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## Preparation Guidance NISC-Sponsored Field Trip for the Invasive Species Advisory Committee (ISAC) Thursday November 13, 2014

The field trip will occur on the second day of the ISAC meeting, November 13, 2014. Please see the trip itinerary below for scheduled stops. **Due to the distances involved, it will be a long day.**

We will start from Holiday Inn Riverwalk, 217 N. St. Mary's Street, San Antonio, TX. **The bus will pull away from the hotel promptly at 7:00 a.m.** Most of the sites will be in Austin, TX which is about 80 miles away. We will have a stop at the mid-point in the morning, but we will head directly back in the evening. **You should be prepared to ride on the bus 1.5 to 2.0 hour periods. Although our bus is equipped with restroom accommodations, please take advantage of restroom opportunities during scheduled stops.** Unscheduled bathroom stops may not be possible.

To be respectful of our local hosts' time, we will maintain a tight schedule. **PLEASE BOARD THE BUS PROMPTLY AFTER EACH STOP.**

**FOOD/DRINKS:** Lunch will be provided, and there will be appetizers at the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center. **NISC is not providing snacks/beverages on the bus. You should board the bus with any items you will need during the trip.**

**PARTICIPATION:** **The field trip is for ISAC members, presenters, and NISC staff only.** Transportation will be by chartered bus. Because of limited space at pull-out areas and for safety reasons, additional individuals will not be allowed to follow the bus in separate vehicles.

**CLOTHING GEAR:** We will do some short walks from the bus to the presentation sites and we may be standing during some presentations. **It is recommended that you wear comfortable walking shoes or light boots.**

There will be opportunities to be on "Duck Boats" and other watercraft. We will be on or near water and be spending time outside. **Sun protection such as sunglasses, a hat or cap, and sunscreen is recommended.**

We should have mild temperatures that range from highs in the upper 60's°F to lows in the upper 40's°F. A light rain is possible. **Please bring a rain jacket and any thermal protection you believe necessary.**

It is unlikely that we will encounter mosquitoes or ticks, but you may want to have insect repellent. We will have presentations concerning fire ants. **Please be mindful of these stinging insects and watch where you stand or sit.**

**Notify NISC staff immediately if you have any specific health, mobility, or safety considerations.**

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FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE - Thursday, November 13, 2014**

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<b>7:00 AM <u>DEPART</u></b>	<b>Holiday Inn Riverwalk 217 N. St. Mary's Street San Antonio, TX 78205</b>
<b>STOP 1 8:00 – 9:30 AM</b>	<b>Texas State University (Meadows Center for Water and the Environment) 201 San Marcos Springs Drive San Marcos, Texas 78666-4616</b>
<b>STOP 2 10:30 – 11:40 AM</b>	<b>County of Austin (Lady Bird Lake) First Street Bridge at Lady Bird Lake, Austin, TX 78701 (South Austin)</b>
<b>STOP 3 12:00 PM – 1:55 PM</b>	<b>Brackenridge Field Lab 2907 Lake Austin Blvd, Austin, TX 78703</b>
<b>STOP 4 2:00 – 4:10 PM</b>	<b>Walsh Landing 1600 Scenic Dr., Austin, TX 78703</b>
<b>STOP 5 5:00 – 7:00 PM</b>	<b>Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center 4801 La Crosse Ave., Austin, TX 78737</b>
<b>7:00 – 8:45 PM</b>	<b>Return to Holiday Inn Riverwalk</b>