 Austin Waldorf School
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geography & spirit

Are human beings physically and spiritually affected by their geography? How is geography an expression of living forces and how can we become aware of these forces in our daily tasks as striving human beings? What is the geographic and spiritual uniqueness of your location?

Come to Austin February 14-17 to review Anthroposophical perspectives on America, and to explore the geographical influences of your location.

The Austin Waldorf School sits on the Edwards Plateau near the Balcones Escarpment that forms the plateau's eastern and southern edge. Most of this region is limestone that was laid down when ocean waters covered Texas. The area is honeycombed with caves, and not far from the school we will visit an impressive collapsed cave with its waterfall and pool. A short drive west reveals startling contrast. From low hills rimmed with terraces of white, gray or buff colored limestone, we come upon the great dome of hard, pink granite known as Enchanted Rock. We will take an afternoon to experience and explore the character of these contrasting regions, formed from two types of rock that together cover so much of our continent and our planet.

Dates: February 14-17, 2010

Registration check-in Sunday February 14 :: 4:00pm - 6:30pm
Opening Lecture by David Mitchell :: 7:00pm

Cost: \$150 :: Register Now!

Online at www.austinwaldorf.org or call 512-288-5942 ext. 100

\$125 :: Early Bird Special if registered by January 15, 2010
(includes conference fee, meals and transportation from AWS to Hamilton Pool and Enchanted Rock)

Guest Speakers:



David Mitchell :: David has taught life sciences, Shakespeare, geometry, blacksmithing, woodworking, and stone sculpture in Waldorf high schools for 36 years. He is adjunct professor at Antioch College and a leader at AWSNA (Association of Waldorf Schools of North America).



Gunther Hauk :: A beekeeper for over 30 years, Gunther is co-founder of Spikenard Farm and Apiary. He has been a Waldorf School teacher for languages, religion, and gardening for 22 years; co-founder and Program Director of The Pfeiffer Center; faculty member of Sunbridge College from 1996 to 2007; and author of *Towards Saving the Honeybee*, published in 2002.

"It is helpful when we achieve a 'sense of place' - an understanding through applied study of a location's geology, weather, ecology, plant life and history - that we are able to 'be at home' and work creatively with social challenges, our individual tasks, and more consciously come to terms with life purpose."

:: **David Mitchell**

"In this important process of achieving a 'sense of place', we have to be conscious of having to balance one-sided effects of the forces inherent in all matter. What does it mean to live on lime, on granite, to have as one's main diet corn or wheat?"

:: **Gunther Hauk**

Conference schedule

Sunday, February 14 :: 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Registration & Opening Evening Lecture / Presentation by David Mitchell

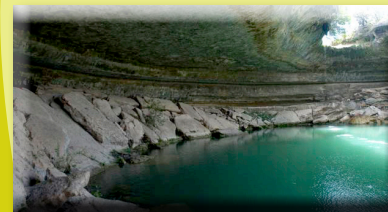
Monday, February 15 :: 8:30am - 5:30pm

Field Trip :: (travel, snack and lunch provided)

hamilton pool & enchanted rock

(<http://www.texasoutside.com/hamiltonpool.htm>)

(http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/publications/parkguide/rgn_hc_009.phtml)



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Tuesday, February 16 :: 8:30am - 5:30pm

Morning Lecture / Presentation by Gunther Hauk
Artistic Breakout Sessions (possible offerings): Sand Sculpting; Painting; Movement (Spatial Dynamics, Eurythmy and/or Dance); Biodynamic Gardening or Outdoor Education.

Wednesday, February 17 :: 8:30am - 12:30pm

Morning Lecture
Plenum

Other Details: Continuing Professional Education hours are available.