

## Chris Elquist

Born in El Paso, Texas, I was raised around a large family of aunts, uncles and cousins growing up, though I only have one sibling seven years younger than me. I attended Coronado High School - Home of the Thunderbirds (Class of '96). After high school I attended the University of Texas at El Paso and studied Kinesiology and Secondary Education. I decided to go back to school and obtained my Communication degree from the University of Phoenix in 2012.

Prior to becoming the Stadium Manager here at Hutto Memorial Stadium in July 2021, I spent the early part of my career working for the Austin Ice Bats (minor league hockey team), Round Rock ISD and Pflugerville ISD before moving into the corporate world spending time with companies such as Sport Clips Inc, Gatti's Pizza LLC., Planet Fitness Inc. and DR Horton Inc.

Since moving to the Central Texas area in May of 2000, I met my beautiful wife Denise one night out country dancing which has led to 17 years of marriage and two amazing children together, our son Michael and our daughter Emilie. Our family has been blessed to be a part of HippoNation since 2008 when Denise was given the opportunity to open Farley Middle School and the Hutto Ninth Grade Center (2021), both as the school nurse. We've enjoyed seeing this proud community grow beyond belief to what it is today.

As a family that loves sports, we take pride in cheering on our Texas Longhorns, Texas Rangers, Dallas Cowboys and of course, our Hutto Hippos! Having the opportunity of opening the gates of this beautiful stadium to the public for every event is something I'll always be beyond thankful for.

