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## **Rainwater Revival Raises Funds for School Grants**

**Bee Cave, TX** – A good place to learn about the many benefits of rainwater harvesting is at the 7<sup>th</sup> annual RAINWATER REVIVAL to be held Saturday, November 5, from 10am to 4pm at Dripping Springs Ranch Park in Dripping Springs, Texas.

In addition to a full-day of speakers and demonstrations, 50 vendors, food trucks and musical entertainment, the RAINWATER REVIVAL raises funds for the Hill Country Alliance (HCA) School Grant program for water conservation education in schools throughout the 17-county region.

This year, for the first time, a RAFFLE of “all things Hill Country” is in place to raise funds for the HCA School Grant program. The online raffle, **RainwaterRevivalRaffle.com**, ends Friday, November 4, but tickets will be available for purchase at the RAINWATER REVIVAL on November 5. Raffle winners, who need not be present to win, will be drawn and announced during the RAINWATER REVIVAL in Dripping Springs.

Raffle tickets are \$5 each or five for \$20 and offer a number of Hill County experiences including a weekend at the Cool River Cabin at Native American Seed near Junction, an overnight stay in a treehouse at Cypress Valley Canopy Tours, a visit to Bracken Bat Cave Preserve for ten, a day of wine tasting for eight, and a 1,100-gallon rainwater tank, to name but a few.

Proceeds from the Rainwater Revival Raffle will help fuel projects in Hill Country schools to implement and maintain rainwater collection systems or water conservation education programs on their campuses. Earlier this year, the Katherine Ann Porter School (KAPS) in Wimberley, Texas, received \$1,500 from the HCA School Grant program.

Amy Crowell, a teacher and project leader at KAPS had this to say, “We at the Katherine Anne Porter School are grateful for the grant from the Hill Country Alliance! We are using the money to improve our current rainwater harvesting system and to educate our students about the importance of water conservation at our school. Our motto at the school is: *Leaders of the Hill County, Dragons of Life!* We appreciate the opportunity to *lead* our students, our community, and the Hill Country towards a more sustainable future.”

Katherine Romans, executive director of the Hill Country Alliance, invites participation in the Rainwater Revival Raffle. “The raffle is an easy way for you to help HCA reward schools who are committed to teaching respect and conservation of our precious water resources to the next generation of stewards. And you just might win a unique Hill Country experience for participating.”

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**About the Rainwater Revival**

*The Rainwater Revival is a free, annual celebration of collection, conservation and common sense. The Hill Country Alliance is a nonprofit organization whose purpose is to raise public awareness and build community support around the need to preserve the natural resources and heritage of the Texas Hill Country. For more information: [hillcountryalliance.org](http://hillcountryalliance.org) and [rainwaterrevival.com](http://rainwaterrevival.com).*

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Photo attached: (Bracken cave)

Suggested cutline: The Rainwater Revival Raffle offers an opportunity for ten people to witness the rare experience of more than 15 million Mexican free-tailed bats emerging from the Bracken Cave.

