

# JOIN AQUA SQUAD!



## What Is Aqua Squad?

Aqua Squad is a group of middle school students who will be immersed in the science and issues related to water in our local community.

## What Does Aqua Squad Do?

- They spend the summer researching water, art, and design with expert staff from the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts and San Angelo Independent School District.
- They travel to Philadelphia (all expenses paid) to explore water issues outside of San Angelo and to learn about exhibit design. Planned visits include the Franklin Institute Science Museum for a day-long workshop and the Philadelphia Museum of Art.
- They produce an exhibit about local and global water issues for Gallery Verde and serve as water ambassadors throughout the year at school and community events.

## How Do I Apply?

**You must fill out an application packet!  
(See the next page for application details)**

**FMI: Bekah Coleman at 325-653-3333**

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## APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS



### STOP! Before you apply, make sure you:

- Are currently a student in the 6th or 7th grade enrolled in Pre-AP or Art class.
- Are able to participate in workshops, the trip to Philadelphia, and the workdays following the trip (Check dates on the parent letter).
- Are willing to participate in outreach programs around the community including a number of festivals, TV interviews, school events, and other public meetings in order to share your research and knowledge about water issues and design.

### Application Instructions:

1. Have your parents read and sign the parent letter.
2. Fill out the attached application.
3. Request recommendation letters from 2 teachers. They will submit these separately from your application. **DO NOT** pick them back up from your teachers.
4. Submit your application to Terrie Phillips by April 10 (if mailed, must be postmarked by April 8). Materials should be hand-delivered or mailed to:

Attn: Terrie Phillips, SAISD Administration Bldg, 1621 University, San Angelo TX, 76904. Selected students will be called for an interview by April 16.

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# PARENT LETTER



Please read through the entire Aqua Squad application before signing.

I \_\_\_\_\_ (parent/guardian) have read the application packet and understand the commitment involved in participating in Aqua Squad.

I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in Aqua Squad, including the following dates:

PLEASE INITIAL BELOW (Note that the trip dates are not confirmed. There are events and meetings in the fall/spring not included here, as well.)

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|-------|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| _____ | April 23               | Aqua Squad Interviews           |
| _____ | May 19                 | Aqua Squad Introduction Meeting |
| _____ | July 1,2, 6-10 & 13-17 | Workshop Days                   |
| _____ | July 19 - 23           | Trip to Philadelphia            |
| _____ | Aug 3-6                | Workdays following trip         |

If selected, Aqua Squad members are expected to participate on ALL requested and potential dates. Repeated absences will result in cancellation of trip for the individual.

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# STUDENT APPLICATION

Please check the subjects you are currently enrolled in:

Pre-AP Science

Pre-AP Math

Art

Pre-AP History

Pre-AP English

Please write neatly!

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Your email \_\_\_\_\_

Grade in Spring 2015 \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s)/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Parent email(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Recommendations requested from:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

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Interviews will be held on April 23rd after school.

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Answer the following questions. Please write neatly.

**DO NOT** write your name anywhere on this part of the application!

**REMEMBER:** You must be taking Art or Pre- AP classes and be able to participate in all listed dates to apply for Aqua Squad.

**Hint:** Practice your answers on a separate sheet of paper before writing it on this application.

1. Highlight one project focused on science you have participated in that you have especially enjoyed. This can be a school project, science fair, T.R.I.Y.S. or a program outside of school. What was the topic and why did it especially interest you? What did you find out?

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2. Aqua Squad focuses on local water issues in a broader context of a world water crisis. Explain your interest in working on projects related to environmental issues.

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3. A significant part of this project involves varied aspects of art and design. Explain your experience and/or interest in art and design. (Hint: “Design” can take many forms!)

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4. Describe some of the ways you have been involved in helping our local community.

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5. Why is creativity and collaboration (working together) important? Give an example where you have been both creative and have worked well with others.

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The students who participate in Aqua Squad are expected to be highly motivated, self-starters who share an interest in not only environmental issues, but also in community building. Collaborative working skills are essential. They also are required to be currently enrolled in Pre-AP or Art classes.

## Instructions for Teacher Recommendation

Complete this recommendation and return to Terrie Phillips at SAISD Administration by April 10

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Thank you for taking the time to complete this recommendation.

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Your email \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

Classes/Grade Levels with this student \_\_\_\_\_

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