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Left: The canoe launch at T.W. Richardson Grove, 13 feet under water.
Right: Councilman Gerald Farris, Code Enforcement officer Lukas Kratochvil and daughter Sasha were among the volunteers at the park.

KIB WELCOMES SPRING WITH THE "DON'T MESS WITH TEXAS TRASH-OFF"

Keep Irving Beautiful and 20 dedicated volunteers gathered at T.W. Richardson Grove Park on Saturday, March 31 for the annual spring cleanup. The much-needed rains that fell in the days prior to the event led to a change in plans from a waterway to a land cleanup. The volunteers collected 400 pounds of material and helped to keep the number one pollutant - litter - out of the Elm Fork of the Trinity River. This was KIB's contribution to the state-wide "Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off" and Irving's kick-off event for the nation-wide "Great American Cleanup."



MARCH HIGHLIGHTS:

- March 14: Environmental skit at Senter Park. North Lake Service Learning students dressed as Kirby, Buddy the Blue Bag and the Litterbug to teach 18 Spring Break campers about the importance of recycling.
- March 20: Earth Day Planning for North Lake Event
- March 21: Monthly Board Meeting
- March 24: KIB helped make the City of Irving's Community Fest at Senter Park a "Green Event" by supplying recycling stations. Three Board members and nine NLC students donated 51 hours of volunteer time.
- March 31: The annual Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off/ Great American Cleanup, KIB's signature spring cleanup event. The fall event will be the 21st Annual Trinity Trash Bash in September.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April is always one of the busiest months of the year for KIB, and 2012 will be no exception. Here are a few of the events we have planned this month:

- 4/5: Nissan Earth Day, including tree planting and enviro-fair
- 4/10-11: Contech Days of Service paint project at Lively Pointe Recreation Center and cleanup at River Hills Park.
- 4/13: VHA tree planting at Thomas Haley Elementary School, with readings of "The Lorax" by employees
- 4/13-14. 20-21: Great Days of Service, at several locations all around Irving.
- 4/14 and 28: Chamber Leadership Group service projects, at Trinity View Park and Mountain Creek Preserve
- 4/17: Environmental skit at Clifton Early Childhood School
- 4/18: Monthly KIB Board Meeting
- 4/19: North Lake College Earth Day, Central Campus
- 4/21: North Lake South Campus Earth Day
- 4/21: Irving Lake Association's Lake Vilbig Spring Cleanup



KIB BOARD AT COMMUNITY FEST

ABOVE: KIB Board Members Rachel Moon and Margie Stipes

BELOW: Julie Schmitt and Board President Scott Wilson



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