

friends of LAGUNA ATASCOSA national wildlife refuge

AUGUST 2019

First Catch Family Fish Camp of 2019 a Success

The Friends group received a grant from TPWD to host several First Catch Family Fish Camps at Bahia Grande, along with several school field trips in the fall. This program is in partnership with Texas Parks and Wildlife, [Fishing's Future](#) and the [Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation](#). We had 7 families come out and learn all things from knots and bait basics, to casting and aquatic ecology! Thanks to all the volunteers and partners who made this event possible. We'll be having a 2nd Family Fish Camp in September, so make sure you continue to check our newsletters and are following us on the [Friends Facebook](#) page and the [Refuge Facebook page](#) so you can see when registration begins. This event fills up quickly.



Our young angler caught a large snook and TPWD tagged it before releasing it.

Upcoming Events

August 24 - Youth Watercolor Class

Time: 10AM-12PM

Info: For ages 8-18. Join us for an outdoor watercolor class at Laguna Atascosa. Please arrive 10 min. early to allow time to check-in. All supplies provided but you may bring your own supplies if you wish.



Meet at: The event will be held at Osprey Overlook, but check-in first at the Visitor Center.

Fees: \$3 per child + \$3 per vehicle admission fee

Only 10 spots! Must register by calling (956) 748-3607. [More info here](#)

What's up at Laguna? *On the Road Again!*

The asphalt mixture has finally been approved and road construction on Buena Vista Blvd has resumed! Whoo hoo!



New Ocelot Intern Kelly Crandall

Kelly joined the ocelot monitoring program at Laguna Atascosa in March and has been greatly enjoying her time in the valley. Kelly grew up in a small town in western New York and got her degree in Animal Science from Cornell University in 2018. Passionate for all things wildlife, Kelly has previously studied wildlife conservation in Tanzania for a semester, worked as an education ambassador at the Cayuga Nature Center in Ithaca, NY, and completed a wildlife rehabilitation externship at the Wildlife Center of



Virginia. When she's not crawling through the thorn scrub, you can catch Kelly on sea turtle patrol on SPI, hiking in the local parks, checking out bachata nights, and exploring Laguna Atascosa. Kelly is looking forward to seeing the seasons of LANWR and improving her birding skills as well as joining the fall class of Texas Master Naturalists. If you see Kelly around, be sure to introduce yourself!

Wear your Laguna Pride

Show your love of Laguna Atascosa this summer with **Laguna gear**. Our staff picks this month are the ocelot bandana and bobcat bobblehead pin



Save Texas Ocelots

The last remaining ocelots in the United States are found only in Texas. You can help save these beautiful endangered cats and help spread the word about protecting Texas Ocelots by buying this specialty license plate for your vehicle for only \$30.00 additional.

Friends of Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge will receive \$22.00 from the sale of every Save Texas Ocelots license plate, 100% of which will go to Ocelot Conservation. [Buy Now](#)

[Adopt an Ocelot](#)

Ocelots need your help. You can Adopt an Ocelot to help our population of endangered cats survive and thrive in South Texas. [Adopt Now](#)



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(if you can't reach us on this line, please call the cell phone at 956-244-2019).

Refuge remains open daily, sunrise - sunset

Refuge Entrance Fee

\$3 per vehicle cash or check ONLY.

Please check in at the Visitor Center to get a required vehicle pass.

Go to the [Refuge Site](#)



CAUTION! STILL A CONSTRUCTION ZONE!

We are still looking forward to the completion of construction on Buena Vista. Please drive slowly and expect delays as they begin laying asphalt. Also, work will begin on improving parking at the Visitors Center, so please follow all safety signs.

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