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Kerrville guard team qualifies for State lifeguard competition

Kerrville, Texas (July 15, 2022) – On July 11, the City of Kerrville’s competitive lifeguard team, “Kerr Villains”, competed at the Central Texas Lifeguard Competition in New Braunfels, Texas.

The team walked away with multiple awards, including:

- Second place in the Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) scenario;
- Third place in First Aid;
- Third place overall at the competition.

The regional qualifier competition is the first step for teams to earn a spot at the State Lifeguard Championships to be held in Brenham, Texas on Aug. 1. At the regional competition, the Kerr Villains competed against nine other teams in three unknown scenario events.

The first scenario consisted of rule enforcement, an unconscious guest in the water requiring extrication with a backboard which ultimately led to the administration of basic lifesaving provisions, and a conscious choking infant that became unconscious.

For the second and third scenario the team was split into two groups for a first aid and CPR scenario. The first aid scenario consisted of a guest with a laceration to the forearm and a knocked-out tooth. The CPR scenario consisted of rule enforcement and a conscious guest experiencing symptoms of a heart attack that then went into full cardiac arrest, requiring guards to administer basic life support skills such as CPR and the use of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED).

In addition to the scenarios, the judges were asked to individually nominate a top male and top female contestant out of all the competitors that showed exceptional skills. Only two guards were selected out of all the competitors. This honor went to Kerr Villains team members Jesus Guzman and Bailee Boggess.



Overall, it was an excellent showing of the Kerrville Aquatics division's dedication to perform at the highest level and strive for aquatics excellence.

"The team put in a lot of work and effort into sharpening their skills," Kerrville Parks and Recreation Manager Rosa Ledesma said. "We train hard, and their efforts paid off this week. I am proud of each member of the team and we look forward to working even harder to represent Kerrville well at the State competition."

For more information, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (830) 257-7300, recreation@kerrvilletx.gov, visit the city's website at www.kerrvilletx.gov, or follow us on Facebook at City of Kerrville TX – City Hall or Instagram at cityofkerrville.



Pictured from left are Jesus Guzman, Ethan Leija, Rosa Ledesma (coach), Bailee Boggess
and Cayden Brown

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