



Eagle Scout Project COMPLETED for FTLOTL



Congratulations to Ryan Mellinger (above, left) and Alex Sessions (above, right)!

Photo courtesy of Houston Brown

Alex Sessions and Ryan Mellinger grew up in the White Rock Lake area and have been members of Boy Scout Troop 890, a For the Love of the Lake Adopt-a-Shoreline group, since they were eleven years old. So, it's not surprising that the now sixteen-year-old Boy Scouts chose an Eagle Scout project that would benefit the White Rock Lake community and FTLOTL.

Alex and Ryan have been working diligently over the past year to repair and refinish all 46 Adopt-A-Shoreline group identification signs. They started out by riding their bikes around the lake to look at each sign and assess the work needed to repair it. Their evaluation included looking at environmental factors that

may have damaged the sign such as weather and ants. Once the evaluation was complete, they enlisted 20 volunteers from J.L. Long Middle School to help with the repairs to the signs.

Both Alex and Ryan said they chose this project because they wanted to give back to the lake, the surrounding community, and to FTLOTL. Requirements for attaining Eagle Scout status are to complete 26 merit badges and a community project. Alex and Ryan are now Life Scouts and will be awarded the Eagle Scout in September 2010. Along with proud parents Pete and Nita Sessions and David and Jill Mellinger, For the Love of the Lake says thank you and congratulations on your achievement.



Congratulations to Josh and Rebecca Bonner – 2009 Junior Volunteers of the Year!

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President's Cove



*Susan Hello
President, FTLOTL*

For the Love of the Lake is proud to announce a partnership with WFAA-TV's Project Green! The Project Green Community is a new social networking site that is designed to connect North Texas eco-minded individuals, groups, and nonprofits together. FTLOTL was selected as a featured nonprofit for this unique venture because of our commitment to educating North Texans about the impact that we all have on the environment and our dedication to change for the future. We would like to invite you to join the

Project Green Community and support our cause. Participation is fun and free. You can upload pictures and videos of your "green" efforts, create a group or join a group and share ideas, network with others, find volunteer opportunities, raise funds to support your cause, and support For the Love of the Lake. Plus, when you sign up and create your individual profile, you will receive a free tree provided by the Texas Tree Foundation! To learn more, go to www.wfaa.com/projectgreen or www.whiterocklake.org.



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CONGRATULATIONS, Volunteers of the Year!

By Holly Rice

Debbie Finger and **Scott Hello** are names you probably know well and are synonymous with For the Love of the Lake. This year at the Board of Directors Retreat held in January, Debbie and Scott were named FTLOTL's "Volunteers of the Year."

Scott Hello tackled the 5th and 6th annual Walk, Wag, and Run benefits employing 150 volunteers. He spent countless hours organizing and executing a flawless event. In addition, Scott has helped with Second Saturdays, grant writing, press releases, photography, and any other job required to help make FTLOTL events successful.

Debbie Finger is the editor of this fabulous FTLOTL newsletter. She is also a member of the board of directors, attends Second Saturday Shoreline Spruce-ups, and is working on the database and grant committees. Debbie began sharing her many talents with For the Love of the Lake in the spring of 2008. Debbie also enjoyed participating in the 2009 Mardi Gras parade, Tour Dallas bike ride water station, and as a course guide in the White Rock Marathon, which are events that benefit FTLOTL and provide great exposure of our group to the Dallas community. Debbie said, "My favorite things about the group are the people and their enthusiasm and dedication to keep White Rock Lake and the surrounding park clean and to make it better for all of us."

We have a "special category" this year to recognize our junior volunteers, **Josh** and **Rebecca Bonner**. Josh and Rebecca are a brother and sister team of 10 and 11 years old. They joined last summer helping with every Second Saturday Spruce-Up by putting up signs, assisting with snacks in the office, and greeting the volunteers. Rebecca said what she and Josh enjoyed most about FTLOTL, "I like all of it, meeting people and helping out. Everyone's nice." They also like to go to the lake outside of volunteering to feed the birds.

Next time you're at a FTLOTL event, give a huge thanks and "pat on the back" to Debbie, Scott, Josh, and Rebecca for their dedication, enthusiasm, and all that they do for FTLOTL and White Rock Lake!

FTLOTL Thanks Our Supporters!

We would like to thank the **Peninsula Neighborhood Association** for their continued support. Madeline Cyrak presents FTLOTL with a check at the Volunteer Meeting held on January 18.



FTLOTL would also like to thank the **Lakewood Service League** for the opportunity to participate in the annual Walk, Wag, and



Run, which is held in October. It is a privilege to be chosen as a beneficiary and we look forward to participating in the 2010 event.

L.K. Pierotti presents FTLOTL with a check at the February board meeting.

7-Eleven's Community Service Project **FIXIN' UP WHITE ROCK LAKE** was held on **Saturday, December 5**. Over 35 volunteers (employees, children, and guests) from 7-Eleven were ready to lend a hand to help spruce up the 7-Eleven Adopt-A-Cans and install the new 7-Eleven plaques. Breakfast and lunch were supplied by 7-Eleven. Joe Dann, Friend of FTLOTL, gave an outstanding plaque replacement demonstration. We appreciate everyone for braving the very cold day and for donating their time and talent to give back to the Dallas community and promote a positive brand image in Dallas!

FTLOTL turns 15 on April 10 - our next Second Saturday! Come celebrate with us!



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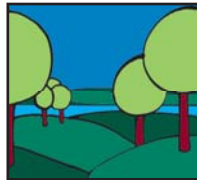
By Barbara Maimbourg

In March, the leader of our Water Monitoring Team, **Gary Spence**, and three of the other volunteers, **Doug Frazier**, **Tom Heath**, and **Barbara Maimbourg** attended a short course to learn how to test for E. coli bacteria in water. The course was given at Texas State University in Texarkana. After attending the lecture and successfully completing the lab work where each attending volunteer completed a test for E.coli, they were certified as Bacteria Monitors by Texas Stream Team, a branch of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

The goal of FTLOTL is to have all members of our Water Monitoring Team certified and for them to begin testing for E. coli at their present monitoring sites in waters feeding into and exiting White Rock Lake. If unhealthy levels of the fecal indicator bacterium E. coli are found, we will attempt to pinpoint the cause, and notify the proper authorities. All of our data becomes part of the Texas Stream Team's online database.

Save the Date! Celebration Tree Grove Dedication Picnic: Sunday, April 18

Please join us as we honor, remember, and celebrate our loved ones at the Celebration Tree Grove Dedication Picnic on **Sunday, April 18**. The picnic will be held at the Celebration Tree Grove, which is on the east side of White Rock Lake Park, on East Lawther, between Poppy Drive and Lake Highlands Drive. The event starts at 12:30 pm.



Lady of the Lake Volunteer Appreciation Picnic: Friday, June 4

FTLOTL appreciates all of the work our volunteers do and we would like to thank you for your dedication to our cause and for keeping White Rock Lake clean. Now we have the opportunity to thank you in person. You are invited to the Lady of the Lake Volunteer Appreciation Picnic to be held on **Friday, June 4** at Winfrey Point. Watch the website for more information.



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FTLOTL Salutes

Whole Earth Provision Company

AAS Group of the Year

By Christine Carbonne

At FTLOTL, one of our favorite times of the year and a time we always look forward to is the time we select the most outstanding group member of the White Rock Lake Adopt-A-Shoreline (AAS) Program. Patterned after the Adopt-A-Highway Program, AAS has proven very successful over the years. The Adopt-A-Shoreline program is a Dallas Park and Recreation Department program administered by For the Love of the Lake (FTLOTL). It is a program for the civic-minded business, non-profit group, school, church or local organization that is ready to take their love of the lake one step further.

One sponsor that stood out in 2009 is **Whole Earth Provision Company**. They performed WAY beyond the call of duty. While we don't recommend that everyone try this, they removed among other things, two 50-gallon drums, numerous shopping carts, a slew of tires, and miscellaneous items, some of which now reside at the White Rock Lake Museum housed at the FTLOTL office. A member for almost two years, Whole Earth Provision Company has made their mark on our clean-up program, making a considerable dent in our effort to keep the pervasive lake litter at bay.



Whole Earth Provision Company AAS Group

Ryan Oldrieve, manager of Whole Earth Provision, states that they are enjoying every moment: "We were looking for a way to express our community commitment and we felt that White Rock Lake was a natural fit for us. The decision to pull out all that debris on our stretch was one we took seriously. We wanted to be sure we weren't disturbing any lake dwellers. Something as inconsequential as an old tire could disrupt who knows what in the lake." He added, "This is a very effective bonding experience for our employees. Second Saturdays is a major topic of conversation at our meetings!" They will be opening a second location at Preston/Forest in September and there are rumors of another sponsorship!

If you are interested in sponsoring a stretch along White Rock Lake, please contact our office at info@whiterocklake.org or call 214-660-1100 and ask for Steve Tompkins, our program coordinator. In the AAS program, a group agrees to adopt a small portion of the shoreline or park and keep it litter free. Each Second Saturday Shoreline Spruce-Up, at least six folks from the group must participate in cleaning up their adopted area. We do have a waiting list, so you will be contacted when a slot opens up.

Once a year, we hold an AAS Appreciation Luncheon, where our city officials and Park Board meet with us, and we present the AAS Group of the Year award. We thank and celebrate everyone, every second Saturday; we are united in a common cause—to make our lake a better place.

Upcoming Events



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SECOND SATURDAY SHORELINE SPRUCE-UPS

Saturdays: April 10
June 12
July 10
August 14
September 11
October 9
November 13
December 11

Registration is from 8 to 9 am, FTLOTL Office

TOUR DALLAS BIKE RIDE

Saturday, April 3
For information, go to www.tourdallas.org

CELEBRATION TREE GROVE DEDICATION PICNIC

Sunday, April 18

LADY OF THE LAKE APPRECIATION PICNIC

Friday, June 4

LAKWOOD 4TH OF JULY PARADE

Saturday, July 3

The For the Love of the Lake office is in Casa Linda Plaza (Garland Road and Buckner Boulevard), facing Buckner and Doctors Hospital, near Guaranty Bank.

OUR MISSION

For the Love of the Lake (FTLOTL) is an enthusiastic, energetic group of volunteers dedicated to the preservation and enhancement of White Rock Lake Park as an urban oasis.

I'd like to volunteer!

Please contact me about:

- Second Saturday Shoreline Spruce-Ups
- Celebration Tree Grove
- Adopt-A-Shoreline
- Special Events
- General Office Help

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Show Your Love of the Lake!



Your tax-deductible donation will help provide much needed improvements to the park surrounding White Rock Lake. Any and all donations are gratefully accepted!

- Legends of the Lake..... \$10,000
- White Rock Angel..... \$5,000
- Walks on Water..... \$2,500
- Lady (or Gentleman) of The Lake \$1,000
- Big Fish \$500
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- Trailblazer \$100
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