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PRESS RELEASE

GIFTED & TALENTED STUDENTS PLAN HIKE TO LEARN ABOUT CEDAR CREEK WATERWAY PROJECT

More than 300 elementary students from Abilene ISD's Gifted & Talented program are gearing up for a post-Thanksgiving hike. But their legs won't be the only part of the body that will get some exercise – their brains will get a workout as well.

On Monday, Nov. 26, the students will be exploring the possibilities of the Cedar Creek Waterway. The local project, which is in its early stages, hopes to develop nature trails and park spaces that would eventually follow Cedar Creek for 12 miles, from Kirby Lake to Lake Fort Phantom. Students will also learn about the uses of recycled water and the potential benefits of the Cedar Creek Waterway to the community.

The day will begin at Thomas Elementary School and then continue to the entrance to the trail. Here is the schedule for Nov.26:

- 9:45 a.m. – Presentations by Randy Barnett, organizer for the Cedar Creek Waterway Project; and Rodney Taylor, Director of Water Utilities for the City of Abilene.
- 10:30 a.m. – Hike the trail from South 11th to North 7th streets

After their introduction to the waterway, the GT students plan to collaborate this spring for a fundraiser that will contribute to the continuation of the project.