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**Report: TAME Trailblazer Trip – University of Texas and Austin Area Schools
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Hosted by the Austin Earth Science Week Consortium

Thanks to donations and volunteer support from the Austin Earth Science Week Consortium, over 100 middle school students from the Austin area were given the unique opportunity to experience the TAME Trailblazer, a 40-foot mobile science and engineering exhibit trailer.



Earth Science Week (ESW) is a nationwide program designed to promote interest and knowledge of the earth sciences and their contributions to society. It is an annual celebration sponsored by the [American Geological Institute](http://www.americangeologicalinstitute.org). Locally, the Austin ESW Career Fair is organized by the Austin Earth Science Week Consortium and generously funded and supported by Austin area businesses and organizations including, the University of Texas at Austin and the UT Commons Conference Complex.



The University of Texas provided two energetic volunteers, Claudia Gerardo and Julie Duiker, who assisted with the Trailblazer tours and helped introduce the students to the wonders of science and engineering. The Trailblazer Program is designed to enhance science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) learning experiences in the classroom, by providing hands-on interactive science and engineering exhibits in a mobile learning environment.



Together, we make a difference because of the continued efforts of our longtime supporters and active partners such as the Austin Earth Science Week Consortium, the University of Texas at Austin, ConocoPhillips, Shell Oil Company, Dow Chemical Company, IBM, and many others who join us in devoting time and energy to our most important natural resource – our children.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Michael Nevels".

Michael Nevels
Trailblazer Program Coordinator