

# SCHOOL PROGRAMS

The Austin Nature & Science Center (ANSC) is home to 18 acres of land, in the heart of Austin, featuring natural spaces, museum exhibits, and ambassador animals. All school programs correlate to Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS).

We are happy to answer any questions about programs or exhibits at ANSC or the Sheffield Education Center (Splash!) please call us at 512-974-3888 or email:

[anscprograms@austintexas.gov](mailto:anscprograms@austintexas.gov).

Select how you would like to search for a program.

[Find Programs by Date](#)

[Find Programs by Theme](#)

I know what I want!

[Take me to Online Registration](#)



[Registration Directions](#) | [Plan your trip](#) | [Prepare for ANSC to visit your School](#)

The purpose of the Austin Nature & Science Center is to provide educational and recreational opportunities to the Austin community in order to foster stewardship and increase the Austin community's awareness and appreciation of the natural world.

# PROGRAM REGISTRATION & POLICIES

Registration begins on **August 27, 2019 at 10:00 AM**

[www.austintexas.gov/parksonline](http://www.austintexas.gov/parksonline)

Customers registering online will review results immediately, in real-time.

Once registration is complete, you will be emailed a payment receipt from [austinparksrec@rectrac.com](mailto:austinparksrec@rectrac.com). Please check your spam folder.

## Online Account Information:

Login and update your account. If you are not already in the database, create a new Customer Household Account.

- \* **Household Primary Person Information** is the teacher registering for the program.
- \* **Address Line 1** is the school address.
- \* **Address Line 2** field add the Grade, year, and teacher initials.  
For example, Emily Cuellar is registering her 2nd grade class in 2019. The field would be: 2 2019 EC.
- \* **Phone #1** is the number that rings to your specific classroom.
- \* **Organization Name** is the name of the school.

In the event you have already created an account, please do not create a duplicate account. Contact us if you would like your username and password re-sent. It is the responsibility of the account holder to update a new location and/or email address.

Household Primary Person Information					
First Name *	<input type="text"/>	Last Name *	<input type="text"/>	Category NON-RESIDENT ▼	
Address Line 1 *	<input type="text"/>	Address Line 2	<input type="text"/>	Gender --- Please Select A Ge ▼	
City *	Austin	State *	TX ▼	Zip Code *	<input type="text"/>
Phone #1 *	<input type="text"/>	Phone #1 Extension	<input type="text"/>	Phone #1 Type --- Select A Phone Typ ▼	
Phone #2	<input type="text"/>	Phone #2 Extension	<input type="text"/>	Phone #2 Type --- Select A Phone Typ ▼	
Confirm Email *	<input type="text"/>	Birthday	<input type="text"/>	Email #1 *	<input type="text"/>
Participate in Promotions	No ▼	Organization Name	<input type="text"/>	Authorize Contacts Via Email	No ▼

Registration Directions | Plan your trip | Prepare for ANSC to visit your School

# PROGRAM REGISTRATION & POLICIES

## PAYMENT:

Program deposits are due at registration. Programs at ANSC, Splash!, or Pease Park require a \$20.00 deposit. At-your-school programs require a \$50.00 deposit. The remaining balance is due the day of the program.

## Chaperones:

Due to limited staff and cash on hand it is the responsibility of the school to calculate and collect chaperone fees. For every 12 students, one chaperone is free. Any additional chaperones will pay \$4.00. Teachers are free.

## ANSC CANCELLATIONS:

Many programs occur outside, in certain instances ANSC may cancel due to inclement weather (see below) or emergencies. ANSC staff will notify the school contact by 2:30pm the day before the scheduled program. In the event ANSC cancels a program the full deposit will be refunded and the registrar will try to reschedule for a later date. Rescheduling cancelled programs is not guaranteed.

## SCHOOL CANCELLATIONS:

Program attendance is the responsibility of the school. Failure to attend a program does not entitle the school to a transfer, makeup, prorated or refund. Registrations cancelled seven days before the scheduled program will be returned their deposit. No refunds are issued for registrations that are cancelled after seven days before the scheduled program.

## WEATHER CANCELLATIONS:

Severe Weather: ANSC observes all emergency closures, including severe weather closures. In the event of an emergency or severe weather closure, the school will be notified if possible. In that situation, we will make every effort to reschedule your field trip. If it is not possible to reschedule within the same school year a full deposit will be refunded.

Inclement Weather: Some programs take place outside and many exhibits are outside. Larger groups who plan to spend time exploring the site may choose to cancel due to inclement weather. Our staff needs advance notice of your school's cancellation due to weather.

Schools that cancel **before 2:30pm** the day before the scheduled program will be **eligible for rescheduling** of our rain dates.

Schools that cancel **after 2:30pm** the day before the scheduled program are **ineligible** for rain date make up classes for the remainder of the school year.

# PROGRAM REGISTRATION & POLICIES

## ANSC TRAVEL DISTANCE:

ANSC will travel up to 20 road miles for at-your-school programs. Depending on your school location start times before 10:00am may not be available.

## TRANSFER OF PROGRAMS:

Due to the number of participants in school programs, ANSC is unable to transfer schools to other dates or times. To change the date or time of your program, you must cancel your current registration and register for a new program.

## VIDEO AND IMAGE POLICY:

ANSC regularly takes photos of participants during programs. Photos are used to depict programs at ANSC and may appear in brochures, fliers, and other media.

## ADA ACCOMMODATION:

The City of Austin is committed to complying with the Americans with Disability Act. Reasonable modifications and equal access will be provided upon request. Call 512-974-3914.

# PREPARE FOR YOUR TRIP TO ANSC, SPLASH! OR PEASE PARK

---

## BEFORE YOU ARRIVE:

- \* Check out our maps for info about [ANSC exhibits](#) and [Splash!](#). You can print a copy for your team.
- \* Most programs have at least a portion of time spent outside. For your comfort and safety, please dress for the activity and the weather. We strongly suggest closed toed shoes with traction while exploring our 18 acre site and over 75 acre Zilker Nature Preserve.
- \* Inclement weather may cause a program to be canceled. Please refer to our [Cancellation Policies](#) for details.

## ARRIVAL:

- \* Programs start and end at the scheduled time. Please plan to arrive early and allow plenty of time to travel, park, and use the bathroom before your program begins. If you arrive late, the program must still end at the scheduled time.
- \* At ANSC, all groups must check in with ANSC staff at the top of the stairs. The lead teacher should pay the remaining balance at the front desk in the Visitors' Pavilion.
- \* Teachers and chaperones must manage the behavior of their group and are required to remain with their groups throughout the field trip.
- \* ANSC houses non-releasable Texas native animals; please maintain respectful, quiet voices around enclosures. During a program, you may encounter ambassador animals that students can see or touch.
- \* There are a limited number of picnic tables on our site and they are first-come-first-served. Do not eat around the animal enclosures. Food from humans will make our animals sick and attract pests.
- \* ANSC practices Leave No Trace. We ask that you bring your own trash bags and pack out your waste.



# PREPARE FOR ANSC TO VISIT YOUR SCHOOL

## BEFORE ANSC STAFF ARRIVE:

- \* Live Animals If the program we are teaching has live animals, we will need an indoor space to present.
- \* Planetarium To host our planetarium you will need an indoor space that is at least 16 feet in height and 20' x 20' wide with available electrical outlets. Spaces like gyms or convertible cafeterias work great! If you're unsure if your space is a good fit, please give us a call.
- \* Rotations Programs for more than one class will need extra classrooms or space for station set up and class rotations.

## ARRIVAL:

- \* Upon arrival at your site, the ANSC staff will check in at the front or main office. If there is a different entrance you would like us to use, please let us know ahead of time.
- \* Programs start and end at the scheduled time. ANSC staff will arrive early for set up.
- \* Teachers are responsible for the behavior of their group and must remain with their groups throughout the program.

## QUESTIONS:

- \* If you still have questions please call our registrar at 512-974-3888 or send an email at [anscprograms@austintexas.gov](mailto:anscprograms@austintexas.gov)



# Find Programs by DATE

Select the link below that corresponds to your grade level and date range.

If no programs are listed on your selected date, then there are no programs offered for your grade level.

Look at the [On Your Own Tour](#) schedule for other visitation options.

Reflects the programs offered, not if they are available.

Register online at [www.austintexas.gov/parksonline](http://www.austintexas.gov/parksonline)

## PRE-K TO 1ST GRADE

[SEPTEMBER - JANUARY](#)

[FEBRUARY - MAY](#)

## 2ND TO 3RD GRADE

[SEPTEMBER - JANUARY](#)

[FEBRUARY - MAY](#)

## 4TH TO 5TH GRADE

[OCTOBER - APRIL](#)