

NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING

Notice is given that a **Regular Meeting** of the Board of Directors of the Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District will be held at the **District office**, located at 1124 Regal Row, Austin, Texas, on **Thursday, January 25, 2018**, commencing at **6:00 p.m.** for the following purposes, which may be taken in any order at the discretion of the Board.

Note: The Board of Directors of the Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District reserves the right to meet in Executive Session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed on this agenda, as authorized by the Texas Government Code Sections §551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), 551.087 (Economic Development), 418.183 (Homeland Security). No final action or decision will be made in Executive Session.

1. **Call to Order.**
2. **Citizen Communications (Public Comments of a General Nature).**
3. **Routine Business.**
 - a. **Consent Agenda.** *(Note: These items may be considered and approved as one motion. Directors or citizens may request any consent item be removed from the consent agenda, for consideration and possible approval as a separate item of Regular Business on this agenda.)*
 1. Approval of Financial Reports under the Public Funds Investment Act, Directors' Compensation Claims, and Specified Expenditures greater than \$5,000. **Not for public review**
 2. Approval of minutes of the Board's January 11, 2018 regular Meeting. **Not for public review at this time**
 - b. **General Manager's Report.**

Topics. *(Note: Individual topics listed below may be discussed by the Board in this meeting, but no action will be taken unless a topic is specifically posted elsewhere in this agenda as an item for possible action. A Director may request an individual topic that is presented only under this agenda item be placed on the posted agenda of some future meeting for Board discussion and possible action.)*

 - i. Personnel matters and utilization
 - ii. Upcoming public events of possible interest
 - iii. Aquifer conditions and status of drought indicators
 - iv. Team updates and highlights
 - v. Update on upcoming Education and Outreach **Pg. 12**
 - vi. Update on the HCP and ITP application
 - vii. Update on Board committee activity
4. **Discussion and Possible Action.**

- a. Discussion and possible action related to the resignation of the General Manager, the proposed process for transitioning to, and the employment and duties of a new General Manager. NBU
- b. Discussion and possible action related to approval of a contract with Holland Groundwater Management Consultants, LLC for Kirk Holland to serve as the temporary interim General Manager and to continue work in support of the Habitat Conservation Plan. NBU
- c. Discussion and possible action related to the City of Dripping Springs TPDES permit application to authorize direct discharge of treated wastewater to Onion Creek in the contributing zone of the Barton Springs segment of the Edwards Aquifer. NBU

5. Adjournment.

Please note: This agenda and available related documentation have been posted on our website, www.bseacd.org. If you have a special interest in a particular item on this agenda and would like any additional documentation that may be developed for Board consideration, please let staff know at least 24 hours in advance of the Board Meeting so that we can have those copies made for you.

The Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District is committed to compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Reasonable accommodations and equal opportunity for effective communications will be provided upon request. Please contact the District office at 512-282-8441 at least 24 hours in advance if accommodation is needed.

Item 1

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Citizen Communications

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Routine Business

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Item 3

Routine Business

b. General Manager's Report. *(Note: Topics discussed in the General Manager's Report are intended for general administrative and operational information-transfer purposes. The Directors will not take any action unless the topic is specifically listed elsewhere in this agenda.)*

2. Special Topics. *(Note: Individual topics listed below may be discussed by the Board in this meeting, but no action will be taken unless a topic is specifically posted elsewhere in this agenda as an item for possible action. A Director may request an individual topic that is presented only under this agenda item be placed on the posted agenda of some future meeting for Board discussion and possible action.)*

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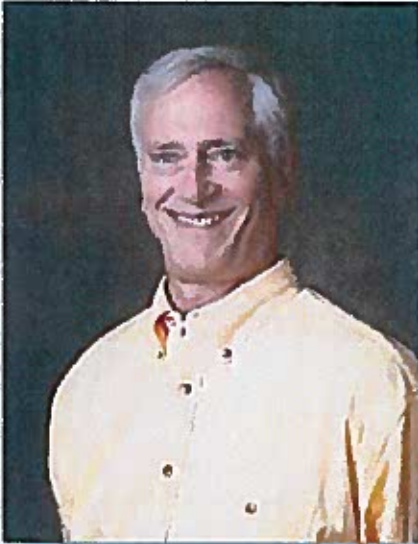
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KENT S. BUTLER MEMORIAL GROUNDWATER STEWARDSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATION FORM

Application Deadline: March 21, 2018

Scholarship Amount: \$2,500



Each year, the Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District (BSEACD), in collaboration with our permittees, offers a college scholarship dedicated as a memorial scholarship honoring one of Austin's most influential environmental planners, Kent Butler. Dr. Butler specialized in bringing science and policy together. He encouraged open conversation, collaboration, and participation from all perspectives.

The Kent S. Butler Groundwater Stewardship Scholarship Essay Contest increases the awareness of groundwater issues by rewarding high school students for high quality research and writing. The \$2,500 scholarship can be applied toward tuition for any college, community college, or training institution.

A panel of independent judges reviews all essays and scores them based on content, accuracy of information, originality, grammar, quality of research, and style. The judges represent a cross-section of skills and expertise.

Essays must generally discuss groundwater issues, which may include but are not limited to:

- Non-point source pollution
- Pollution prevention
- Water conservation
- Hydrogeology

While essays must focus on groundwater issues, applicants do not have to be planning a career path in a water-related field.

The essay contest is open to high school juniors, seniors, and immediate graduates. Students must reside in one of the eight school districts overlapping the District boundary. These school districts are: Austin, Del Valle, Dripping Springs, Eanes, Hays Consolidated, Lockhart, San Marcos Consolidated, and Wimberley.

BSEACD is a groundwater conservation district charged by the Texas Legislature to preserve, conserve, and protect the aquifers and groundwater resources within its jurisdiction, which includes parts of three Central Texas counties. It is governed by a Board of five elected directors and staffed with hydrogeologists, groundwater regulatory compliance specialists, environmental educators, geospatial systems specialists, and administrative support personnel.



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Name of Applicant: _____

Home Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Email: _____

Name of Parent(s) or Legal Guardian(s): _____

Mailing Address (if different than above): _____

Parent's Work Phone and Email: _____

Applicant's High School: _____ School District: _____

Expected Graduation Date: _____ OR Expected date of G.E.D. _____

How did you hear about the scholarship program? _____

Scholarship Application Checklist (please mark that you have included all 5 elements):

	Completed Scholarship Application Form
	Statement of Purpose – This document should be no more than one typed page and should discuss the applicant's interest and reasons for applying. DO NOT include your name on this page, but DO include the title of your essay
	High School Transcript – Provide an official copy of your transcript or documentation regarding the intent to take the GED or copy of GED certificate
	Groundwater Essay – Essays must discuss general groundwater issues that may include, but are not limited to, non-point source pollution, pollution prevention, water conservation, or hydrogeology.
	Bibliography – Please cite your sources.

Please staple your statement of purpose, high school transcript, and essay to this application and mail or hand deliver documents to Scholarship Contest, BSEACD, 1124 Regal Row, Austin, TX 78748. Application packet must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 22, 2017.

I have read and agree to abide by the Rules of the Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District Scholarship Contest. In addition, I grant permission to the BSEACD to use part or all of my essay if it is a winner in any manner deemed appropriate by the District, which may include, but is not limited to, publication of the entire essay.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent or Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

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Aquatic Sciences Adventure Camp Summer 2018 Scholarships

The Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District will offer several scholarships (both six-day sleepover & five-day day camp) to the Edwards Aquifer Research and Data Center's Aquatic Science Adventure Camp At Texas State University in San Marcos



Scholarship winners will learn about Central Texas' water resources through a variety of educational and recreational activities. For more information on the camp, please visit: www.eardc.txstate.edu/camp.html.

Scholarship contest is open to children ages 9 through 15 who reside in one of the six school districts within the District's boundaries. Interested students must submit an application and a 1-page essay/artwork entitled "Why I want to attend the Aquatic Science Adventure Camp!" (Note: Essays are not being graded, and the contents of which do not form a basis for selection.) Scholarship winners will be chosen in a random drawing. Only completed applications with essays will be eligible.

The District would like to thank our permittees Creedmoor-Maha WSC, Goforth SUD, and Texas Lehigh Cement Company for donating a portion of their FY2017 Conservation Credits to the scholarship fund. The scholarship program would not be a success without these generous donations!

Deadline for submissions: Wednesday, March 21, 2018.
For more information, rules, and an application form, please visit:
<http://www.bseacd.org/events/scholarships>



**Barton Springs
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2018 SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

Application Form

Name of Camp Scholarship Applicant: _____

Name of Parent(s) or Legal Guardian(s): _____

Home Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Parent's Phone Number: _____

Parent's Email: _____

Applicant's School: _____ Grade Level: _____

School District: _____ Age: _____

How did you hear about the camp scholarship program? _____

Please check the box that applies to your child:

	<p>I am interested in attending one of the 6-day overnight camps. (Note: Parent will be responsible for providing the registration fee (\$150), which will be the deposit needed to hold the child's spot.)</p>
	<p>I am interested in attending one of the 5-day day camps. (Total cost of the camp will be provided by BSEACD.)</p>
	<p>I am interested in attending either camp.</p>

Please staple your "Why I want to attend the Aquatic Sciences Adventure Camp!" 1-page essay/artwork to this application and mail/deliver documents to: Camp Scholarship Contest, BSEACD, 1124 Regal Row, Austin, TX 78748. Applications must be received in the District's office by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 21, 2018. Scholarship winners will be chosen in a random drawing. Only completed applications with essays will be eligible for the scholarship drawing. Note: Essays are not being graded and the contents of which do not form a basis for selection.

I have read and agree to abide by the Rules of the Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District Camp Scholarship Contest. In addition, if selected as a scholarship recipient, I grant permission to the BSEACD to use my name, photo, or essay in any manner deemed appropriate by the District.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____ Date _____

BARTON SPRINGS/EDWARDS AQUIFER CONSERVATION DISTRICT CAMP SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST RULES

1) ELIGIBILITY

- a) The Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District's Camp Scholarship program will provide:
 - \$549 scholarships to the Edwards Aquifer Research and Data Center's Week-Long Aquatic Science Adventure Camp (Note: Parent will be responsible for providing the other \$150 of the camp fee, which will be the deposit needed to hold the child's spot.)
 - \$349 scholarships to the Edwards Aquifer Research and Data Center's 5-Day Aquatic Science Adventure Camp (Note: All \$349 will be paid for by BSEACD.)
 - For more information on the camp and its activities, please visit: <http://www.eardc.txstate.edu/camp.html>
- b) Scholarship contest is open to children ages 9 through 15. Students must reside in one of the eight school districts within the District boundaries. These school districts are: Austin, Del Valle, Dripping Springs, Eanes, Hays Consolidated, Lockhart, San Marcos Consolidated, and Wimberley.
- c) Students must attend a public, private, or other accredited school located within the boundaries of those school districts. Home-schooled students living within these boundaries are also eligible.
- d) Students who have previously been awarded a BSEACD Camp or Groundwater Essay Contest Scholarship are not eligible.

2) SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

A completed application form that contains contestant's name and contact information should accompany each 1-page essay/artwork. Essays, which are not being graded and the contents of which do not form a basis for selection, must be completed by the applicant and address why the child would like to attend the camp and what they hope to learn/do while there. Essay cannot be longer than one page and can include artwork.

Applications and essays must be received in the office by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 21, 2018. The Board of Directors reserves the right to refuse distribution of funds if minimum guidelines are not satisfied.

3) JUDGING CRITERIA

Scholarship winners will be chosen in a random drawing of eligible entries for each camp; only completed applications with essays will be eligible. Parents will be notified in April 2018 if their child's name is chosen. District staff will arrange for the appropriate paperwork to be completed, and parents will be expected to provide registration materials in a timely fashion. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of the scholarship.

Item 4

Board Discussions and Possible Actions

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Adjournment