Austin Youth River Watch



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Graduation & The Environment



After School

- 100+ Students per year come once a week
- Go in the Van to do Water Testing on the Creek or the River
 - 20+ sites
- River Watch EcoHouse at Hornsby Bend good times
 - Snacks
 - Homework Support
 - Basketball
 - 1/3 mile walk to river
 - Pond and Garden



Water Quality Tests

• Nitrates – plant food – comes from fertilizers, sewage spills, breakdown of natural materials like leaves

Conductivity – how much pollution is dissolved in the

water

• pH – acid or base – usually 6.5 – 9.0

Field Notes and Observations

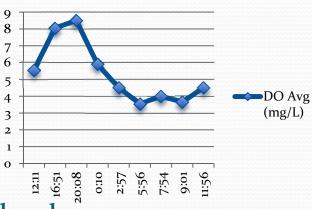




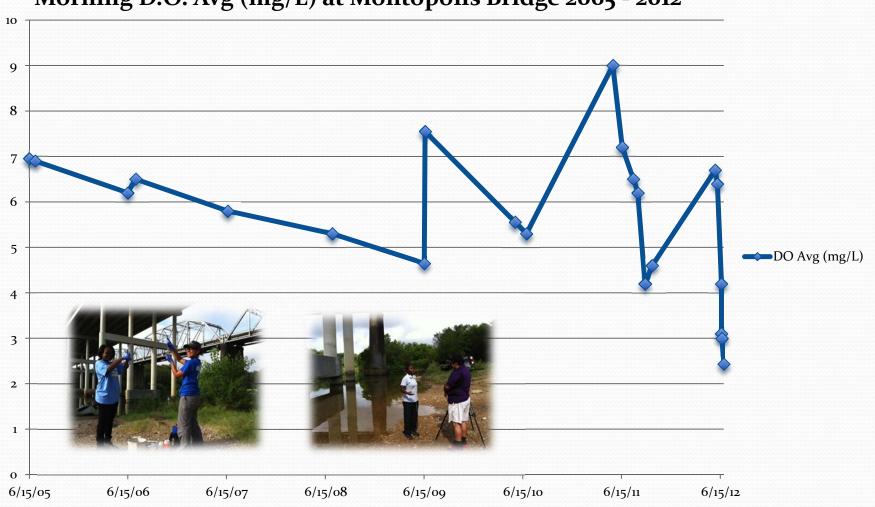
Dissolved Oxygen

- Air and Water Temperature cold water holds more D.O.
- Dissolved Oxygen
 - 4 12 mg/L normal
 - Below 4 stresses fish and aquatic life
 - Below 2 can threaten their lives
 - Respiration lower at night
 - Photosynthesis higher D.O. during the day
- Lower Flow this Warm Season
 - Rice Farmers for the last 70-80 Years 8 foot release
 - Now: low flow

DO Avg (mg/L)



Morning D.O. Avg (mg/L) at Montopolis Bridge 2005 - 2012



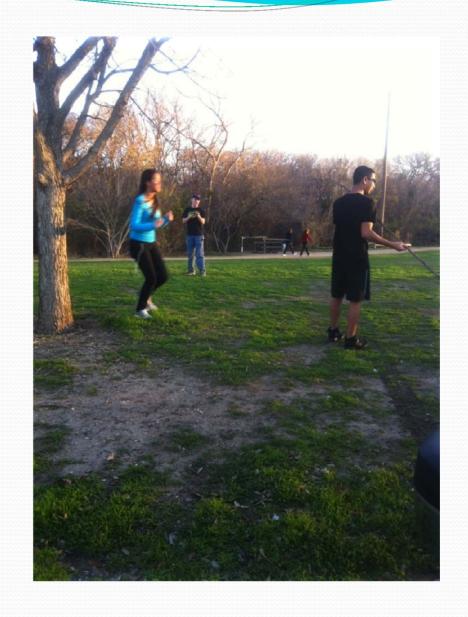
Fidel's Story

New Adventures

• Board Service



Student Stories



Different Schools Interactions

Monday: East Side Memorial & Crockett

Tuesday: Lanier & Austin

Wednesday: Reagan & Akins

Thursday: McCallum & Travis

Friday: LBJ/LASA



Graduation Support

Nearly 100% of our River Watch Seniors have Graduated over the course of our 20 Year History!



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