

UT to present Texas-German dialect, culture program here

Programs Saturday, Sunday
at LBJ State Park

Two special events to celebrate the history of the Texas-German Dialect will be offered on Saturday and Sunday, March 23-24, at the Lyndon B. Johnson State Park and Historic Site at Stonewall.

This dialect not only tells the story of how Germans adapted to Texas but also the cultural traditions they developed.

The Texas-German Dialect Project from the University of Texas at Austin will share how they are preserving the Texas-German



dialect at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., Saturday at the LBJ State Park Visitor Center.

Between the presentations at the Visitor Center, representatives from the project will be at the Sauer-Beckmann Living History Farm to answer questions regarding their work.

The LBJ State Park Visitor Center will also host the Hill Country premiere of "All Güt Things: The Texas German Story" at 4:30 p.m. Sunday.

Over several years in development, including many interviews in the Hill Country, this documentary explores the past, present and future of the Texas-German dialect through the stories of those who grew up speaking it.

The Visitor Center and park facilities are open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. with trails remaining open until 10 p.m.

The Sauer-Beckmann Farm is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Spring flowers, roving deer, secluded picnic areas, and bison provide a natural backdrop for a full-day family outing.

Visitors are encouraged to pack a pic-

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nic lunch, bring the family and camera, and explore the natural and cultural resources of central Texas, said a spokesman for the LBJ State Park and Historical Site.

Park staff recommend visitors come to the Visitor Complex first to get all the park daily event details, map, and free day park permit, the spokesman added.

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