

**UGRA Annual River Clean Up
Schedule and Instructions
July 27, 2024**

8:00 am: Registration at Flat Rock Park

1. Fill out waiver, receive free T-shirt, pizza/hot dog ticket, and raffle ticket.
2. Receive gloves, vests (optional), trash bags, trash grabbers, and WATER.
3. Receive Clean Up site assignment.

*****If you registered online and have all of your clean up supplies, then you can report directly to your clean up location. Your t-shirt, raffle ticket, etc. is already reserved for.**

8:00- 11:00 am: Clean Up

1. Set out to your clean up location, have fun and be safe. As a group, review the tips on the following page before you begin.
2. As you start to pick up trash, search for big and unusual items because we will be awarding prizes in these categories.
3. Keep an eye out for the “Trash to Treasure Hunt” items. Three items that do not belong in or around the river have been labeled with radio station stickers and hidden somewhere in Kerr County. If you find one of the items, bring it back to Flat Rock Park at 11 am to claim your \$100 prize.

11:00 am: Return to Flat Rock Park

1. Return to Flat Rock Park with your trash if you have not already dropped it off at one of the drop off locations (Guadalupe Park, Louise Hays Park, and Center Point dam).
2. Get your free pizza slice or hot dog, drinks, and snacks.
3. Visit Ecological Fair exhibits*
4. Stake out your spot for the wrap up activities. Feel free to bring chairs, blankets, and tents.

11:30 am - 12:00 pm: Wrap Up

1. Distribute prizes for the biggest and most unusual items and Trash to Treasure Hunt winners.
2. Drawing for prizes. 11:45 am SHARP! Only one prize per individual. Must be present to win!!
3. Pack up and have a great day!

*Don't forget to visit the exhibits from Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Riverside Nature Center, Hill Country Master Naturalists, Hill Country Master Gardeners, Texas A&M Forest Service, Rockoff Tree Solutions, Keep West Kerr Beautiful, and UGRA. They will be available from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Tips

1. SAFETY FIRST
2. Be aware of your surroundings and the potential hazards associated with them, such as tree branches, poison ivy, insects, and snakes. Please pay attention to traffic, especially if you are cleaning up at low water crossings or along roadways.
3. Be aware of broken glass, sharp objects, and other potentially hazardous materials. If you cannot pick up something safely, leave it where it is. **DO NOT** pick up any needles you may find.
4. Be prepared – **THIS IS HARD WORK!!**
 - a. Wear a hat and lightweight clothing to protect you from the heat and drink plenty of water to stay hydrated.
 - b. Wear leather work gloves. UGRA will have a limited quantity of work gloves available for volunteers to borrow, but please bring your own if you can.
 - c. Wear clothing and shoes that are appropriate for getting wet and dirty.
 - d. Protect yourself from the sun and bugs by applying sunscreen and insect repellent as needed.
 - e. If you have been assigned to a rugged site, protect yourself from sticks, thorns, and brush by wearing long pants and long sleeves.
 - f. Be ready to walk – the trash will not come to you.
5. Some areas may be overgrown with vegetation. Be sure you can see where you are placing your foot to avoid stepping on uneven ground.
6. Please do not enter private property.
7. Work in teams.
8. Take an occasional break.
9. Don't overstuff your bag.
10. Don't worry too much about sticks, leaf litter and "natural" debris. These items provide essential habitat for fish and other animals and are important to a healthy river.