



# News Release

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## **Cibolo Nature Center & Farm to Kick off Thirst for Nature Series**

February 1, 2017- BOERNE, Texas – The Cibolo Nature Center & Farm (CNC&F) will kick off its “Thirst for Nature” Series on February 23 with Stargazing with Cosmic Cocktails. The Thirst for Nature Series has become popular with people of all ages and like all nature center education programs, the series puts a focus on making learning engaging and fun. Education at the CNC&F emphasizes environmental consciousness, resource conservation, habitat stewardship, citizen science and sustainable living. Presenters include natural resource professionals, citizen scientists, master naturalists and advocates for sustainable technology.

### **Here is the 2017 Thirst for Nature Schedule:**

February 23-Stargazing with Cosmic Cocktails: Let the San Antonio League of Sidewalk Astronomers show you the wonders of the winter sky at the CNC&F. Bring your family to gaze through high-powered telescopes and learn about our fascinating universe. Guest Speaker is Brian Tobias.

March 23- Bats with Freetail Beer: More than 1,300 species of bats around the world are playing ecological roles that are vital to the health of natural ecosystems and human economies. Come learn more about this unique species. Featuring guest speaker Fran Hutchins of Bat Conservation International. Beer provided by Freetail Brewing Company

April 27- Tonics and Tinctures with Berry Tonic: Join us for a tonic and a lesson about tinctures made from native and locally grown plants. Danesha Clark will discuss the medicinal plants of the Texas Hill Country, which parts of the plant are most useful and ways to prepare them.

May 25- Trail of Ales: Join us for the ultimate nature hike through the four ecosystems that make up the CNC & Farm while sipping on local ales. Learn first-hand how the trails offer new experiences and opportunities to connect with nature.

June 22-Fireflies with Firefly Lemonade: Learn about the world's most efficient light producers, the firefly. Join presenters Gene and Clare Carnicom, Comal County Master Naturalists, for a discussion of this fascinating species.

July 27- Birds of Prey with Swooping Sangria: Join us for a discussion of the sometimes scary but always mesmerizing birds considered Birds of Prey. These predator birds are characterized by

keen vision that allows them to detect rodents during flight and powerful talons and beaks. Learn more while sipping on “Swooping Sangria.”

August 24- Drones for Conservation with Panorama Punch: Join presenter Justin Moore of Airborne Aerial Photography as he explains how he provides high-resolution, fine art images and video that helps companies and organizations view their world and tell their story in whole new ways.

September 28- Cider on the Cibolo: Join us for a soak in the creek and a short hike up Cibolo Creek. The Nature Center’s education staff will lead a guided stream hike, discussing the wildlife, stream stewardship and protecting the health of Cibolo Creek all while you enjoy a refreshing Cypress Cider.

October 26- Owlers & Growlers: grab a beer and enjoy an evening of owls. Craig Hensley, TPWD’s “Wizard of Wildlife” will give a brief presentation about the fascinating anatomy, diets and lives of owls. After the presentation, we will head out on an “owl prowl.” Beer provided by Dodging Duck Brewhaus.

Events will be held at 140 City Park Road in Boerne. All events will begin at 7pm. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$8 for CNC & F members, \$5 for kids and free for kids under 12. For more information and to register for a Thirst for Nature Series event, go to [www.cibolo.org](http://www.cibolo.org).

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*The Cibolo Nature Center & Farm in Boerne is located on 160 acres of natural lands at Boerne City Park off Highway 46 just west of the Kendall County Fairgrounds. The mission of the non-profit CNC is conservation of natural resources through education and stewardship. For more information, visit [www.cibolo.org](http://www.cibolo.org).*