

KBDJ Quarry Tour  
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Texas Association of Environmental Educators



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- I think we saw the modern face of Texas mining. Because of the current hyper-awareness of environmental concerns, these people have chosen to go beyond what is required and implemented more stringent methods to protect the Edwards Aquifer and the air quality of Buda. They are prudent and forward thinking. Because they want to use the land for educational (environmental education) purposes, they understand that by “hooking” kids to learning to love the land, those students will appreciate KBDJ’s stewardship. I have taken my kids to TXI for years and though they speak at length about air quality and recycling paints and solvents, I have never heard them say anything about wildlife habitat restoration, aquifer protection or environmental education on site.
- Great! Thank you! Such a relief to see an example of a “green” industry ☺ Just wish it was cool! ☺
- They really want our help with having environmental assets! It is nice to see that they want to make their industry as clean as they possible can. Hope they recycle. ☺
- Have them contact the Girl Scout Council. Great idea for a badge
- Good motion toward “Go-Green Companies” Good intentions toward education and promotion of preservation and biodiversity. Their efforts certainly appeared to be sincere complete with a genuine concern for limiting human impact.
- Impressive organization. Thank you for what you are doing to educate the public & the industry in the importance of environmental stewardships. Suggestion – Offer onsite recycling receptacles so that visitors are able to be environmentally responsible as well. (can, aluminum, plastic, paper)
- Great example of how economics and the environment can and do go hand in hand. It is a great resource for students to see applications of sustainability.
- I believe the company is genuine in its efforts to lesson their impact on the environment. They seem to be concerned about balancing their income with their environmental concerns. Their goal of educating the public is to be commended.

- I am impressed with this mining company's responsibility to the local environment: Maintaining wildlife habitat, water quality and air quality. They are a relatively small operation with much growth potential. My hope is that they will do continuous restoration to keep their "footprint" within reasonable limits.
- I love the community outreach and educational opportunities available.
- I was impressed with the desire to be environmentally aware. It was great to see and will be a great resource.
- I encourage them to include WEBCAMs in their educational outreach efforts.
- This mining company is right on target. I hope they continue to work on their habitat and work with our organization to implement good sound environmental education
- New experience. That is good! Awareness of a business by educators! Good Awareness of educators by business! Good! Also it is good that we are "watching one another." It gives all of us a reason to stay on our toes. Pleasant visit. They liked having company.
- I liked the experience of seeing and experiencing the working quarry. I was impressed with their enthusiasm & open mindedness. I would have liked to have had some time to be outside and look & ask questions. Maybe some binocular time.
- The overall bus info has been excellent! The specific quarry top was interesting too. But before they promote too much child participation I think they need to really zero in on what they want the child to comprehend and streamline their presentation. - - - remembering that children are starting from scratch. (A lot of the "popular" programs are indeed "fun" for children but the game/activities often fail to build a solid base of knowledge to build on.)