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Major Rivers goes back to school

The future of Texas is water! What better way to insure the future for our children and grandchildren than to educate them on the importance of water?

The Major Rivers Water education program is targeted toward elementary students and may be presented in conjunction with fourth or fifth grade science or social studies courses.

The program helps students learn about Texas' water resources, how water is treated and travels to their faucets then back into the water system, and how to use this precious resources wisely.

Students are lead through a water journey across the state by a seasoned Texas traveler, Major Rivers, and his horse Aquifer. Together the two help teachers discuss topics in science, social studies, math and language arts.



The Brazos River Authority has sponsored and supplied the Major Rivers program packages free-of-charge to schools within the Brazos basin since the early 1990's. The Major Rivers program was developed by the Lower Colorado River Authority in the late 1980's with input from educators and other state water organizations. A second edition was release in 2003 and is correlated with the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) standards.

The teaching package includes student workbooks, pre and post-tests, home information guides and an introductory video or DVD. A teacher's guide with helpful suggestions and instructions on presenting the material, including overhead transparencies, is included.

For additional information on the Major Rivers program or for free Major Rivers curriculum kits, please contact the Brazos River Authority Public Information Office at (254) 763-3111 or email at information@brazos.org.

About the Brazos River Authority

The Brazos River Authority, with headquarters in Waco, is the oldest river authority in Texas. Created by the Texas Legislature in 1929, the Authority's 42,000 square-mile territory includes all or part of 70 counties; extending from the Texas-New Mexico border west of Lubbock to the Gulf of Mexico near Freeport.

The Authority built, owns, and operates three reservoirs (Lakes Possum Kingdom, Granbury, and Limestone). In addition to these water supply reservoirs, the Authority contracts with the Corps of Engineers for the water supply storage space at eight Federal multi-purpose flood control and water conservation reservoirs (Lakes Whitney, Belton, Proctor, Somerville, Stillhouse Hollow, Granger, Georgetown and Aquilla).

The Brazos River Authority owns and operates a regional wastewater system for the cities of Temple-Belton. The Authority also operates wastewater treatment plants for Brushy Creek Regional Wastewater System in Round Rock, and the cities of Hutto, Georgetown, Dime Box, Clute-Richwood and Sugar Land.

The Authority owns and operates water treatment systems at Lake Granbury (which supplies potable water to wholesale customers in Hood and Johnson Counties), the City of Taylor and the City of Dime Box. A potable water treatment plant located in Leander is owned jointly by the Lower Colorado River Authority and the Brazos River Authority. The Authority also engages in water quality monitoring activities throughout the Brazos River Basin.

For further information on the Brazos River Authority, please contact Judi Pierce, Public Information Officer at 254-761-3103.