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(WIMBERLEY) – The grand opening of the recently improved swimming area at the Blue Hole Regional Park is scheduled for Saturday, June 11, 2011. That's according to Wimberley City officials who this week announced plans for the highly anticipated of 2011 Blue Hole Swim Season.

“We invite everyone to join us on June 11th in celebrating this major milestone in the overall development of the Blue Hole Regional Park.” said Wimberley Mayor Bob Flocke. “This day promises to be a very special day at Blue Hole as the community marks the completion of a project that will provide restroom facilities, changing areas, accessible walking paths and all weather landings for users of the ever popular Blue Hole rope swings.”

The opening celebration will feature a brief ceremony, music, refreshments and remarks from local officials. The festivities will take place near the entrance to the Blue Hole swimming area at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 11th. Following the celebration, the swimming area will open for public use.

“It is unfortunate the swimming area will not be open to the public over the upcoming Memorial Day weekend but the construction crews need additional time to complete work on the various improvements,” said Mayor Flocke. “On June 11th, the swimming area will open to the public and Blue Hole enthusiasts can enjoy almost a full summer of swimming and ring jumping.”

The swimming area improvements include enhanced landscaping, construction of a bathhouse/gatehouse and associated parking spaces along with construction of a walkway down to the swimming area and two four-foot wide limestone paved paths to picnic areas and water access areas. In addition to providing safe access for all users of the swimming areas, project architects note the limestone paved paths and water access areas will help stabilize the bank of Cypress Creek which has experienced significant erosion in recent years.

“Great care was taken in the design and construction of the various improvements so as to protect the existing Cypress trees which line the bank of the Cypress Creek and to preserve the creek bank itself,” said Blue Hole Park Manager Doug Carter. “Once completed, park goers will find the Blue Hole swimming area ‘naturally’ spectacular.”

Once open on June 11th, the Blue Hole swimming area will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday thru Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday and from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on

Sunday. On holidays, such as the Fourth of July, the swimming area will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. The daily admission fee for adults, ages 18 to 59, is \$7. The fee for juniors, ages 13 to 17 is \$7, and youth, ages 4 to 12, and seniors, 60 years or older, is \$3. Season passes are available for youth and seniors for \$30 and juniors and adults for \$50. A 10-punch pass for youth and seniors can be purchased for \$24 and \$56 for juniors and adults.

For more information on the development of the Blue Hole Regional Park, call Park Manager Doug Carter at 512.847.0025 or log on to www.wimberleybluehole.com.