



TAE 36th Annual Conference

October 6-8, 2016

Camp Young Judea, Wimberley, Texas

Fieldtrips



Self-guided Visit: Discover the fun of science at the Science Mill in Johnson City! This family destination offers a fun, interactive learning environment for all ages. Through cutting-edge exhibits, games and programs, the non-profit science museum expands understanding and appreciation of science in everyday life.

The mission of the Science Mill is to ignite the curiosity, ambition, innovation and problem-solving potential of the next generation through an innovative, immersive experience that enhances the community's understanding of, and appreciation for, science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).

Housed in an historic 1880s mill, the Science Mill features more than 40 interactive, world-class exhibits, a 3D theater, and an on-site café. Students can log on after their visit for more information about careers as scientists, engineers, researchers and technology leaders of tomorrow. Visit <http://sciencemill.org/> for information on hours, special events, field trips and summer camps.

When: Friday, October 6

Time: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Where: Hill Country Science Mill
101 South Lady Bird Lane
Johnson City, TX 78636

Cost: \$7.00 Self-Guided tour

Sign up during conference registration. Visit anytime during the day and let them know you are with TAE.



Private Cave Tour. In the heart of the Texas Hill Country lies an astonishing place called Westcave Preserve, a 76-acre nature preserve and environmental education facility in western Travis County, near Austin, that provides a sanctuary for the flora and fauna of surprisingly diverse ecosystems. Prepare yourself for the majestic beauty of Westcave, a unique Texas Hill Country nature preserve that will leave you breathless! Expert-guides will take you on a tour from an arid savanna through a limestone crevice into a sheltered canyon of lush plant life. At the head of the canyon stands Westcave, with a stunning 40-foot waterfall replenishing an emerald pool below. <http://westcave.org/>

When: Friday October 6, 2017

Cost: \$12.00

Where: West Cave Outdoor Discovery Center
24814 Hamilton Pool Road
Round Mountain, TX 78663

Time: 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

830-825-3442

Sign up during conference registration.



Brewery Tour: Meet up at the Real Ale Brewing Company for a tour of the Tap Room and Beers before the conference begins. Since 1996, Real Ale has grown from a small family operation making beer in the basement of an antique store in downtown Blanco to a brewery of 55+ people making some of the highest quality craft beer in the state. They make their beer with as little processing as possible. In addition to being unfiltered and unpasteurized, they never use preservatives or artificial colors. They start with water from the nearby Blanco River and the highest quality ingredients.
<https://realalebrewing.com>

When: Friday, October 6, 2017

Where: Real Ale Brewing Company
231 San Saba Court
Blanco, TX 78606
830-833-2534

Time: Free tours Friday 1pm and 3:00 pm
Tap Room: Friday 11am – 7pm
Sunday 12pm – 5pm

Cost: Free visit. Beer may be purchased on site.
Beer may not be purchased to take away. No food service available but outside food is permitted.

Sign up during conference registration.



Self-guided Tour: The Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center's 279 acres are a mix of cultivated gardens, an arboretum, managed natural areas and wildlands that straddle the Edwards Plateau and Texas Blackland Prairies ecoregions. Visit their sustainable gardens displaying 650 species of Texas native plants and explore natural areas on more than 2 miles of trails. Their landscapes and buildings reflect their purpose to conserve native plants, create sustainable landscapes and conserve resources.

<https://www.wildflower.org>

When: Friday, October 6 & Sunday October 8

Where: Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center
4801 LaCrosse Ave
Austin, TX 78739
512-232-0100

Time: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Cost: \$9.00 Self-guided tour

Some Arboretums offer reciprocal member admission.

Check your local arboretum membership for details.

If you plan to use a reciprocal admission do not sign up for field trip during conference registration.

Sign up during conference registration.



Guided Walk of Landa Lake and Comal River– Grab a cup of coffee and join Environmental Educator Zach Martin as you walk and discover the environmental projects taking place around Landa Lake and the Comal River in New Braunfels. Learn about the latest Habitat Conservation Plan for the region and how these projects can be taught in the classroom. Educational opportunities for elementary, middle and high schools students and community involvement will be included in the discussion. Learn about the latest scientific research by universities on projects for endangered species and the overall ecosystem.

When: Sunday, October 8

Time: 10:00 – 12:00

Where: 101 Golf Course Road
New Braunfels, TX 78130

Cost: Free

Sign up during conference registration.

Other options in Waco if you are coming from North Texas. No sign up required.

Waco Mammoth National Monument

Visit the newest unit of National Park Service in Texas



On July 10, 2015, President Barack Obama issued a Presidential Proclamation making the Waco Mammoth Site a new unit of the National Park System. This paleontological site represents the nation's only recorded discovery of a nursery herd of Columbian mammoths. Visitors can view "in situ" fossils including female mammoths, a bull mammoth, and a camel that lived approximately 67,000 years ago. <https://www.nps.gov/waco>

Open daily 9am – 5pm Guided tours \$4 - \$5

6220 Steinbeck Bend Drive
Waco, TX 76708

Directions:

- From I-35 North, take exit 339 and head west on Lake Shore Drive. Turn right on Steinbeck Bend Drive and travel 1.5 miles to the Monument.
- From I-35 South, take exit 335C and head northwest on Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard. Continue straight onto Steinbeck Bend Drive and travel 1.5 miles to the Monument.

Homestead Craft Village and Farm

In Waco



Free Self-guided tours

Village is open 10 am – 6 pm Monday – Saturday
www.homesteadheritage.com

Homestead Craft Village
608 Dry Creek Rd.
Waco, TX 76705

No sign-up required.