



COOL POOLS

THESE SIX HIGH-TECH,
UNIQUELY DESIGNED SWIMMING
HOLES WILL HAVE EVERYBODY
INTO THE POOL THIS SUMMER

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WATER PLAYGROUND

DRIPPING SPRINGS

This is not so much a pool as it is a water park. Located on a 100-acre property in Dripping Springs, this 125,000-gallon pool—which was designed by Darwin Harrison and constructed by Modern Design+Build—is so large it has areas for both children and adults to enjoy. Young children can wade in the semicircle-shaped kiddie pool. Older

kids enjoy jumping off the boulders into the deep section of the pool, which goes down 12 feet.

Adults have the option of swimming up to the rock bar, sitting on underwater bar stools and placing cold beverages in holes that have been cut out of the rock specifically for that purpose. Most of the Lueders limestone used for the pool was harvested

from the property.

The homeowners and their guests can also enjoy playing volleyball in the pool, a geyser that goes off every hour and an area under the waterfall where people can sit and feel the rush of water coming down on their heads.

Says Jan Sotelo, founder of Modern Design+Build, “This is basically the family’s little private playground.”

MADE IN THE SHADE

WEST LAKE HILLS

Pools settings don’t get much more tranquil than the one behind a uniquely designed home nestled neatly below the trees in West Lake Hills. Designed by renowned pool builder Jim Mowry in the late 1990s, the amoeba-shaped pool features pebbletec plaster that gives it a

shimmering effect when the water spills down its sides.

Because the pool is surrounded by trees, “the water stays pretty chilly, in shadow, until the Fourth of July,” says the homeowner, who wishes to remain anonymous. “And then it’s just perfect from July 4 until late August.”

