

South Hill | 9:30 am: Opening Blessing of the Water

Gary Perez, Custodian of the Native American Church National Trust in Mirando City and Sacred Sites Director of the Indigenous Cultures, Institute in San Marcos

9:30 am: Keynote:

Diane Wilson, Director and Founder of Calhoun County Resource Watch; Executive Director of San Antonio Bay Estuarine Waterkeeper, 2023 Goldman Prize Winner

Venue A

- 10:45AM - 11:45AM** **21st Century Barton Springs: Climate, Water, Citizens, and a Britney Spears Song**
Jay Banner, Ph.D, Director of U.T. Environmental Science Institute, with Mark May to discuss citizen activism
- 11:45AM - 1:45PM** **2 Concerts for 2 Lunch Periods**
Lunch Concerts by Bill Oliver & Otter Space Band
- 2:00PM - 3:00PM** **The Campaign to Rewild Zilker Park: What We Learned - So far**
Robin Rather & Tanya Payne, Re-Wild Zilker Project
- 3:00PM - 4:00PM** **Austin's Climate Equity Plan**
Alberta Phillips, Commissioner on the City of Austin's Joint Sustainability Committee, and Lauren Ross, Ph.D., P.E., Glenrose Engineering
- 4:00PM** **Park Pulse: An Urgent Community Dialogue**
Robin Rather, Local Environmentalist, and a Panel of Advocates on Rewilding & Public Parks - Community Discussion

Venue B

- 10:45 - 11:45AM** **History Highlights of Zilker Park**
Kim McNight, MSHP, AICP, Program Manager, Historic Preservation & Tourism Program
- 11:45AM - 12:45PM** **How Can the Future of Barton Springs be Protected Amid the Explosive Growth Upstream?**
Ed Crowell, Author at Texas A&M University Press
- 1:45PM - 2:30PM** **What You Should Know About Harmful Algae Blooms**
Brent Bellinger, Austin Parks & Recreation Department, Aquatic Ecologist, Austin Watershed Protection

Venue C

- 10:45AM - 11:45AM** **Growing Community with Gardens**
Harve' Franks, Program Coordinator at City of Austin's George Washington Carver Museum and Cultural Center
- 11:45AM - 12:45PM** **Why Organic Gardening & Native Plants are Better for Our Environment**
Chrissie Robertson, Education Coordinator, Natural Gardener
- 12:45PM - 1:45PM** **Indigenous Cultures and the Four Fountain Springs of Texas Annular Eclipse October 14th**
Gary Perez, Native American Church & Indigenous Cultures Institute of San Marcos
- 1:45PM** **Don't Wastewater**
Victoria Rose, SOS Staff Attorney, Bill Bunch, SOS Executive Director

Venue D

- 10:45 - 11:45AM** **The Future of Austin's Water Supply in the Face of Climate Heating and a Booming Population**
Marisa Flores Gonzalez, Program Manager, Austin Water and Jennifer Walker, Director Texas Coast & Water Program National Wildlife Federation
- 11:45AM - 12:45PM** **Introduction to Barton Springs & the Edwards Aquifer**
Jeff Watson, P.G., Staff Hydrogeologist, Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer Conservation District
- 12:45PM - 1:45PM** **River Eels/The Weirdest Fish in Texas**
Dean Hendrickson, Ph.D; Curator of Ichthyology, University of Texas at Austin, Department of Integrative Biology
- 1:45PM** **Visit Venue A for 2pm talk; community fair or swimming Open Class**

Hands on Activities

Hands on Activities take place at 10:45, 11:45, 12:45 & 1:45 unless otherwise noted. High School students are pre-registered for these activities. Others please register at the SOS Tent as some activities have limited availability.

- 1 Macroinvertebrate Collection:** Sara Heilman, M.S., Austin Watershed Protection Department 10:45, 11:45, 1:45
- 2 A Reflecting Pool: Civil Rights and Barton Springs:** Karen Kocher, Professor of Practice, Dept. of Radio-Television-Film, University of Texas at Austin 10:45 & 11:45 am only
- 3 Creative Instincts ~ Native Patterns:** Omid Aski Laridja, Artist 10:45, 11:45, 1:45
- 4 Eliza Springs Amphitheater Tour:** Nathan Bendik, M.S., and Sarah Donelson, Austin Watershed Protection Department
- 5 Testing Water Conductivity:** Shay Hlavaty & Justin Camp, Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer Conservation District 10:45, 12:45 & 1:45
- 6 Search and Find Manikin in Barton Springs Pool:** Barton Springs Lifeguards
- 7 Water Quality Testing:** San Marcos River Foundation; Rachel Sanborn, Director of Operations and Adam Berglund, Water Monitoring Trainer & Coordinator
- 8 Guided Snorkel Tours:** Joel Manzo, SOS Guide
- 9 Live Eels - The Weirdest Fish in Texas:** Hayley Gillespie, Site Supervisor, Austin Nature & Science Center
- 10 Alligators In Austin!?** Hayley Gillespie, Site Supervisor, Austin Nature & Science Center, and Christina Burkovich, Wildlife Exhibit Coordinator, Austin Nature & Science Center
- 11 Live Austin Bats!** Austin Bat Refuge, Dianne Odegard & Lee Mackenzie Founders
- 12 Austin Caves, Dye Trace Simulation:** Nico Hauwert, Ph.D., P.G., Program Manager Balcones Canyonland Preserve City of Austin, Austin Water
- 13 Live Salamanders:** The Importance of Local Endangered Species: Justin Crow, Fish Biologist, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- 14 Walking tour of Nature Based Solutions for Water and Climate in Zilker Park:** Eric Paulus, Director of Ecology Action of Texas and Lindsey Holmes, Environmental Literature Professor, St. Edward University 10:45, 11:45, 1:45

