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Summer 2023 News

Aquatic Science Adventure Camps 2023

Camp Review

Thanks to everyone who made this summer a success! We had a wonderful summer serving 240 campers! Even though we were constantly battling the intense heat the entire summer, we managed to stay cool by spending as much time as we could in the water. This summer we incorporated three new activities for campers: Dogfish Dissections, Foldscopes (make and take microscopes), and Cardboard Boats. These activities ended up being some of our campers' favorites during the week.

Staff are already hard at work planning for next summer's camps, registration will open in January. Any questions or suggestions for camp can be sent to EARDC_education@txstate.edu.



(Campers dissecting a dogfish, exploring with their Foldscopes, and racing Cardboard Boats.)

Spotlight on Research



Sabbatical is one of the most exciting periods in an academic career. Imagine, paid time away from many of your regular responsibilities, set aside for academic growth and advancement. Sabbatical, however, is by no means a sort of academic vacation. Rather, professors are expected to continue progress on their existing research while developing new knowledge, skills, and deeper collaborations, sometimes through extended visits to institutions abroad. The Edwards Aquifer Research and Data Center is excited to wish the best for our Director, Benjamin Schwartz, as he begins his sabbatical in Australia, working with researchers at the South Australia Museum and University of Adelaide. Over the past 20 years, an active group of subterranean biologists have established innovative research programs to document Australia's unique and diverse groundwater communities. We're confident that Dr. Schwartz will return from down under with lots of new ideas about what's underground. But after 5 months in Australia, his sabbatical isn't over. Next stop: Slovenia, where a long tradition of biospeleology continues in earnest today. Stay tuned!

Analytical Lab Hours

The EARDC analytical lab is currently open Monday – Friday, 8am – 5 pm, closed for lunch 12-1:15pm, bacteriological samples are not accepted on Fridays, only by special request.

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