

TGR Supporting a New Generation of Water Leaders

The headline reads, "Growing the Next Generation of Water Leaders." Given the obvious importance of water in everyone's lives, that statement found at the Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors Program website couldn't be more important to our State's future. And, it is a key reason that the Trinity Glen Rose Groundwater Conservation District (TGR) is a sponsor of these young people and their mentors.

"When you're actually involved in managing a water conservation district or water utility, you tend to be focused on current operations needs and planning requirements," said TGR Assistant General Manager Amanda Maloukis. "But as we learn more and advance in developing and protecting our water sources, we need to remember that at some point we will be transferring our duties to young professionals. So it only makes sense for us to dedicate some time and resources to informing and involving that next generation of water managers and leaders in the water industry. That's why the Trinity Glen Rose District is so supportive of the 4-H Ambassadors."



The Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors Program was formed in 2017 and now has representation in 42 Texas counties. Every spring, up to 30 high school youth are selected to participate in a summer 4-H2O Leadership Academy. Students travel throughout Texas to learn how water is collected, conveyed, treated, conserved and managed to meet the needs of Texans and the State's economy.

Here is a brief rundown of the 4-H Water Ambassadors accomplishments in 2022:

- Tier I, II III and IV 4-H2O Leadership Academies were held last summer and included water and leadership training.
- Multiple continuing education virtual seminars were held throughout the year.
- Spring and fall retreats were held at the Texas 4-H Conference Center.
- The group reported 2,092 hours of education and service in their communities valued at \$62,670 and have reached more than 21,000 youth and adults across the state.



Members of last summer's 4-H2O Leadership Academy visited the new Edwards Aquifer Education Outreach Center.

The online application process for 2023 will begin March 15 and run through May 1. Please feel free to share information and encourage youth to apply at: www.texas4hwaterambassadors.com/application.

The role of a 4-H Water Ambassador requires youth who are dedicated, mature, dependable and have a genuine interest in water and natural resources. To be considered for selection, youth must:

- Be in high school or entering high school in the 2023/2024 academic year
- Be 14 years of age or older by August 31, 2023
- Be a current 4-H member, or be willing to join a local 4-H club if selected 💧

TGR Board Appoints New Precinct 5 Representative



The Trinity Glen Rose District Board (TGR) recently appointed Katrina Waring Castillo to fill its vacant Precinct 5 seat. Precinct 5 is located on the eastern reach of the Trinity Glen Rose District and is the second largest precinct in geographic size. TGR Board positions are elected positions and Castillo will need to run for re-election in May of 2024 to continue to serve the District.

Castillo has more than 25 years of experience in Information Technology leadership, data management, program management and application development. She currently leads the Central Texas Data & Analytics practice for Slalom which is a world-renowned consulting company with 13,000 consultants. 💧

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Did you know...

The Trinity Aquifer recharges very slowly and it is estimated that only about 4-5% of rainfall in the Northern Bexar County area ends up recharging the Trinity Aquifer. However, the Trinity Aquifer does recharge the Edwards Aquifer through its geologic layers.