

What happens to my land?

AT THE TRAIL



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Questions: "We have come to love our land so much . . . how can we protect it from lawsuits, or from heirs that may not value it like we have? Or, if someone

is injured on my property? What happens to my land after I die? Will my heirs just sell it or develop it? Will the beautiful and sensitive places I have enjoyed so much live on?" The answers to these questions lie in estate planning, that process so many of us avoid as long as possible, until sometimes it is too late for planning.

Estate planning is personal and emotional because it

involves not only the designation of what your heirs will inherit, but also what kind of legacy you wish to pass on to your heirs through their inheritance. Legacy is more than just money and real estate. Legacy is the preservation of the family values and the family story. Some land-owners want their children and grandchildren to experience the place they have cherished and improved. This is the gift that land trusts can help with.

At the Cibolo Nature Center & Farm (CNC&F), we offer classes to educate land-owners about estate planning - strategies to protect your heirs and the land. One strategy we get lots of questions about is the conservation easement.

A conservation easement is a voluntary legal agreement between a landowner and a land trust that permanently limits uses of the land in order to protect its conservation values. Land-owners retain many of their

rights, including the right to own and use the land, sell it and pass it on to their heirs. But, it enables the land-owner to protect the land from being destroyed. Lands placed into conservation easements can continue to be farmed, grazed, hunted or used for outdoor recreation and wildlife conservation. And, there can be considerable tax savings on income and inheritance taxes.

The Cibolo Conservancy is your local land trust, holding 25 easements and has a long track record of success the Hill Country dating back to 1998. Our greatest satisfaction comes from the comments of our landowner partners, who prize their land, and recognize the value of a permanent legacy.

The CNC & F's next workshop, "Estate Planning in the Hill Country: What Every

Landowner Needs to Know" will take place Wednesday, September 21 at 6pm at the CNC Library, Thomas Hall, Estate Planning Attorney, will present the best practices to legally protect and preserve the legacy of your land. The cost to attend is \$15 for CNC&F and Cibolo Conservancy members; \$20 non-members. Call 830-249-4616 for reservations or more information.



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CNC&F Happenings Upcoming Events

CNC: Little Explorers

Wednesday, September 14, 10 - 11am, CNC&F Visitor Center, 140 City Park Road, Boerne. Little Explorers will come for fun and adventure using their five senses to discover nature. They will listen to stories, sing songs, play games, explore the outdoors, and make crafts to take home. Cost is \$5 per family.

Farmers Market at the Cibolo

Saturday, September 17, 9am-1pm, Herff Farm, 33 Herff Road, Boerne. Enjoy fresh air and delicious local produce, live music and more at the only Farmers Market in Texas on the grounds of a historic 1850s pioneer farm. Buy fresh local vegetables and farm-fresh eggs. Our friendly vendors also offer original arts and crafts, homemade breads, jams, jellies, pastries and locally produced honey.

Science in Nature

Saturday, September 17, 10am - 2pm, 140 City Park Road, Boerne. Help us celebrate the new school year by bringing the kids and entire family to this educational, fun and friendly event! Learn more about birds, butterflies, seeds, soil, bats and drones!

Moondance Concert: The Lost Mule Band

Saturday, September 17, 2016 7:30- 10:30pm. CNC Stage, 140 City Park Road, Boerne. Get moving to the music of The Lost Mule Band - a long time CNC&F favorite! Bring your own drinks, food, lawn chairs, and friendly leashed pets. Plus, kids under 12 are free. You can't beat the view, either, relaxing under the stars while you listen to great Texas music. COST: CNC members \$7.50; non-members \$10.00; seniors \$5.00; kids 12 & under are free. Tickets available at the door.

CNC: Yoga for Nature Lovers

Monday, September 19, 2016 5:30 - 6:45pm, meet at CNC Visitor Center. The CNC & F is pleased to be offering classes every Monday evening here at the nature center conducted by Kristen Walker of Wellspring Yoga in Boerne. Classes may move to different outdoor sites at the nature center each week depending on weather and size of the group. Cost is \$10 per class. Pay at the door. We can accept cash, credit card, or check.

September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

Let's Go GOLD For A Cure!

Help us honor the memory of sweet BREA HINES and others affected by childhood cancers.

Join us on Thursday, September 15th to fill football stadiums and volleyball gyms with as many **GOLD** shirts as possible.

\$6 from every \$10 shirt goes to Pediatric Cancer RESEARCH via Teaming Up to Fight Childhood Cancer.

We want to turn this red, white and blue state **GOLD** in September!

- Only 4% of US federal funding is solely dedicated to childhood cancer research.
- In the last 20 years, only three new drugs have been approved that were specifically developed to treat children with cancer.
- Approximately 1 in 285 children in the U.S. will be diagnosed with cancer before the age of 20.

Facebook page: [Teaming Up to Fight Childhood Cancer](#)
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YouTube Video: <https://goo.gl/ewwEz>



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