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## **Rainwater Revival Extends Application Deadline for classroom Grants**

Elementary and Middle Schools in 17 Hill Country counties now have until June 15 to apply for classroom grants focused on teaching water conservation and rainwater catchment to students, courtesy of the annual Rainwater Revival.

The Rainwater Revival is a daylong event that brings expert advice to individuals and businesses interested in collecting rainwater for interior and exterior use. In addition to exhibits, lectures and discussions, vendors of rainwater catchment and related products will be on site. The event is sponsored by The Hill Country Alliance, individuals and businesses with an interest in showing how simple and inexpensive rainwater collection can be.

Each year at the Revival rain barrels decorated by area professional artists are auctioned off, with the proceeds going to help teachers fund projects that involve young people learning about water resources.

“It’s fun to see so many schools creating butterfly gardens, native landscapes and rainwater harvesting systems – we’re looking for teachers and schools that are making it a priority to inspire a water-wise generation,” said Christy Muse, Executive Director of The Hill Country Alliance.

Grants of up to \$900 per selected application will be awarded for use during the 2012-2013 school year. Applications can be emailed to [info@RainwaterRevival.com](mailto:info@RainwaterRevival.com) or mailed to HCA-Rainwater Revival, Attention Grant Program, 15315 Hwy. 71 West, Bee Cave, TX 78738.

Grant requests should include:

- A one-page description of the project, including number of students reached, expected outcomes, length or duration of project, and general management and participation in the project
- Project budget, including grant amount requested and, if anticipated, matching funds or in-kind services (matches not required)
- Letter(s) of support from school principal and any others, as appropriate
- Primary contact name, phone and email.

The 2012 Rainwater Revival, a free event filled with music, food, fun and rainwater education from basic to advanced, is set for Saturday, October 27, at the Boerne Convention Center, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

For more information, including photos of rain barrels created by last year's artists and how to become a sponsor or vendor, visit [www.rainwaterrevival.com](http://www.rainwaterrevival.com).