

Be Prepared 2012

Saturday Feb. 18 @ Worth Ranch

We all remember these images from last summer and that sinking feeling coming from the fact that there was next to nothing we could do to protect Worth Ranch. Now that we know the danger, we can be proactive in protecting our camp. (insert *GI Joe* quote here) This Saturday (Feb. 18th), we are having a workday that is devoted to fire prevention. We have rented chainsaws and heavy equipment to make the most effective use of our time and labor, but we still need your help.



Regardless of the rain that we have seen recently Texas is still in a drought, and this summer is projected to be just as dry and hot as 2011. We need to do everything we can now so that we have the best fighting chance later.

At the past two recent WR workdays, we have begun the process of removing the juniper and pushing the tree line back from the buildings on the parade ground. This may appear drastic at first sight, but is necessary to limit the wildfire danger to the buildings. The Palo Pinto Volunteer Fire Department, the Texas Parks and Wildlife, & the Texas Soil and Water Conservation Commission have all been brought in to provide their professional help on the best ways to reduce our chance of fires overtaking the camp. Clearing a safety margin around the buildings by removal of the highly combustible cedar trees is their first recommendation.

Our action plan is to meet at WR's Roeser Hall at 7:30am, Saturday February 18th.

Adult Chain Saw Safety Class will begin at 7:30. (Safety training is required before chain saws may be used at camp.) Lunch will be provided, but not breakfast.

RSVP to walkerwjr@gmail.com, davidmo@coloniaalsavings.com, or cjgoldthwaite@gmail.com

Items to bring: gloves, chainsaws, loppers, & a water bottle.

If you've ever felt that spirit wild and strange, please make time in your schedule to come out this weekend and help protect Worth Ranch. The "spirit wild and strange" is preferred to the feeling of helplessness experienced during the three fires in Palo Pinto County last summer.

