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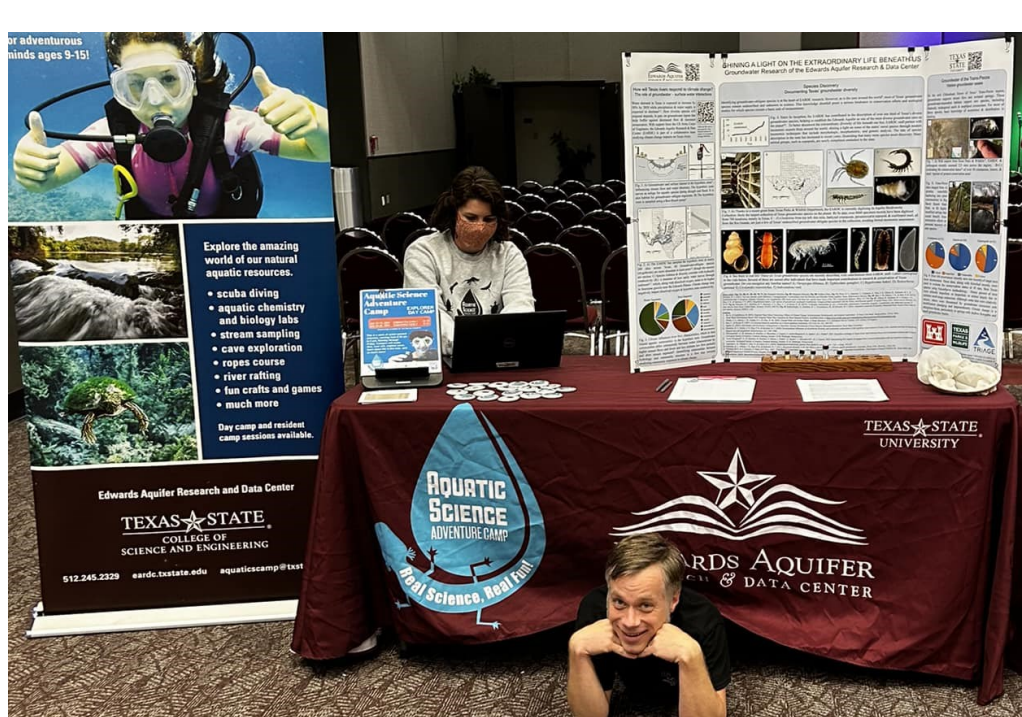
A Newsletter of the Edwards Aquifer Research and Data Center

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## EARDC Celebrates the San Marcos River

This month EARDC will be attending the San Marcos River Appreciation Festival in Martindale on September 21st. For the third year, this festival will celebrate the San Marcos River with a day filled with family fun. Stop at the EARDC's educational table to get a chance to chat with our Education Program Manager Kellie Donajkowski and check out some of the critters that live in the river. We hope to see you there!



## Aquatic Science Adventure Camp Update



Teacher staff left to right; Patricia DuMar, Christine Graham, Grecia Huerta, and Angie Escalante.

## Thanks for a Great Summer!

Well, it was another wonderful season for camps! We had 268 campers join us this summer to learn about aquatic science. Those campers came from 42 different cities across Texas to participate in our camps, both overnight and day. As we wrap up our season we think back on all those who made it such a success, our **counselors**; Ana, Bryan, Carolyn, Elizabeth, Leya, Sarah, and Tori, our **teachers**; Angie, Christine, Dakota, Grecia, Mary, Patricia, Renee, and Shelby, and **YOU**, our campers and parents who chose to spend their summer with us! Thank you everyone for a great summer! We are starting to plan for ASAC 2025, so if you attended a camp in 2024, please fill out this survey: [ASAC 2024 Survey](#).

Keep an eye out for our next newsletter where ASAC sessions and dates for 2025 will be released! We look forward to seeing everyone next summer.

Want to support the Aquatic Science Adventure Camp? You can [Donate HERE](#) and type or copy/paste **Aquatic Science Adventure Camp Support Fund** into the program search.

For questions, contact Kellie Donajkowski at [EARDC\\_education@txstate.edu](mailto:EARDC_education@txstate.edu) or 512-245-6176.



## Research Spotlight – EARDC Goes International

Going on right now is the International Conference on Subterranean Biology taking place in Sardinia, Italy. Subterranean Biology is the study of organisms living in underground spaces, including caves and aquifers. Four EARDC members made the long flight to attend the conference, where they will give presentations on the work we do here. Director Benjamin Schwartz will present on new subterranean species found in South Australia, discovered while he was on his sabbatical looking for diverse groundwater communities. Assistant Director Benjamin Hutchins will be presenting on the past 10 years of hyporheic zone investigation in Texas and what we have learned. PhD student Eryl Austin-Bingamon and Lab Manager Ashley Casarez will be presenting posters on the research taking place here in Texas addressing findings concerning invertebrates in the hyporheic zones, their environmental drivers of variation and relationships between hydraulic properties and community structure. We wish them the best of luck!



## Analytical Lab Hours

### Regular Hours:

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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