable design concepts in its new building to create an environmentally responsible structure that embodies the stewardship ethics its interpretive programming is meant to foster. Funds will also be set aside for the Center's endowment. The ENC has been operating out of a trailer for over 30 years and The Steele Foundation gift will allow the Center to significantly expand its physical site and educational programs.

The Environmental Nature Center, known simply to thousands of visiting students through the years as "The ENC", is 3.5 acres of what was once a litter-filled gully behind the local high school. Today, it is a fascinating combination of 15 California native plant communities (ranging from a

desert, to an oak woodland, to a fresh water marsh, to a redwood forest), wildlife habitats, and walking trails. For over 34 years, the ENC has been

made to the ENC was because she valued the Center's influence on the children of our community and she was very concerned about something she



*The Environmental Nature Center received a \$4.5 million gift from the Harry and Grace Steele Foundation. The funds will be used to replade the existing modular building with a new sustainably designed interpretive center.*

shaped and caressed into a landscape for learning, a sanctuary from life's pressures and a place of preservation and instruction. Serving over 15,000 students and thousands of visitors annually, the ENC is recognized as a leader in science and social science education providing opportunities for increasing our community's knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of the natural world.

I was delighted to discover why this significant gift was given to our nature center. Audrey Steele Burnand, daughter of Harry and Grace, stated that the major reason the gift was

read in the media termed "Nature Deficit Disorder." The mentioning of Richard Louv's book began a long discussion about the "extinction of experience" and ANCA's role in bringing these issues to the forefront of our long-term commitment to environmental education.

I'd like to think that ANCA played a role in securing this gift for our center. Let's make sure we continue to fight the good fight by remaining focused on the mission and core values of our centers. Good things will happen. 🍁

# Brent Evans RECEIVES AWARD!

For twenty years, Brent Evans has been working as a volunteer on conservation projects in Kendall County. He has recently been named to receive the State's top honor to an individual working on environmental issues: the Texas Environmental Excellence Award.

"The Texas Environmental Excellence Awards (TEEA), celebrate the bold efforts of citizens, communities, businesses, and organizations to preserve and protect the Texas environment." TEEA is a program of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. The goal: "to protect our state's human and natural resources and ensure clean air, clean water, and safe management of waste." Visit the web site at [www.teea.org](http://www.teea.org)

Beginning in 2003 as a volunteer activist, Brent Evans conceived and developed a system of parks and natural areas for Kendall County. Partnering with County Commissioners Court, the Texas Nature Conservancy, the Cibolo Conservancy, Trust for Public Land, Texas Parks and Wildlife, the Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance, and the Cibolo Nature Center, Evans created a prototype for grassroots activism in a Texas county with no existing park system. He educated the County about the need for parks and natural areas, developed citizen advisory committees, raised funds for a public poll, and constructed an innovative Master Plan using an advanced GIS land modeling protocol. The parks master plan was reviewed by the Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife, and found to be exemplary. It can be viewed on the Kendall County website: [www.co.kendall.tx.us](http://www.co.kendall.tx.us). It recommended a land acquisition fund, which could grow with grants, donations, and future bond elections.

Evans then spearheaded the bond campaign with signs, ads, and letters to editors. Kendall County voters overwhelmingly passed Proposition One, establishing a \$5,000,000 fund for a new county park system that promotes conservation of natural areas. He now heads an advisory committee for land acquisition, and the County is in the process of purchasing land. The system will provide outdoor recreation, and protect critical water resources and wildlife habitat. He is currently organizing a non-profit

organization, the Kendall County Partnership for Parks, to support the County Park system.

Evans' history of environmental activism includes the founding the Cibolo Nature Center with his wife, Carolyn Chipman Evans in 1988. He is now focused on the protection of the Upper Cibolo and Guadalupe River watersheds in Kendall County. The Upper Cibolo Watershed feeds into Boerne City Lake, the primary water source for the City of Boerne, then winds through Boerne, the Cibolo Nature Center, and then goes into a primary aquifer recharge area, disappearing underground. This "Cibolo Conservation Corridor" has been named by the Cibolo Nature Center as a vital area to be protected from pollution and over-development. 🌿



## FREE Astronomy Training for Informal Science Educators Apply Now!

Astronomy from the Ground Up is a National Science Foundation funded program developed to provide educators from science centers/museums, nature centers, and natural history museums with new ways to communicate modern astronomy to their visitors. Applications are now being accepted for our November 15-17, 2006 workshop in Boston, Massachusetts, and educators in the Northeast are especially encouraged to apply at this time. At the workshop you will learn fun techniques to present astronomy topics and to interpret current astronomical events and discoveries. Astronomy from the Ground Up was created by the Astronomical Society of the Pacific (ASP) in collaboration with the National Optical Astronomy Observatory (NOAO) and the Association of Science-Technology Centers (ASTC). For more information, including how to apply, visit: <http://www.astrosociety.org/afgu>

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- ANCA provides our members with an annual membership guide. Please list my institution in the brochure as follows:

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# ANCA Technical Consults: *YOUR FRIEND IN THE BUSINESS!*

ANCA offers consulting assistance to nature centers and other environmental education organizations at very reasonable rates. The fee includes the cost of transportation, lodging, and meals for the team, plus a \$2,750 fee that goes toward supporting ANCA's professional services and planning. Our Board of Directors, and members, provide these services with no personal financial gain, while you gain the advantage of advice and guidance from some of the profession's most respected and experienced leaders.

What can be covered? Well, just about anything involved with planning, funding, and operations. Some topics include:

- Assistance with long range and strategic planning
- Review education programs, exhibits, or trails
- Mission focus
- Fundraising and fiscal management
- Facility planning
- Starting a center
- Management strategies and use planning

We know the business, we're in it too!

## JOIN THE TEAM!

ANCA's Consult Services are a success because of it's members' participation on Consult Teams. Please consider sharing your experiences and lessons learned.

Consult Team members donate their time but all expenses are paid. Participating in a Consult is a great way to see other parts of the country, learn about other nature and environmental learning centers, and take home valuable knowledge for your own center.

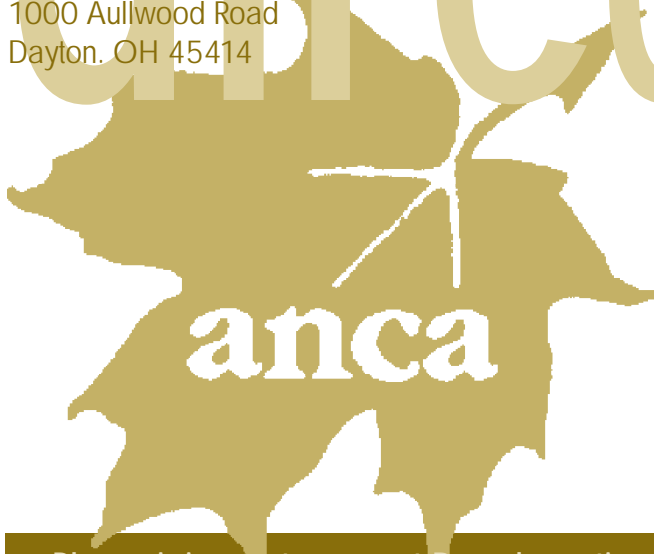
So don't delay!!! PLEASE fill out the skills survey on ANCA's web site at [natctr.org](http://natctr.org). Do it ASAP so we can tap into your experiences and skills!

## To find out more about

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