

## Community Programs & Annual School Events



- \* **Calendar Contest**—area 4th & 5th graders compete in a water conservation artwork contest. Winners are featured in the district calendar and receive cash prizes!
- \* **Scholarship Essay Contest**—graduating seniors are encouraged to apply for local scholarship funds by writing an essay targeting a specific water related issue. Topics are released to schools in October allowing students ample time for research.
- \* **Rainwater Harvesting Workshops**—Each water district hosts an annual RWH workshop, giving away rain barrels and rain chains to participants.
- \* **Summer Library Reading Programs , Story Hour, & YC Literacy**—programs are presented at local libraries & learning centers incorporating hands-on learning activities and literacy for all ages.
- \* **“Oil & Ag Days”, “Birds, Bugs & Buffalo”, “Y.C. Jamboree”, “Kids, Kows & More”, “LEAD”, “ACE”, etc-** SOCOP provides learning activities & assists in full day events to help students learn about conserving water as well as other Ag related topics!



## Education Library Resources

Classroom teachers, educators, or citizens are welcome to visit Llano Estacado UWCD, Sandy Land UWCD, or South Plains UWCD office to pick up informational pamphlets on a variety of water related issues.

Children’s books, as well as other materials (DVD’s, novels, reference material, etc.) are available to local citizens . A list of book titles and DVD’s is available from the Education & Outreach Coordinator.



## Curriculum Resource

Educators are invited to solicit help from the Education & Outreach Coordinator to assist in presentation or development of hands-on, engaging, TEKS focused lessons for K-12 students .

Lesson presentations will integrate Social Studies, Science, Reading, Writing, Math, or the Arts with an overall focus on water conservation.

The Major Rivers Curriculum (2002) is available free of charge to classroom teachers. Major Rivers was specifically written for 4th grade classrooms in Texas under the direction of the Texas Water Development Board.

Other educator’s guides such as *Project WET*, *Conserve Water! Healthy Water Healthy People*, *WOW! The Wonders of Wetlands*, *Discover a Watershed* series, & *Give Water a Hand* are available on loan to local educators.

SOCOP also helps to connect professionals from other agencies (TTU, WTAMU, SPC, Texas Agri-Life Extension, USDA, area Ag business leaders, etc.) with area teachers and students.



## Why an Education Cooperative?

- ⇒ Multiple rural areas can be impacted in a short period of time
- ⇒ Each of the three groundwater districts share similar aquifer conditions enabling key messages to be conveyed uniformly across the region
- ⇒ Cooperation among the groundwater districts establishes a unified message for maximum impact on conservation efforts
- ⇒ Fiscal resources are combined to enable development of high quality instructional outreach programs, materials, and resources thus saving taxpayer dollars



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Serving Gaines, Terry, and Yoakum counties in West Texas – Schools, civic groups, local citizens, or anyone interested in water conservation may contact us to schedule a program.



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## "SOCOP" – Our Mission

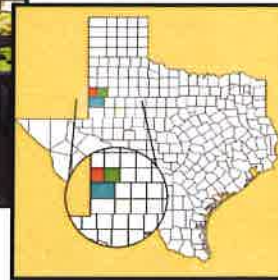


Aqua Cop™ reminds us ALL to STOP and consider water conservation as a way of life to make "Every Drop Count!"

The Southern Ogallala Conservation & Outreach Program (SOCOP) was created in 2007 as an educational cooperative serving four water districts in West Texas. Currently, three districts equally share the cost to employ an education and public relations coordinator to carry out the program's mission—

"Educating communities today to save water tomorrow!"

Programs can be requested for groups of any size, age, or interest. SOCOP's goal is to educate citizens of all ages on the importance of water conservation by providing engaging, interactive lessons or programs . . . "free of charge" to the public.



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## "SOCOP" Educational Program Guide

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"Stop the Drip...Save a Drop!"

