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#### Submission information

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**Which City of Kyle park is your favorite and why?**

Lake Kyle

**How many times in a year do you typically visit a Kyle park?**

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**What was the last Kyle PARD program or event that you attended or participated in and how would you improve it?**

I go to Lake Kyle often and think it is a great program. I do not see much room for improvement. Perhaps seeking volunteers to give interpretive nature walks around the lake and nature preserve would be interesting for the public. Just a thought.

**What new event, program or activity would you like to add to the current ones being offered by Kyle PARD and why?**

On the long term, building a rec center like the one in San Marcos. Then the community will have a hub for healthy and productive activity.

**Why is it important to you to have a strong Parks and Recreation Department?**

Kyle is still seeking its identity and trying to stand out from its neighbors (Austin, San Marcos). Having a strong Parks and Recreation Department is essential for businesses to want to develop in the area. An example of this would be the Lake Kyle fishing tournament. How much money for local businesses has been generated by the tournament? Restaurants, outdoor suppliers, hotels and gas stations all benefited that day. We need more collaborative events that support local business and utilize the parks together.

**List the Boards, Committees and/or Commissions you currently serve on or have served on in the past 5 years.**

2011- 2012 Human Services Committee- City of San Marcos TX

**Are you a Landscape Architect, Outdoor Naturalist or Park Planner? Yes / No. If yes, please elaborate your experience(s)**

No. I garden in my backyard and hunt and fish. Nothing official.

**Are you currently involved in a Parks or Recreation Business or Education career or similar type of business? Yes/No. If yes, please elaborate**

Yes. I am a volunteer with Atlas Environmental. I help clean trash and invasive species out of the San Marcos River

**In the area of Parks and/or Recreation, tell us about the areas that interest you**

Creating more awareness of activities for Kyle residents and getting more exposure for local businesses via park activities and events. Putting Kyle on the map for having an excellent Parks and Rec Dept. ie Biggest Playground in Texas or Best Local Fishing Tournament or etc etc. I would like to Kyle to be known for something everyone can participate in.

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