



Austin Energy Regional Science Festival 2019

Founded in 1956, the Science Festival celebrated its 63rd anniversary this year. A total of 2,644 students from 244 schools entered 2,283 science projects in the Austin Energy Regional Science Festival, representing 21 Central Texas school districts, as well as several private, charter and home schools. First- through third-place category winners advanced to the Texas Science and Engineering Fair in College Station in late March. Six “Best of Fair” projects advance to the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair in mid-May in Phoenix, AZ.

Canyon Ridge Middle School, in the Leander Independent School District; and Westwood High School, from the Round Rock Independent School District, won Sweepstakes awards for most winning projects.

The Sweepstakes Award is presented to the school in the junior division (middle schools) and senior division (high schools) earning the most points in the 17 science categories at the science festival. Canyon Ridge won Sweepstakes for the seventh year in a row, outperforming 36 other middle schools. Westwood High School outperformed 29 other high schools for their very first Sweepstakes Award.

The Science Festival is Austin Energy’s largest sponsored annual community event, helping promote science, technology, engineering and math education.

We gratefully acknowledge the support from all our underwriters, including our Platinum Sponsor, the Intel Foundation, and Gold Sponsors 3M and Synopsys, Inc. Additionally, we wish to thank the more than 600 judges and over 200 volunteers

who made this event possible.

Visit sciencefest.org for a complete listing of awards and photos as well as a list of our sponsors.



Electric scooters – be informed and be safe

Before you hop on, know the rules of the road.

- » **Pedestrians first** – Yield to people walking on sidewalks.
 - » **Park responsibly** – Park in a secure, upright position in designated areas, such as furniture zones of sidewalks, public bike racks and other marked parking zones. On sidewalks, give at least three feet of clearance for accessibility.
 - » **Stay on right of way** – Do not take dockless devices to unauthorized areas, such as private property, parkland, or state-owned land, unless otherwise authorized.
 - » **Know what you’re sharing** – Users have access to dockless mobility services without having to share personally identifiable information and can opt in to data sharing only after getting clear information about what data will be shared.
 - » **Right and report** – If you see a unit toppled over or parked improperly, help out by righting the unit and reporting the issue to Austin 3-1-1.
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High School Sweepstakes Winner: Westwood High School



Middle School Sweepstakes Winner: Canyon Ridge Middle School

Now's the time to spring into cleaning

As the days get longer and the grass gets greener this spring, now is a great time to clean and declutter. Here are some proactive tips that can help your home and neighborhood be a little cleaner and safer:

- » **Keep the right-of-way clear of debris including corners, sidewalks and alleys.**
- » **Take your garbage carts out to the curb, and bring them back in soon after.**
- » **Declutter your home and property of accumulated rubbish and trash.**

- » **If a broken vehicle is sitting in your driveway, it's time to let it go!**
- » **Planning a garage sale? Remember that City code only allows a maximum of four garage sales per calendar year.** Keeping Austin clean and beautiful is no easy task, but together we can make the community better! For more information on what you can do to keep our city safe and livable, visit austintexas.gov/code.



Ways to celebrate Earth Day and Earth Month



From Barton Springs to the greenbelt and from nearby state parks to the rolling terrain of the Texas Hill Country, the Austin area has an abundance of green space. This Earth Day, find out where some City departments will celebrate our environment, and find information on making Earth Day last all month in the following list:

Austin Energy:

- » **You can find Austin Energy at the 2019 Earth Day Austin event Saturday, April 13 from 12 to 7 p.m. at Huston-Tillotson University.** Visit with Austin Energy staff to find out more about how the publicly owned utility focuses on the environment.
- » **Austin Energy offers numerous ways for customers to go green, like electric vehicles.** Learn more about the Austin Energy Plug-In EVerywhereSM charging network by visiting pluginaustin.com.

Watershed Protection:

- » **The Watershed Protection Department will be at the 2019 Earth Day Austin event at Huston-Tillotson.** You can learn about sustainable gardening practices, Scoop the Poop and other ways to protect water quality in creeks and lakes. Visit austintexas.gov/watershed for more information.

Austin Resource Recovery:

- » **Austin Resource Recovery, in partnership with Recycled Reads, will be at the 2019 Earth Day Austin event April 13.** They will host a book reuse activity and donation center and you can learn about what you can do to keep unnecessary waste out of our landfills.



Community Wildfire Preparedness Symposium

Friday, May 3
9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Asian American Resource Center
8401 Cameron Rd. Austin, TX 78754

Recent wildfires in California have many thinking about local wildfire potential. The Austin Fire Department invites you to join us at the Community Wildfire Preparedness Symposium to learn more about Austin's wildfire risk and how you can protect what matters.

Learn more and register for this free event at atxfire.com.

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Rosewood-Zaragosa Neighborhood Center (Walk-in Center): 2800 Webberville Road, Ste. 110



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