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Fourth Annual Geronimo and Alligator Creeks Cleanup Slated for April 2

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SEGUIN –The fourth annual Geronimo and Alligator Creeks Cleanup Event has been set for April 2 from 9 a.m. to noon, said event coordinators.

The event is presented by the Geronimo and Alligator Creeks Partnership as part of implementation efforts for the area's watershed protection plan. It is supported by the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority, the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and numerous individuals, businesses and other stakeholders.

"As a volunteer, you can help protect Geronimo and Alligator Creeks by collecting trash from several target areas that drain to the creeks," said Ward Ling, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service program specialist and watershed coordinator.

To register, go to <http://www.geronimocreek.org/> and click on the registration form under the Clean Up announcement or contact Ling at 979-845-6980 or wling@tamu.edu. Volunteers can include teams organized by the sponsors and neighborhood groups, as well as individual citizens who are concerned about the welfare of the creeks.

Ling said participants can meet at any of the three locations:

- Parker Lumber parking lot, 1555 E. Court St., Seguin.
- Navarro Junior High School parking lot, 6450 N. State Highway 123, Seguin.
- New Braunfels Regional Airport at the corner of Airport Road and Entrance Drive.

Volunteers should arrive by 9 a.m. for breakfast tacos and to get event T-shirts, safety instructions and supplies. Trash bags and a limited supply of gloves and pick-up tools will be available, but volunteers are encouraged to bring their own gloves and tools and to dress appropriately for outdoor work and weather conditions.

"Last year's event was a great success and we want this year's cleanup to be bigger and better," said Mike Urrutia, director of water quality services for the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority. "This would not have been possible without the support from our sponsors and the hundreds of volunteers who devoted their time and efforts to that cleanup."

Ling said the number of event sponsors continues to grow and current sponsors include: Alamo Group, Becker's Feed & Fertilizer, Continental, Corona Visions, Crossroads Veterinary Hospital, Ehler's Tree Farm, Guadalupe County Groundwater Conservation District, Geronimo Creek Retreat, Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority, HEB, Planet Fitness, Parker's Building Supply, Progressive Waste Solutions, The City of New Braunfels, Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church, and Thrivent Financial.

"There is still time to be a sponsor," he said. For information on becoming a sponsor, go to <http://www.geronimocreek.org/>.

The City of New Braunfels and Progressive Waste are donating large disposal containers to collect the trash and providing disposal free of charge.

"We are overwhelmed by the outpouring of support from the community we have already received for this year's event," Ling



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said. "Everyone is invited to come join the effort."

The Geronimo and Alligator Creeks Watershed Protection Plan was developed by local stakeholders after water quality monitoring data showed elevated concentrations of bacteria and nitrogen in the creeks. The plan outlines strategies to restore and protect water quality in the creeks. Quarterly meetings are held to discuss progress and plan activities, and all citizens are encouraged to attend and get involved. Go to <http://www.geronimocreek.org/> for more information.

A Clean Water Act grant was provided to the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension by the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board and EPA to facilitate the development and implementation of this watershed protection plan.