

## EAA'S AQUIFER EDUCATION DESTINATION REACHES MAJOR MILESTONE WITH 10,000 ANNUAL VISITORS

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EAA EOC staff celebrates 10,000 annual visitors and counting for 2025.

**November 19, 2025** – Today, the Edwards Aquifer Authority Education Outreach Center (EAA EOC) celebrated the center's new milestone of 10,000 annual visitors. It is through free educational field trips, group visits, and self-guided tours that the center has gained thousands of aquifer stewards since the EAA EOC opened its doors in 2022. The Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics (STEAM) educational offerings are shepherded by Senior STEAM Outreach Educator, Sarah Valdez, and STEAM Outreach Educator II, Elizabeth Gutierrez. Throughout the years students from across the EAA jurisdiction have taken field trips to center to learn about the Edwards Aquifer and gain an appreciation for aquifer preservation.

*"The EAA Education Outreach Center is a great resource that is open to all," states Mike De La Garza, EAA Executive Director of Communications & Engagement. "Everyone wanting to learn about the world of water should make it a point to plan a trip and immerse themselves!"*

The EAA EOC offers interactive exhibits and displays while also being completely free and open to the public. Most notably, the center features a Karst Theater; endangered species aquariums showcasing Texas blind salamanders and Fountain darters; a one-of-a-kind Global Perspective Display; an augmented reality Topobox; Cloud Caster; Texas Native Plant Demonstration Garden, and many more STEAM opportunities for school groups and field trips. Situated in the EAA Recharge Zone, on the grounds of Morgan's Camp, the EAA EOC is rooted in inclusion and an adventure for all.

The EAA is a groundwater conservation district that manages, enhances and protects the Edwards Aquifer, a major groundwater system serving over two-and-one-half million South Central Texans. The EAA jurisdiction spans across 8 counties including Uvalde, Medina, Bexar, and parts of Atascosa, Caldwell, Guadalupe, Comal, and Hays counties.

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