

Sat 2/10

CAVE TALKS

Auditorium Presentations:
10-noon Caves, springs, aquifers
1:30-3:30 Exploration, habitats, endangered species, and why caves matter



Austin Cave Festival at the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

Morning Presentation Schedule

10:15-10:20	Welcome & Opening Remarks	
10:20-10:35	The Treasures of Austin's Caves	Nico Hauwert, Ph.D., P.G. <i>Program Manager of the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve, Austin Water Wildland Conservation Division</i>
10:40-10:55	Caves: the Essential Natural Infrastructure for Barton Springs	Kevin Thuesen, Ph.D. <i>Program Manager of the Water Quality Protection Lands, Austin Water Wildland Conservation Division</i>
11:00-11:15	From Rainfall to Springflow: the Fascinating Story of Flow Paths in the Trinity and Edwards Aquifers	Brian Hunt, P.G. <i>Senior Hydrogeologist, Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer Conservation District</i>
11:20-11:35	Recent Tracing of Water Flow Underground in the Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer	Saj Zappitello, P.G. <i>Hydrogeologist, City of Austin Watershed Protection Department</i>
11:40-11:55	Everybody Poops: Wastewater Management & the Edwards Aquifer	Chris Herrington, P.E. <i>Supervising Engineer, City of Austin Watershed Protection Department</i>
11:55-12:00	Closing Remarks	

Afternoon Presentation Schedule

1:30-1:40	Afternoon Opening Remarks	
1:40-2:00	The Texas Blind Salamander (<i>Eurycea rathbuni</i>): Update on Current Research	Andy Gluesenkamp, Ph.D. <i>Director of Conservation, San Antonio Zoo</i>
2:00-2:20	Your Underground Neighbors - Karst Invertebrates of the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve	Todd Bayless <i>Biologist, Balcones Canyonlands Preserve, Travis County Transportation and Natural Resources Division</i>
2:20-2:40	Explore!	Peter Sprouse <i>Owner, Zara Environmental</i>
2:40-3:00	Austin's Endangered Salamanders	Nathan Bendik <i>Environmental Scientist Senior, Watershed Protection Department</i>
3:00-3:20	The National Speleological Society - We Explore, We Conserve, We Study	Geary Schindel <i>President, National Speleological Society</i>
3:20-3:30	Closing Remarks	