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Bandera Middle School Receives \$900 Rainwater Revival Conservation Grant to Fund Innovative Campus Projects



Left to right: Hill Country Alliance Executive Director Christy Muse and Advisory Board member Rick Ertel present a Rainwater Revival grant check for \$900 to Jackie Denham, Bandera Middle School science teacher and Principal Donald Tosh to fund water conservation projects at Bandera Middle School.

and students are working together on projects to catch water and to replace turf grass around the school grounds with native grasses and plants through partnerships with other conservation-minded groups.”

The school plans to use the grant to install small collection stations at each of the school's downspouts, allowing the campus to support more trees and shrubs to improve its green footprint, according to Principal Donald Tosh, Jr. “Students have already designed and built a catchment system and garden, and horticulture classes provide the basis for growing our own native plants, trees and grasses,” he said.

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 4 p.m. Visit www.rainwaterrevival.com for more information about the event and to see photos of rain barrels transforming into works of art.

The Hill Country Alliance is a non-profit organization dedicated to caring for the unique features of the Texas Hill Country for the benefit of future generations. Visit HCA at www.hillcountryalliance.org.

The Rainwater Revival recently awarded a \$900 grant to Bandera Middle School that will help fund water conservation efforts and native plant landscaping at its campus in the Bandera ISD.

Each year the Rainwater Revival promotes water catchment and conservation projects through grants for Hill Country schools. The funds are raised by auctioning off professionally decorated rain barrels at its annual festival, which brings together water conservation experts and the public in a fun and educational setting.

“Bandera Middle School is right on the mark, setting a great example for schools throughout Central Texas by capturing not only rainwater, but amazing amounts of condensation from the school's air conditioning system to use to water the grounds,” said Christy Muse, Executive Director of the Hill Country Alliance, which sponsors the annual Rainwater Revival and provides matching funds for the grants. “Teachers