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**BRAZOS RIVER AUTHORITY TO HOLD 2nd ANNUAL
WATER SAFETY AWARENESS DAY IN MAY**

Granbury, TX – May 1, 2017 - The Brazos River Authority will hold its 2nd Annual *Water Safety Awareness Day*, Saturday, May 20, 2017, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Lake Granbury's Rough Creek Park. The event will again feature a kid's life jacket giveaway, an opportunity for kids to fish for free, participation in the attempt to beat the world record for the most people wearing a life jacket, and much more.

"Water safety is always the highest priority here at Lake Granbury, especially for our children," said Connie Tucker, area project manager for the Brazos River Authority at Lake Granbury. "Drowning is a tragedy that can be prevented simply by wearing the correct type of life jacket. The BRA is happy to host our upcoming Water Safety Awareness Day on May 20th and provide children's life jackets to the Granbury community."

The BRA will be giving away free personal floatation devices or life jackets while supplies last and will be assisting the National Safe Boating Council's "Ready, Set, Wear It" campaign with an attempt to break the 2015 world record for the most people wearing a life jacket in one day.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Kid Fish program will be providing fishing equipment and expert instruction on fishing for children that would like to participate. New this year will be radio station KOME 95.3, Country that Rocks! broadcasting live from this event.

Other organizations taking part in the Water Safety Awareness Day will be: Texas EMS, local law enforcement and fire rescue groups, the Safe Kids Coalition, the YMCA, Lake Granbury Medical Center, Academy Sports + Outdoors, HEB, Creations Child Care & Learning Center, The Swim Lesson People, TEXSAR Search and Rescue, Marksmen Firearms & Outdoors, Stumpy's/Lake Granbury Marina and many others.

Free hot dogs and water will also be available while supplies last. For additional information on the event, contact the Lake Granbury project office at 817-573-3212.

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About the Brazos River Authority

The Brazos River Authority, with headquarters in Waco, is the oldest river authority in Texas. Created by the Texas Legislature in 1929, the Authority's 42,000 square-mile territory includes all or part of 70 counties; extending from the Texas-New Mexico border west of Lubbock to the Gulf of Mexico near Freeport.

The BRA built, owns, and operates three reservoirs (Lakes Possum Kingdom, Granbury, and Limestone). In addition to these water supply reservoirs, the BRA contracts with the Corps of Engineers for the water supply storage space at eight federal multi-purpose flood control and water conservation reservoirs (Lakes Whitney, Belton, Proctor, Somerville, Stillhouse Hollow, Granger, Georgetown and Aquilla).

The Brazos River Authority operates a regional wastewater system for the cities of Temple-Belton and the Brushy Creek Regional Wastewater System for the City of Round Rock. The BRA also operates wastewater treatment plants for the cities of Clute-Richwood, Sugar Land, and Hutto. The BRA owns and operates the East Williamson County Regional Water System for the City of Taylor.

The BRA engages in water quality monitoring activities throughout the Brazos River basin. As a member of the Texas Clean River Program, the BRA samples and tests water from more than 100 locations throughout the basin on either a monthly, quarterly or annual basis. For further information on the Brazos River Authority, please contact Judi Pierce, Public Information Officer at 254-761-3103.