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La Verde Park Playground Fact Sheet

La Verde Park was created as a place for the community to come together and create memories. As such, it was designed to be a space for all, implementing universal design and inclusive play opportunities. Acknowledging the truth that all people have different abilities and despite any limitations, have the right to participate in the public realm. For more information on La Verde Park playground's design features, please see below:

La Verde Park Playground Features:

- Custom-designed wooden bobcat play structure created as a tribute to the native wild cat species and the many Texas State alumni who call Kyle "home."
 - The wooden bobcat is prominently featured at La Verde Park and stands 14-feet, 5-inches tall, and contains three play areas, two slides, a climbing ladder, a crawling tunnel, and a climbing membrane. Two lookout windows and a noise-amplifying tube are found in the head of the wild cat play structure.
 - Inclusive play features on the bobcat include membrane flaps, tactile rope pulls, and sand pipes for experimental and social play. A stairway with a transfer platform supports accessibility, and enclosed play areas throughout the body of the structure provide a quiet giveaway from overstimulation.
- Additional playground equipment that supports inclusive play in a social environment includes a seesaw, a swing set with ADA seating, and an embankment slide that can be reached by a wheelchair-accessible ramp.
- Sensory play (an activity that lets children explore through hearing, sight, touch or smell) is also featured at La Verde Park including chimes and marimba musical instruments that give children the opportunity to create the "sounds of play" in an interactive way, spinners, and springers.

- Rope climbing playground equipment that research shows leads to more physical activity and increased cognitive development in children.
- La Verde Park is a well-designed inclusive playground that acknowledges everyone can't do everything, but everyone can do something together! It offers ground and elevated activities that support challenging, exciting and social play.

The playground at La Verde Park invites all children and families to find thrill, joy and developmental opportunities. This information is provided by the Solutions Designer behind the playground at La Verde Park, Simone Riedle. Riedle is available for interviews. To set up an interview contact Rachel Sonnier at the above contact information.