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New Combo Tour Available at Spring Lake for Memorial Day

SAN MARCOS, TEXAS –May 14, 2015 – The Meadows Center for Water and the Environment is excited to announce the launch of an extended "**Combo Tour**" of Spring Lake for Memorial Day weekend, May 23-May 25, 2015. The tour will last one hour and includes a 30-minute glass-bottom boat ride and a 30-minute tour of the wetlands boardwalk.

The glass-bottom boats provide a rare opportunity to see underwater life from a different perspective. View over 1,000 artesian springs that bubble up from the Edwards Aquifer to form the headwaters of the San Marcos River and Spring Lake. Declared a critical Habitat by the Federal Government in 1980, Spring Lake is home to 8 listed endangered and threatened species. See why ancient peoples revered this place as you glide over an underwater archaeology site and catch glimpses of the abundant plant and animal life that call Spring Lake home.

Then take a stroll on the wetlands boardwalk, a 1/10-mile floating boardwalk that winds through our wetlands habitat. Learn why Wetlands are vital for human survival. They are the link between land and water and are some of the most productive ecosystems in the world. Wetlands function as habitat for a wide variety of wildlife and plants; they filter, clean and store water, collect and hold flood waters and provide places of beauty and many recreational activities. During this walk see migrating song birds along with blue, green, tricolored and night crowned herons, snowy egrets, kingfishers, flycatchers, nesting red tailed hawks and four species of turtles basking in the sun.

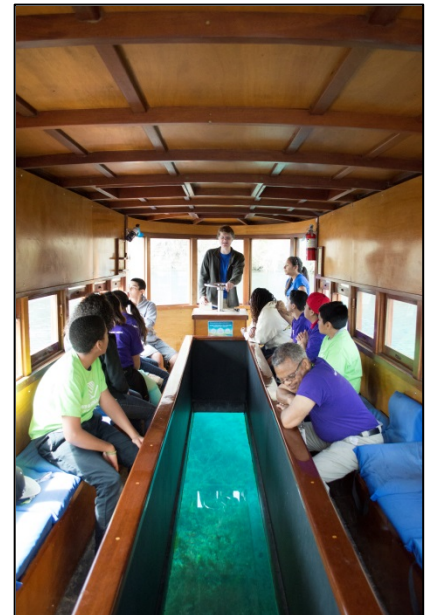
Tours will run on the hour from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Prices are:

- Adults - \$12.75
- Seniors (62+) - \$10.50
- Children (ages 6-12) - \$7.50
- Children (ages 3-5) - \$6.00
- 2 and under free

About The Meadows Center for Water and the Environment

The Meadows Center for Water and the Environment was named following a generous gift from The Meadows Foundation in August 2012. The Meadows Center for Water and the Environment is dedicated



to environmental research, stewardship, education and service. It is run by renowned conservationist Andrew Sansom.

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