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Dear GEAA members,

Central Texas celebrates Earth Day! Check the calendar below and join the fun.

Sincerely,  
Annalisa Peace  
Executive Director

### **San Antonio**

Join the Fiesta Earth Day celebration on **Saturday, April 18, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., at Woodlawn Lake!**

This event was created to share with and educate the community on the value and respect we should give our Planet Earth. It's the land, water and air we breathe and live in. The event will include entertainment stages, food (vegetarian) and beverage booths, tree-planting demonstrations, 5K run, workshops, and seminars demonstrating various energy and conservation ideas and techniques. Co-sponsored by the Earth Day Committee and the City of San Antonio.

Free admission.

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The TCEQ has partnered with The Home Depot to host an Earth Day consumer-education event about water conservation on **Saturday, April 18th, 10am - 11am, at 16 Home Depot stores** across Texas.

- Participants will learn tips to help save money, water, and energy, and will learn how to build a rain barrel for use at home.
- For \$50, participants may build their own rain varrels to take home. (optional)
- The first 30 participants to pre-register will receive a FREE Take Care of Texas reusable bag, a faucet aerator, and a compact flurescent light (CFL) bulb.
- The one-hour class will provide tips to save you up to \$1,300 a year.

For more information and to find a location near you, visit [www.takecareoftexas.org/partners](http://www.takecareoftexas.org/partners).

### **New Braunfels**

New Braunfels Roots & Shoots is excited to invite you to the 2009 New Braunfels Earth Day Celebration, **Saturday, April 25th from 1-5 pm at Landa Park**. This event is FREE to the public and will consist of:

- Educational activity stations
- Display booths
- Kid's crafts and activities
- Live music and entertainment

## Wimberley

Please join the Wimberley Valley Watershed Alliance, local schools and community groups to celebrate Earth Day on **Saturday, April 18**. The service project will be held at the **Jacob's Well Natural Area in Wimberley from 8:00am until 12:00 noon**. Work crews will join American Youth Works, Texas Stream Team and Cypress Creek Project volunteers to restore the land surrounding Jacob's Well. This on-site project is one of many community programs being developed to protect Jacob's Well through land conservation, aquifer protection and environmental education.

The main focus on April 18th will be to build a segment of the "Raindrop Trail", the first of many planned trails for exploring the Jacob's Well Natural Area. Participants are asked to bring work gloves, water containers and sunscreen. Upon arrival, participants will sign-in and be matched with teams. This is a family event and all ages are welcome to participate. Light refreshments and music will be provided following the tree planting and trail building.

Please take time to RSVP at <http://planetgreen.discovery.com/work-connect/green-apple.html> Look for the green "Sign Up" button, put in your b-day and select the Trail Building and Land Restoration at Jacob's Well Natural Area project to register for. Go to the Austin section. Be persistent. It takes a few clicks to get to the right place but you can do it!

In addition, participants are asked to bring any personal photos they may have of past events or family outings at Jacob's Well to be scanned at Camp Jacob Education Center. This archive is designed to begin documenting the history of Jacob's Well.

To reach the site, turn onto Jacob's Well Road from RR 12 or FM 2325 and follow the signs. Free parking will be available; carpooling is recommended.

## Austin

Attend the largest environmental celebration in Austin! [Buy your tickets](#) for the **Wednesday, April 22nd concert at Stubb's**, featuring Guster and Wild Sweet Orange, benefitting the Hill County Conservancy.

Don't forget that when you purchase tickets you are helping HCC preserve the Hill Country and the Edwards Aquifer. So even if you can't make the show, feel free to buy some tickets for your friends!

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Be sure to attend the City of Austin's Earth Day Festival on **Saturday, April 19th at Republic Square Park, from 9am to 5pm**.

## San Marcos

The big Earth Day Festival with live music, speakers, regional food, and lots of educational activities will happen at **Aquarena from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday**,

**April 25th**, and there will also be Native Americans doing a musical performance. For details on the event, see <http://www.aquarena.txstate.edu/RSI/Earth-Day.html>. If you bring 10 aluminum cans, you will get \$2 off a glass bottom boat ride. If you want an educational kayak trip, you have to reserve early at this website.