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Education & Outreach Summer 2022 - Summer 2023



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General Education & Outreach Overview

The past year was a busy and exciting period of education and outreach opportunities.

During this time, in addition to improving and completely updating our website and social media presence, ANRA staff participated in various in-person events and meetings that significantly furthered the reach of the CRP program by strengthening ties with existing partnerships and developing relationships with new organizations.

A graphic featuring a laptop displaying the new website. Above the laptop, a dark blue banner contains the text "Check out our new website & logo!". To the right of the banner, the website URL "www.anra.org" is displayed. The background is decorated with various blue icons representing different aspects of the organization's work. Below the laptop, the text "New look. Same vision." is written in a blue box. To the right of this text are three logos: the ANRA logo, a stylized blue wave logo, and the official seal of the State of Texas.



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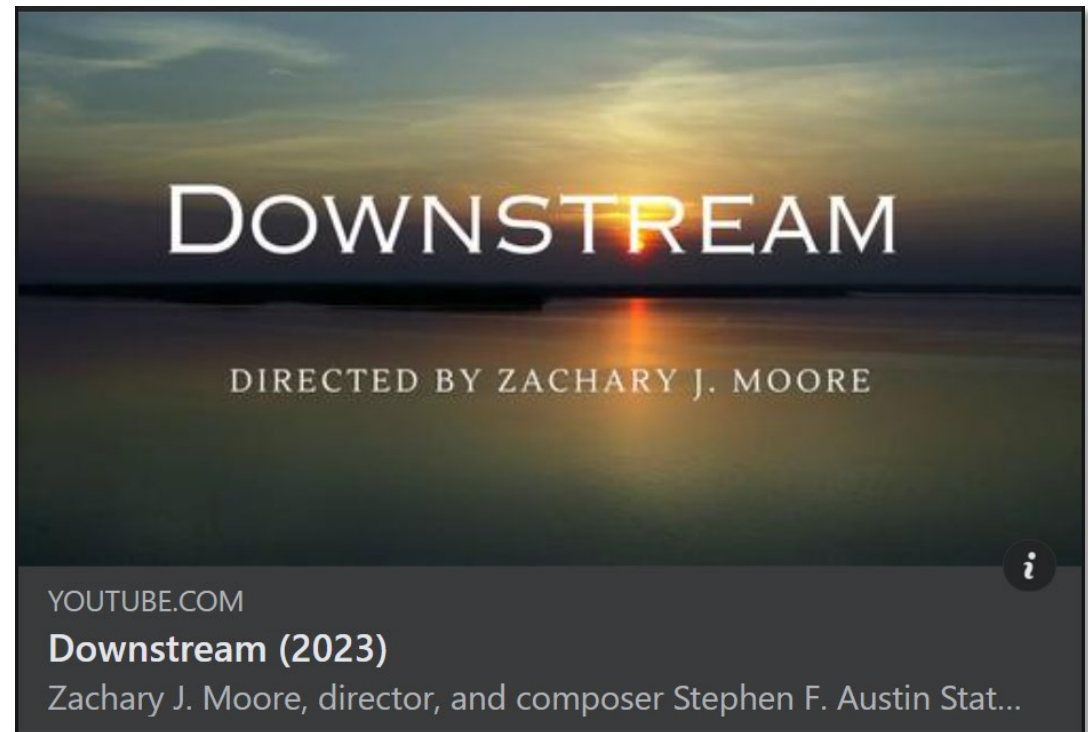
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Documentary

Zachary J. Moore, Composer and Arranger, asked ANRA to be a part of his Stephen F. Austin State University master's thesis project, which resulted in the premier of his beautifully-done documentary "Downstream." This was a first for ANRA and something we are very proud to have been a part of and hope to do again.



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Alligator Snapping Turtle Awareness Campaign

HAVE YOU SEEN THIS TURTLE?



Alligator snapping turtles are a threatened species and protected in Texas. We are asking for help reporting sightings of these turtles. Alligator snapping turtles have a large triangular head and three distinct ridges on their shell.

IT IS ILLEGAL TO INTENTIONALLY KILL, INJURE, OR HARASS THESE TURTLES.

If you accidentally catch one, it should be returned to its habitat, as close as possible to the spot where it was caught.

Report alligator snapping turtle sightings (live or dead) along with a photo, GPS coordinates, and any measurements to the Angelina & Neches River Authority at:

www.anra.org

wildlife@anra.org

tpwd.texas.gov



In partnership with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, this project is to raise awareness of the listing status of the Alligator Snapping Turtle. Data is reported to the East Texas Species of Concern database.



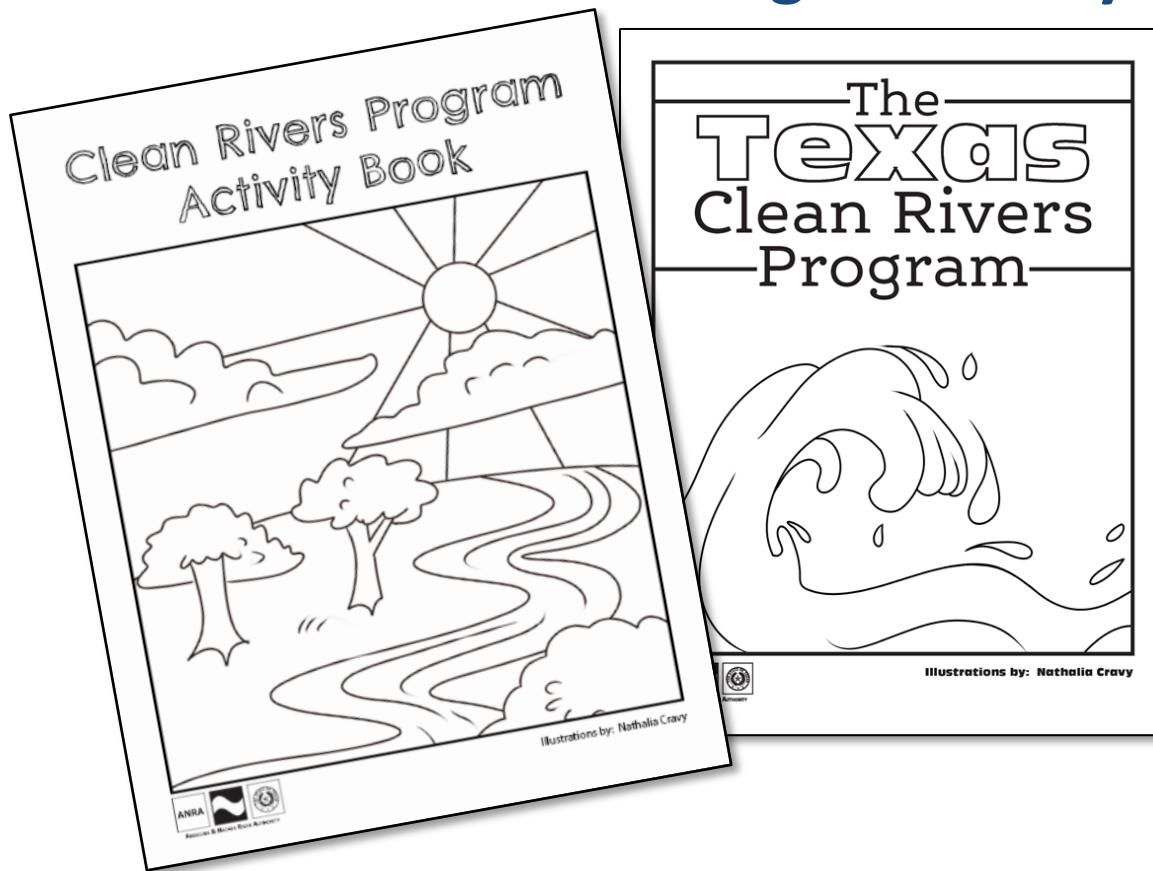
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Coloring & Activity Books



Nearly 1,000
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Version 2.0 coming
Spring 2024



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Meetings & Partnerships

Nearly 50 different meetings with individual volunteers and program and community partners, including, Keep Nacogdoches Beautiful, Texas Master Naturalist – Longleaf Ridge Chapter, Lufkin High School, Nacogdoches Homeschool Association, Diboll ISD, Hackberry Bunkhouse & Kayak Rentals, Angelina Beautiful/Clean, Keep Whitehouse Beautiful, Keep Jasper Beautiful, Texas A&M Agrilife Extension, Texas Master Gardeners, Huntington All-Around 4-H, U.S. Forest Service – National Forests and Grasslands in Texas, Stephen F. Austin State University, and more!



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Presentations & Public Outreach

ANRA staff made eight water quality presentations and participated in general outreach efforts to more than 1,500 students, parents, teachers, and community members at multiple locations and events, including Diboll Career Day, Lufkin High School's environmental science classes, Longleaf Ridge Texas Master Naturalists monthly meetings, Huntington All-Around 4H Club meeting, and provided a talk and tour of ANRA's Central Office Facility and Environmental Laboratory to students at St. Cyprian's School.



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Texas Stream Team



Staff attended E. coli training in San Marcos and also trained 32 volunteers at four and trained two trainers-in-training at throughout the year, in various locations in the Upper Neches River Basin and in the Lower Neches River Basin, in partnership with the Lower Neches River Valley Authority.

In addition, ANRA received two sponsorships (one still in progress) allowing us to house 10 TXST kits for volunteer use.



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Stash Your Trash Litter Bag Campaign

In Fall 2022, ANRA partnered with four Keep Texas Beautiful affiliates to educate the public about the negative effects and widespread problem of litter in the Neches River Basin.

Currently, about 20 different businesses, including gas stations, parks and recreation departments, and marinas, are also helping to distribute litter bags to the public. In less than one year, 6,000 have been distributed!



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STASH YOUR TRASH!

Special thanks to our program partners!



GRAB IT!

Grab one (or more!) of our free litter bags and you're one step closer to helping prevent and eradicate waterway litter! Woo-hoo! Don't forget to tell others about our bags!

STASH IT!

Stash your trash in the bag when enjoying outdoor recreational events such as swimming, boating, fishing, and hiking - and stash any litter you find, even if it's not your own.

TRASH IT!

Reuse your bag (or repurpose it!) or properly dispose of it in a public-use trash receptacle or with your own household garbage. (Please don't return bags to ANRA!)

Thanks for helping us keep our waterways clean, healthy, and safe!

STASH YOUR TRASH!

Thank you for keeping our waterways litter-free when enjoying outdoor recreational activities!

Padding



Swimming



Boating



Camping



Hiking



Fishing



Bags NOT intended to be used in place of regular household garbage trash bags!

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Stash Your Trash Events

ANRA sponsored and hosted a “Stash Your Trash” competition at two separate fishing tournaments on the Neches River, with more than 1,500 participants involved.

More than 1,000 pounds of litter was collected at these events.




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Stash Your Trash & Cleanup Events

Bags were also distributed at events, including Earth Day activities in partnership with Keep Nacogdoches Beautiful and the Nacogdoches Public Library and at the Whitehouse Farmer's Market, in partnership with Keep Whitehouse Beautiful.

ANRA staff also participated in a four roadway, urban area, and stream clean up events in partnership with Keep Nacogdoches Beautiful at the Banita Creek Reserve, the Texas Blueberry Festival in downtown Nacogdoches, and general roadway areas.



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Recent & Upcoming FY 2024 Activities

What will you do when you **intern** @ anra this summer?



Explore the 8,500 square miles of the Neches River Basin with a flexible schedule

Be part of the team working to protect water quality for future generations

Gain hands-on experience & learn from experts in the field

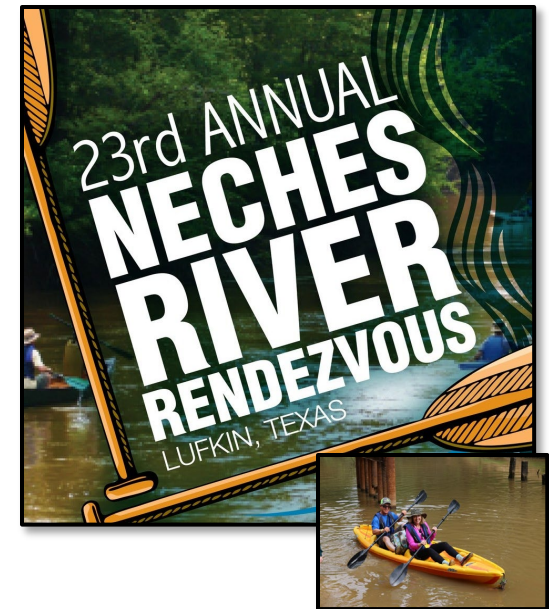
WELCOME TO YOUR NEW OFFICE.
You won't be making coffee for the boss out here.

Qualifications Checklist

- ✓ Currently enrolled at Stephen F. Austin State University
- ✓ Graduate or senior undergraduate-level student preferred
- ✓ Course-related experience in science or environmental fields
- ✓ Minimum GPA of 2.75

Apply on Handshake - Job #7687107 Questions? Contact us!
Deadline: May 1, 2023 www.anra.org 936-633-7507 kwagner@anra.org @anratx on

This is an unpaid internship opportunity.



Texas Stream Team trainings - Internship program - Summer Camp involvement -
Coloring & Activity Books (version 2.0) - Improved Stash Your Trash campaign -
Battle of the Banks - Neches River Rendezvous



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