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Animal Welfare		
PAWS Shelter of Central Texas	PAWS Shelter of Central Texas was founded in Kyle Texas in 1986 as a 501(c)3 non-profit organization providing care and love to homeless, abandoned and abused animals in Central Texas. We are a no kill shelter that believes in second chances! At PAWS, companion animals are given medical attention, care and love for however long it takes for us to find them a loving home.	pawsshelter.org
Thundering Paws Animal Sanctuary	To offer a safe haven for cats who are homeless, neglected injured, or abused.	thunderingpaws.org
Wags, Hope and Healing	Our mission can be summed up in four words - rescue, rehabilitation, outreach, & enrichment. Learn how we support our mission and what makes Wags unique.	https://www.wagshopeandhealing.org/
Arts and Culture		
Arts Alliance of Central Texas	The mission of the Arts Alliance of Central Texas is to enrich the cultural life of area residents by providing art education, art activities, and artistic entertainment	artsallianceofcentraltexas.org
Emily Ann Theatre & Garden	To reinvest in the dignity of the human spirit through the performing arts, the beauty of nature and community fellowship.	emilyann.org
Hill Country Community Band	The Hill Country Community Band is an all-volunteer wind band based in Hays County, Texas. Our member roster is made up of amateur and professional players with one common interest: we love band! The Hill Country Community Band gives us the opportunity to play some old favorites as well as the chance to explore new compositions by some of the top composers of 21st century. We work hard but laugh a lot. Having fun is important to us and as we all know: when it sounds good, it's fun.	hillcountrycommunityband.org
Photographers of Dripping Springs	The Photographers of Dripping Springs (P.O.D.S.) are both amateurs and professionals, who meet regularly to learn, to shoot and to share our photography. Our activities include regular monthly meetings, field trips, workshops and other learning opportunities, exhibitions, and support of local civic organizations. We strive to promote a community of photographers without borders of professionalism, and to raise the knowledge and understanding of capturing individual beauty.	http://photographersofds.us/
Starlight Symphony Orchestra	The Starlight Symphony Orchestra is a nonprofit orchestra comprised of all volunteer musicians of wildly varying ages and reside in a variety of nearby hill country communities. The Starlight Symphony concerts are always free and open to the public. The orchestra members enjoy performing both classical and pop music and rehearse diligently to present exceptional concerts. A solo competition for students is held each year, inviting top students to perform and compete for music scholarships. The Starlight Symphony also works in conjunction with hill country school districts to augment their music curriculums with mentoring programs and music appreciation programs in each school. The Starlight Symphony Orchestra is a non-profit organization supported by donations. To make a contribution please visit our Donations page here, or mail your donation to P.O. Box 171, Wimberley, TX 78676. To provide Central Texas musicians with a cultural and social gathering opportunity. To provide communities with entertainment by high quality musicians and social events. To educate Central Texas student populations about orchestra. Through it all foster a spirit of cooperation and goodwill.	https://starlightsymphony.org/
The Wimberley Players	To provide first-class live theater for Wimberley and Central Texas, in an intimate setting of the Wimberley Playhouse.	wimberleyplayers.org
Community Development		
Dripping Springs Community Foundation	DSCF serves as a resource for donors and for local non-profit organizations by encouraging and facilitating philanthropic gifts and delivering grants, training, support and visibility to organizations that provide services to residents in the greater Dripping Springs area.	dscommunityfoundation.org
Dripping Springs Community Library	Provide free access to print and electronic materials, music, information and references services, educational and cultural programs and meeting spaces for residents of all ages and interests in the Dripping Springs area.	http://www.dscl.org
Dripping Springs Cook-Off Club	The Dripping Springs Cook-Off Club was started in 1987 by some friends that had a friendly rivalry over who had the best barbecue. The club now sponsors a seven category cook-off in conjunction with the Founders Day Festival in the Spring and a Chili/Salsa competition in the fall. The DS Cook-Off Club also cooks for local fundraisers.	https://dscoctx.com/
Dripping Springs Freethinkers	The mission of the Dripping Springs Freethinkers is to promote the constitutionality of separation of church and state at all levels, engage in activities which explore the value of humanism and secular thought, and to identify and participate in local community service projects. drippingspringsfreethinkers.com	
Dripping Springs Hometown Missions	We help our underserved neighbors acquire safe, healthy housing and improve life skills	hometownmissions.org
Dripping Springs Lions Club	To meet the needs of local communities and the world every day because they share a core belief – to serve their community.	e-clubhouse.org/sites/drippingsprings
Dripping Springs Toastmasters Club	Promotes individual speaking ability and leadership qualities in a supportive environment. Membership is open to the public.	dstoastmasters.com
Dripping Springs Women's Club	To facilitate interaction, information and community involvement through programs and events of interest and enjoyment.	http://www-dswomensclub.com
Friends of the Dripping Springs Community Library	To promote public use of the Library, to foster an appreciation of its cultural and educational value to the community, and to encourage improvement of its resources and services.	fodscl.org
League of Women Voters of Hays County	The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan grassroots civic organization that encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. Empowering Voters, Defending Democracy. Membership in the League is open to people 16 and older regardless of gender identification. With 100 years of experience, the League is one of America's most trusted civic organizations. For membership visit our website.	https://my.lwv.org/texas/hays-county
Project Connect	Project Connect Dripping Springs is a nonprofit organization that is dedicated to coordinating, complimenting and funding charitable activities within Dripping Springs ISD and surrounding areas. We will maintain an online database of volunteers and help organizations. We will collect and distribute some funds locally for immediate use.	projectconnectds.org
Rotary Club of Dripping Springs	Service above self. Rotary International is 1.2 million neighbors, friends, and community leaders who come together to create positive, lasting change in our communities and around the world. One primary service has been the eradication of Polio around the world. Dripping Springs Rotary sponsors the High School Interact Club for young people ages 12-18 who want to join together to tackle the issues in their community that they care most about. Through Interact you can: carry out hands-on service projects; make international connections; develop leadership skills; have fun!	drippingspringsrotary.org
Sarah Pound Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution	To promote historic preservation, education and patriotism.	http://www.texasdar.org/chapters/SarahPound
Environment		
Hays County Chapter Texas Master Gardeners	The Master Gardener Program is a volunteer development program offered by Texas AgriLife Extension Service and is designed to increase the availability of horticultural information and improve the quality of life through horticultural projects.	txmg.org/hays
Hays County Chapter Texas Master Naturalists	The program is dedicated to the beneficial management of natural resources and natural areas within our communities through the formation of a corps of trained volunteers.	haysmn.org
Wild Spirit Wild Places	Wild Spirit Wild Places is a non-profit established by Desert Door, because we're passionate about preserving these untamed, awesome expanses of land. Today, the wide open spaces that are the hallmark of Texas are under threat from increased land development and fragmentation. Wild Spirit Wild Places exists to protect these dwindling ranch lands and wild lands of Texas. Our motivation is simple — we don't want to be the generation that sat idly by while our wild places disappeared.	https://www.wildspiritwildplaces.org/
Fraternal or Military		
American Legion #290 Vince F. Taylor	Help veterans and their families, assist and support with veterans' activities in the community, sponsor patriotic recognition events throughout the community, do community service activities in conjunction with schools, scouts, and the city.	post290tx.com
Boy Scouts of America Troop 101	Troop 101 strongly believes in the concept of a Boy-Led Troop so that boys can learn management and life skills by helping run the troop.	t101.org

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VFW #2933	To foster camaraderie among United States veterans of overseas conflicts. To serve our veterans, the military and our communities. To advocate on behalf of all veterans. Ensure that veterans are respected for their service, always receive their earned entitlements, and are recognized for the sacrifices they and their loved ones have made on behalf of this great country.	https://www.vfw2933.com/
Girl Scouts Dripping Springs / Wimberley	To grow girls into leaders of courage, confidence and character.	gscsx.org
Knights of Columbus	To render financial aid to members and their families. Local chapter gives scholarships to DSHS students.	dskofc.org
Westcave Outdoor Discovery Center	We inspire people to develop a lifelong practice of enjoying and protecting nature through educational programs, collaborative alliances, and conservation of our beautiful 76-acre preserve.	westcave.org

Health and Human Services

100 Club of Central Texas	To provide support to first responders and their families, especially when there has been a line of duty death or critical injury.	100clubcentex.com
American Cancer Society - Relay for Life	If you're looking for cancer information and resources in Texas you've come to the right place. From our local fundraising events to our cancer support programs, you'll find everything you need to fuel the fight against cancer and get patient support – right here in our community. The American Cancer Society has programs and services to help you manage cancer treatment and recovery and find the emotional support you need. And best of all, our help is free. Find programs and services in Texas.	https://www.cancer.org/about-us/local/texas.html
Brent Thurman Foundation	To raise funds yearly to support physically and mentally challenged adults and children through programs in the area. Marbridge Ranch, Special Olympics, Jason Walford Foundation, and RED Arena in Dripping Springs.	brentthurman.com
Burke Center for Youth	To promote healing and inspire hope for children in crisis. For the children who have suffered abuse and neglect, we provide safe and loving environments so they may form healthy relationships and look forward to a brighter future.	burkecenterforyouth.org
Cattlemen for Cancer Research	This coalition of volunteers, organizations and businesses has created a unique opportunity for Texans in the agriculture-livestock industry to become personally involved in improving cancer care by supporting leading-edge cancer research conducted close to home and providing assistance to cancer patients receiving care at M. D. Anderson Cancer Center.	www.mdanderson.org/kccmr
Court Appointed Special Advocates of Central Texas (CASA)	CASA of Central Texas, Inc. advocates for abused and neglected children in the courts, schools, and child welfare system by training and supporting community volunteers.	casacentex.org
Dripping Springs Helping Hands	To provide our community with a framework of compassionate care designed to assist neighbors in time of need, regardless of their age, creed or ethnicity.	helpinghands-drippingssprings.org
Drive a Senior Central Texas	Drive a Senior Central Texas enriches lives and communities by providing transportation and socialization to non-driving seniors, helping them to age in place.	driveaseniortexas.org
DS Relay for Life	If you're looking for cancer information and resources in Texas you've come to the right place. From our local fundraising events to our cancer support programs, you'll find everything you need to fuel the fight against cancer and get patient support – right here in our community. The American Cancer Society has programs and services to help you manage cancer treatment and recovery and find the emotional support you need. And best of all, our help is free. Find programs and services in Texas.	https://www.cancer.org/about-us/local/texas.html
Farmgrass	Farmgrass is dedicated to supporting independent growers in Central Texas through funds raised by locally rooted concerts, festivals & events. Farmgrass events help raise awareness on the benefits of independent agriculture & local food systems.	farmgrass.org
Foster Village Inc.	To come alongside children and families in the Austin Area Child Welfare system and show them that they are not alone. Our goal is to create opportunities for the community to be a “village” of support to these vulnerable and at-risk children and families.	fostervillageaustin.org
Hays-Caldwell Women's Center	HCWC provides education, violence prevention services and crisis intervention to victims of family violence, dating violence, sexual assault and child abuse. Services include family violence shelter, rape crisis center, children's advocacy center as well as prevention and community education	hcwc.org
Heart of Texas Pregnancy Resource Center – Hill Country	Through the love of Jesus Christ, we promote life and nurture families by equipping women to achieve their God-given potential. We offer: free pregnancy tests, limited sonograms, baby boutique, maternity clothes, individual and spiritual support, referrals for community resources, medical referrals, adoption referrals, parenting classes and support groups.	heartoftexasprc.org
Hill Country Rally for Kids	To raise awareness, build support, get involved and fund kids' charities in the Dripping Springs area.	hcrally.com
Hill Country Senior Center	The Hill Country Senior Center's mission is to provide an inclusive community that gathers to enjoy delicious meals, friends, and fellowship. We believe providing opportunities to socialize, learn, contribute through volunteering, and participate in recreational activities, promotes spiritual, emotional, and physical well-being.	hcsceniorcenter.org
Hill Country Thrift Shop	Support the Hill Country Citizens Senior Center.	hcsceniorcenter.org
RED Arena	To empower individuals with disabilities through horses.	REDarena.org
Service Dogs, Inc.	We rescue dogs from shelters all over Texas. After evaluation, they are brought to our training facility in Dripping Springs. Here they are trained to be service dogs. We provide the dogs to our clients free of charge.	servicedogs.org
Society of St. Vincent de Paul	We the Society of St Vincent de Paul of Central Texas, inspired by faith, strive to strengthen the Society, provide hope to our neighbors, and grow the impact of our service through love and person to person relationships.	https://stmartindp.org/society-of-st-vincent-de-paul-
Special with a Side of Mom Inc.	Our mission is to create awareness, connect other parents/caregivers, and to provide support through humor for High Support Special Needs Kids.	specialwithasideofmom.com
The Friends Foundation	The Friends Foundation is a non-profit organization committed to providing financial support to the elderly and to those in need of nursing care, whether in a nursing home, an independent living center, or at their own home in the greater Dripping Springs, Texas area. The Friends Foundation's program, Our Daily Bread, delivers meals to elderly home bound residents in the Dripping Springs area. The organization may also support any other non-profit organization which provides care to the elderly or serves the greater Dripping Springs community.	thefriendsfoundation.org

Historical Preservation

Friends of Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park	Friends of LBJ National Historical Park join as partners with the LBJ-NPS to enhance and historically preserve the Park, by attracting and welcoming visitors in order to create a dynamic facility that is a national and community asset shared by all.	friendsoflbnationalpark.org
Friends of the Pound House Foundation	To protect, preserve and develop the Dr. Pound Historical Farmstead Museum for the use, education, enjoyment and benefit of present and future generations.	drpoundfarmstead.org

National Organizations

United Way of Hays County	To improve the lives of Hays County residents by mobilizing the caring power of our community in the areas of Education, Income and Health.	unitedwayhaysco.org
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Parks and Recreation

Colorado River Land Trust	As Texans, we believe in our responsibility to protect our own backyard and conserve our most valuable resources—our land, water, and traditions. As an accredited 501(c)(3) nonprofit land trust, our service area spans from the high plains in west Texas, through the Hill Country, to the productive farmland and coastal fisheries and wetlands near the Gulf of Mexico. To maintain the Texas lifestyle we all know and are proud of, we have to protect our home. We have to earn the right to the landscape and its traditions. That all comes with working together to conserve the land that unites us.	https://www.coloradoriverlandtrust.org/
Dripping Springs Tiger Splash	Tiger Splash is dedicated to the development of excellence and achievement in competitive and recreational swimming in Dripping Springs and surrounding areas. Tiger Splash provides an opportunity for social and emotional development that promotes confidence and positive self-esteem. The Tiger Splash program will equally promote the practice of good sportsmanship and team spirit by all swimmers, coaches and parents participating in team activities.	tigersplashswim.swimtopia.com
DSYSA	Dripping Springs Youth Sports Association is a registered 501c3 organization dedicated to serving the youth of Dripping Springs and surrounding areas by instilling life-long skills and well-being through organized sports.	https://www.dsysasports.org/
Lone Star Pony Club	Lone Star Pony Club is a local chapter of the United States Pony Club (USPC). The program is designed to develop character, leadership, confidence and a sense of community in youth through the care of horses and ponies, riding and mounted sports. USPC is unique because its educational programs place equal emphasis on the teaching of riding skills, horse-care fundamentals and team participation with sportsmanship	lonestarponyclub.org

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Hays County Friends of the Night Sky	Hosted by the International Dark-Sky Association (IDA) Texas, the City of Dripping Springs and the Hays County Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalists, the intent of this free Festival is to increase the appreciation of the night sky and the world around us. This goes hand in hand with increasing awareness about the type of lighting that provides needed light while it reduces glare, saves money, eliminates light trespass, protects the health and safety of living things, and saves our common view of the night sky.	Hays County Friends of the Night Sky (hcfns.org)
YMCA - Springs Family	To put Christian principles into practice through programs that build a healthy spirit, mind and body for all.	https://www.austinyymca.org/branches/dripping-springs-family-y