

Rob Denkhaus

Rob Denkhaus is currently the Natural Resource Manager at the Fort Worth Nature Center and Refuge in Fort Worth. Since 2005, his responsibilities have included :

- Developing and implementing long term natural resource management plans for 3,600 + acre urban natural area using a wide range of techniques
- Plan and conduct invasive plant and animal control operations including internationally recognized urban feral hog control program.
- Manage captive bison herd.
- Supervise maintenance of all infrastructure.
- Oversee all research efforts.

While doing all this, since 2012 he has been an adjunct professor at Texas Christian University. He has developed and instructed undergraduate and graduate level courses in environmental science and served on graduate research thesis committees.

Since 2014, he has been a Research Association at BRIT.

He has a long record of program coordination, as a professor, and supervisor at many nature centers, zoos and preserves all over the country. He has published many research articles and is an internationally recognized urban feral hog control specialist.

Rob's presentation at the November chapter meeting is on Teaming with Wildlife/ True to Texas, which is a joint effort with Texas Parks and Wildlife and an approved project with our Chapter. He is currently the Director.

He is also an Honorary Texas Master Naturalist since 2013.

Sam Kieschnick

Sam Kieschnick is the Nature Education Specialist at Mansfield Parks and Recreation. He plans and implements the nature education programs and field trips with the city of Mansfield. He works primarily out of Oliver Nature Park but utilizes all of the parks in Mansfield. He earned a Master's Degree studying the genetics of pocket gophers from Tarleton State University. He has taught biology at Weatherford College, worked as a botanist for the Botanical Research Institute of Texas, a naturalist with the Fort Worth Nature Center and Refuge, and a science interpreter at the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History. He enjoys sharing his passion and love for nature with everyone he meets.