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### **Request for Coverage**

**Take a Hike! Despite bad economy, 60 South San Antonio ISD students receive field trip opportunity thanks to the City of San Antonio and the Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance**

**When: Thursday, March 5, 2009 – 9:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.**

**Where: Government Canyon State Natural Area, Main Office**

**What:** The Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance (GEAA) received a grant from the City of San Antonio through SA Parks and Recreation Department's *Outdoor Education Initiative* to partially fund a new outdoor education program that brings 60 Shepard Middle School students on a hike at Government Canyon State Natural Area and learn why this area was purchased to protect the Edwards Aquifer.

Students will learn first-hand how the Edwards Aquifer system functions and its importance to sustaining life in this region. The field trip is designed to reinforce the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) curriculum on scientific systems taught at the middle school level. By the end of the day, students will be able to identify the components of the Edwards Aquifer watershed, including the relationship between groundwater and surface water, the geologic forces that led to the formation of the Aquifer, and the environmental conditions created by the karst network that supports a number of unique species found nowhere else in the world. Additionally, students will be able to engage in a serious discussion on how humans interact with this karst environment and the importance of responsible stewardship to conserve this essential resource.

Great Photo Opportunity!

Please RSVP to [Elena Serna](#) if you plan to join us.

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