

AUSTIN NATURE & SCIENCE CENTER



SUMMER CAMP 2024



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Summer Camp Registration

Participants that have been awarded financial assistance and/or qualify for early registration through our Inclusion Department may register in person, over the phone & online starting at 10AM on February 10th.

General Registration for ANSC opens on February 24th.
12:00 PM for Austin residents & 2:00 PM for non-residents of Austin.

Prepare Today: Click on the “Online Registration” link at www.austintexas.gov/ansc
Follow the steps to verify your existing account or create a new account.

On Registration Day: Log in to your account and search “Austin Nature and Science Center” in the location dropdown menu. Scroll down to see Summer Camp offerings.

Step By Step Guide: Online Registration

1. Go to the Austin Parks and Recreation online registration website: www.austintexas.gov/parksonline and login.
2. Browse the camp listings.
3. Register for your desired camp(s). Participants may be registered for a maximum of 3 camp sessions or 2 CIT sessions.
4. **Pay in full or make a deposit with a credit card.** A \$40 deposit per session will secure a place until three weeks (21 days) prior to the first day. If you fail to pay the remaining balance, you will lose your deposit and forfeit your child’s place in that session to another child on the waiting list. **Full payment is the responsibility of the participant.**
5. Your receipt will be sent to the email address you provided on your account information along with a summer camp packet. Please check your spam folder.
6. Should you need to cancel your camp, email anscprograms@austintexas.gov to make the request. Please review the program registration policies regarding refunds, and transfers.

Visit www.austintexas.gov/page/online-registration for more details.

Frog Camps (Ages 5-6)

Curiosity is rewarded at this camp! Campers participate in outdoor exploration, crafts, games, touching a live animal and science programs each week. A confirmation receipt will be emailed to you following registration. A parent letter with more detailed information will be sent by email the week before each section your camper is enrolled in. **Participants may register for up to 3 camp sessions.**

Age:	5-6 years old	Field Trips:	Destinations will change from week to week.
Fee:	\$225 for Austin residents \$300 for Austin non-residents	Bring:	A lunch, two snacks, and water bottle every day.
Time:	Monday-Friday, 7:30 AM-6:00 PM One week sessions	Wear:	Play clothes and sneakers that can get dirty and damp. Must wear water shoes (not flip-flops) when wading or swimming in natural areas.
Sign-in/out:	In camper's assigned classroom	Swim:	Campers will walk to and swim at Deep Eddy Pool and have splash days at the ANSC creek.
Location:	Austin Nature and Science Center Check in at the Breezeway by the Visitor Pavilion on the first morning of each session to receive classroom assignment.		
Ratio:	Maximum 12 campers/1 counselor A completed waiver is required for your child to attend camp.		

FROG CAMPS WEEKLY THEMES

ROCK RAMBLERS

June 3-7 | June 17-21* | July 22-26

Young adventurers will unearth Austin's geological marvels! Discover various rocks, minerals, the intricate cave systems and aquifers that are home to fascinating cave animals.

PLEASE NOTE: Campers will be exploring a local cavern this week.

TX TAILS & TRAILS

June 10-14 | June 24-28 | July 15-19 | August 5-9

Encounter furry, feathery and scaly creatures as we explore the diverse wildlife that calls Central Texas home! From tracking sessions to hands-on experiences with our resident animals, you will see how fascinating these critters are! Uncover local creatures

from the past and present at the Texas Science & Natural History Museum.

WINGS & FINS

July 1-5* | July 8-12 | July 29-August 2

Join us as we unravel the mysteries of two worlds and witness life from different perspectives! Get a bird's eye view of our site during our tree climbing adventures and take a peek at the diverse species of Spring Lake during a glass-bottom boat tour at The Meadows Center.

***No camp Wednesday, June 19 and Thursday, July 4.**

See back cover for week-by-week schedule.

THEME	DATE	CODE	COST resident/non-resident
Rock Ramblers	June 3-7	203830 01	\$225/\$300
TX Tails & Trails	June 10-14	203830 02	\$225/\$300
Rock Ramblers	June 17-21*	203830 03	\$225/\$300
TX Tails & Trails	June 24-28	203830 04	\$225/\$300
Wings & Fins	July 1-5*	203830 05	\$225/\$300
Wings & Fins	July 8-12	203830 06	\$225/\$300
TX Tails & Trails	July 15-19	203830 07	\$225/\$300
Rock Ramblers	July 22-26	203830 08	\$225/\$300
Wings & Fins	July 29-August 2	203830 09	\$225/\$300
TX Tails & Trails	August 5-9	203830 10	\$225/\$300



Salamander Camps (Ages 7-8)

Young nature enthusiasts explore the outdoor world. Each week includes hiking, games, experiments, crafts, touching a live animal and science programs. A confirmation receipt will be emailed to you following registration. A parent letter with more detailed information will be sent by email the week before each session your camper is enrolled in. **Participants may register for up to 3 camp sessions.**

Age:	7-8 years old	Ratio:	Maximum 12 campers/1 counselor
Fee:	\$225 for Austin residents \$300 for non-Austin residents	Field Trips:	Destinations will change from week to week.
Time:	Monday-Friday, 7:30 AM-6:00 PM One week sessions	Bring:	A lunch, two snacks, and water bottle every day. A completed waiver is required for your child to attend camp.
Sign-in/out:	In camper's assigned classroom	Wear:	Play clothes and sneakers that can get dirty and damp. Must wear water shoes (not flip-flops) when wading or swimming in natural areas.
Location:	Austin Nature and Science Center Check in at the Breezeway by the Visitor Pavilion on the first morning of each session to receive classroom assignment.	Swim:	Campers will walk to and swim at Deep Eddy Pool and have splash days at the ANSC creek.

SALAMANDER CAMPS WEEKLY THEMES

ANIMAL RELATIONSHIPS

June 24-28 | July 15-19 | August 5-9

From our animal companions at home to the wild animals we work to protect, animals are everywhere. See animal care in action at Animal Wildlife Rescue, go behind-the-scenes in ANSC's Wildlife Exhibit Building and create enrichment toys for dogs and cats living at the Austin Animal Center.

GEOLOGY ROCKS!

June 3-7 | June 17-21* | July 22-26

Join our group of amateur geologists as we discover the geologic past of Central Texas. Campers will examine rocks, minerals and fossils, and learn about the forces that created them. From fossil

hunting at Pease Park to exploring the wonders of rock formations at Inner Space Caverns, we'll be ready to rock on! **PLEASE NOTE:** Campers will be exploring a local cavern this week.

TINKER TIME

June 10-14 | July 1-5* | July 8-12 | July 29-August 2

Future builders, engineers and inventors...this camp is for you! Experiment with the force of gravity, learn the science behind forecasting the weather, and explore all that the STEM world has to offer at the Science Mill in Johnson City.

***No camp Wednesday, June 19 and Thursday, July 4.**

See back cover for week-by-week schedule.

THEME	DATE / CODE	COST
Geology Rocks!	June 3-7 / 203840 01	\$225/\$300
Tinker Time	June 10-14 / 203840 02	\$225/\$300
Geology Rocks!	June 17-21*/ 203840 03	\$225/\$300
Animal Relationships	June 24-28 / 203840 04	\$225/\$300
Tinker Time	July 1-5* / 203840 05	\$225/\$300
Tinker Time	July 8-12 /203840 06	\$225/\$300
Animal Relationships	July 15-19 / 203840 07	\$225/\$300
Geology Rocks!	July 22-26 / 203840 08	\$225/\$300
Tinker Time	July 29-August 2 /203840 09	\$225/\$300
Animal Relationships	August 5-9 / 203840 10	\$225/\$300



Pathfinder Camps (Ages 9-10)

Start your journey through Youth Adventure Camps with Pathfinder. Get a taste of some of our favorite activities and discover your passion. Activities may include rock climbing, canoeing and biking. A confirmation receipt will be emailed to you following registration. A parent letter with more detailed information will be sent by email the week before each section your camper is enrolled in. **Participants may register for up to 3 camp sessions.**

Age:	9-10 years old	Field Trips:	Destinations will change from week to week. Groups will leave ANSC by 9:30am each day.
Fee:	\$225 for Austin residents OR \$360 w/Camping Trip \$300 for non-Austin residents OR \$440 w/Camping Trip	Bring:	A lunch, two snacks and water bottle every day. A completed waiver is required for your child to attend camp.
Time:	Monday-Friday, 7:30 AM-6:00 PM One week sessions	Wear:	Play clothes & sneakers that can get dirty & damp. Must wear water shoes (not flip-flops) when wading or swimming in natural areas.
Sign-in/out:	In camper's assigned classroom	Swim:	Swimming at various City of Austin Pools. More info on swimming times and locations will be provided at sign in on the first day of camp.
Location:	Austin Nature and Science Center Check in at the Breezeway by the Visitor Pavilion on the first morning of each session to receive classroom assignment.		
Ratio:	Maximum 12 campers/1 counselor		

PATHFINDER CAMPS WEEKLY THEMES

ABOVE & BELOW

July 1-5* | July 8-12 | July 29-August 2

Experience Austin from a whole new vantage point! See amazing sights as you scale rock walls at Barton Creek Greenbelt, crawl through a local cave and snorkel the San Marcos River. All equipment is provided. **Please Note:** Campers will be crawling through tight spaces.

AQUATIC ADVENTURES

June 17-21* | July 15-19 | July 22-26 | August 5-9

Beat the heat as we explore local bodies of water. We'll paddle our way across Lady Bird Lake, snorkel the San Marcos River and take a plunge into a local swimming hole. All equipment is provided.

WILDERNESS-WISE

June 3-7 | June 10-14Δ | June 24-28Δ

We're getting wild as we learn about nature stewardship! Practice the principles of Leave No Trace and take part in some of the many adventure activities we can do in Central Texas. We will crawl through a local cave, kayak on Lady Bird Lake and bike a popular Austin trail. Adventure equipment provided. **PLEASE NOTE:** Campers **MUST** be able to ride a bike for 3 miles unassisted.

Δ These weeks include an overnight camping trip. Tents and food provided.

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THEME	DATE / CODE	COST resident/non-resident
Wilderness-Wise	June 3-7 / 203850 01	\$225/\$300
Wilderness-Wise w/Camping Trip	June 10-14 / 203850 02	\$360/\$440
Aquatic Adventures	June 17-21* / 203850 03	\$225/\$300
Wilderness-Wise w/Camping Trip	June 24-28 / 203850 04	\$360/\$440
Above & Below	July 1-5* / 203850 05	\$225/\$300
Above & Below	July 8-12 / 203850 06	\$225/\$300
Aquatic Adventures	July 15-19 / 203850 07	\$225/\$300
Aquatic Adventures	July 22-26 / 203850 08	\$225/\$300
Above & Below	July 29-August 2 / 203850 09	\$225/\$300
Aquatic Adventures	August 5-August 9 / 203850 10	\$225/\$300



Explorer Camps (Ages 11-12)

These camps are perfect for older campers who are excited about the outdoors and science! Activities may include snorkeling, archery, or biking. A confirmation receipt will be emailed to you following registration. A parent letter with more detailed information will be sent by email the week before each session your camper is enrolled in. **Participants may register for up to 3 camp sessions.**

Age:	11-12 years old	Field Trips:	Varies based on themes, destinations may change. Groups will leave ANSC by 9:30am each day.
Fee:	\$225 for Austin residents OR \$360 w/Camping Trip \$300 for non-Austin residents OR \$440 w/Camping Trip	Bring:	A lunch, two snacks, and water bottle every day. A completed waiver is required for your child to attend camp.
Time:	Monday-Friday, 7:30 AM-6:00 PM	Wear:	Play clothes and sneakers that can get dirty and damp. Must wear water shoes (not flip-flops) when wading or swimming in natural areas.
Sign-in/out:	In camper's assigned classroom	Swim:	Swimming at various City of Austin Pools. More information on swimming times and locations will be provided at sign in on the first day of camp.
Location:	Austin Nature and Science Center Check in at the Breezeway by the Visitor Pavilion on the first morning of each session to receive classroom assignment.		
Ratio:	Maximum 12 campers/1 counselor		

EXPLORER CAMPS WEEKLY THEMES

ART & NATURE

June 17-21* | July 1-5* | July 8-12 | July 22-26

Discover the artistry of utilizing natural materials to create unique masterpieces. Immerse yourself in hands-on experiences, explore local sculpture gardens and learn techniques that fuse art and nature as we craft beautiful artwork inspired by the environment around us!

NATURE NOMADS

June 3-7 | June 10-14 Δ | June 24-28 Δ

Get back to your primal roots in this fundamental skills camp! You'll learn basic survival skills including foraging, shelter building and water filtration. Daily explorations include caving, kayaking

and biking. Adventure equipment provided. **PLEASE NOTE:** Campers **MUST** be able to ride a bike for 3 miles without assistance.

Δ These weeks include an overnight camping trip. Tents and food provided.

WONDROUS WATER

July 15-19 | July 29-August 2 | August 5-9

Come on in...the water's fine! We'll paddle, plunge and splash as we snorkel in San Marcos, kayak and canoe around Austin, and visit the coolest swimming holes in town.

*No camp Wednesday, June 19 and Thursday, July 4.

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THEME	DATE / CODE	COST resident/non- resident
Nature Nomads	June 3-7 / 203860 01	\$225/\$300
Nature Nomads w/ Campout	June 10-14 / 203860 02	\$360/\$440
Art & Nature	June 17-21* / 203860 03	\$225/\$300
Nature Nomads w/ Campout	June 24-28 / 203860 04	\$360/\$440
Art & Nature	July 1-5* / 203860 05	\$225/\$300
Art & Nature	July 8-12 / 203860 06	\$225/\$300
Wondrous Water	July 15-19 / 203860 07	\$225/\$300
Art & Nature	July 22-26 / 203860 08	\$225/\$300
Wondrous Water	July 29-August 2 / 203860 09	\$225/\$300
Wondrous Water	August 5-9 / 203860 10	\$225/\$300



Specialty Camps (Ages 7-14)

These camps are perfect for older campers who are excited about the outdoors and science! Activities may include snorkeling, archery or biking. A confirmation receipt will be emailed to you following registration. A parent letter with more detailed information will be sent by email the week before each section your camper is enrolled in. **Participants may register for up to 3 camp sessions.**

Age:	7-14 years old	Field Trips:	Varies based on themes, destinations may change. Groups will leave ANSC by 9:30am each day.
Fee:	\$225 for Austin residents \$300 for non-Austin residents	Bring:	A lunch, two snacks and water bottle every day. A completed <u>waiver</u> is required for your child to attend camp.
Time:	Monday-Friday, 7:30 AM-6:00 PM	Wear:	Play clothes and sneakers that can get dirty and damp. Must wear water shoes (not flip-flops) when wading or swimming in natural areas.
Sign-in/out:	In camper's assigned classroom	Swim:	Swimming at various City of Austin Pools. More information on swimming times and locations will be provided at sign in on the first day of camp.
Location:	Austin Nature and Science Center Check in at the Breezeway by the Visitor Pavilion on the first morning of each session to receive classroom assignment.		
Ratio:	Maximum 12 campers/1 counselor		

SPECIALTY CAMPS WEEKLY THEMES

ANIMAL MANIA (Ages 11-12)

July 1-5* | July 8-12

Animal lovers...this is for you! We'll explore how to take care of everything from bobcats to housecats, create enrichment toys for shelter animals and visit the San Antonio Zoo to explore animals and habitats of the world. We'll also be on the lookout for native Texas animals as we explore habitats around Austin.

CYCLING THROUGH AUSTIN (Ages 13-14)

June 17-21*

Ride your way through some of Austin's most iconic bike trails! Highlights include the Veloway, Lady Bird Lake Hike & Bike Trail and Southern Walnut Creek Trail. Bikes and helmets provided. **PLEASE NOTE:** Campers **MUST** be able to ride a bike for **4-5 miles** unassisted.

FASCINATING FAUNA (ages 7-8)

June 24-28 | July 15-19 | August 5-9

Get to know ANSC resident wildlife and what's going on "Behind-the-Scenes." Explore the difference between wild and domestic animals and look for signs of animals in nature. Field trips to the Austin Zoo and the Exotic Resort Zoo in Johnson City.

NATURE'S CANVAS (ages 9-10)

July 22-26 | July 29 - August 2

Join us as we learn how to both appreciate and create natural art! Visit local museums that showcase nature's beauty and examine the works of artists that utilize natural materials. Field trips include The Contemporary Austin and Blanton Museum of Art.

***No camp Wednesday, June 19 and Thursday, July 4.**

See back cover for week-by-week schedule.

RIVER WRANGLERS (ages 13-14)

June 3-7

Join us as we paddle near and far! We'll hone our paddling skills here on Lady Bird Lake as we prepare to explore Central Texas waterways in both canoes and kayaks. Equipment and life vest will be provided.

TEXAS UNDERGROUND (ages 13-14)

June 10-14

This week will take us on a deep dive of the incredible underground landscapes of Central Texas. Crawl through local caves, observe endangered cave species and view stunning rock formations in a local cavern. All equipment will be provided. **PLEASE NOTE:** Some of our caving adventures will include spelunking and tight squeezes.



Specialty Camps Continued (Ages 7-14)

Ages	THEME	DATE / CODE	COST resident/non-resident
13-14	River Wranglers	June 3-7 / 203870 11	\$225/\$300
13-14	Texas Underground	June 10-14 / 203870 12	\$225/\$300
13-14	Cycling Through Austin	June 17-21* / 203870 13	\$225/\$300
7-8	Fascinating Fauna	June 24-28 / 203840 11	\$225/\$300
11-12	Animal Mania	July 1-5* / 203860 11	\$225/\$300
11-12	Animal Mania	July 8-12 / 203860 12	\$225/\$300
7-8	Fascinating Fauna	July 15-19 / 203840 12	\$225/\$300
9-10	Nature's Canvas	July 22-26 / 203850 11	\$225/\$300
9-10	Nature's Canvas	July 29-August 2 / 203850 12	\$225/\$300
7-8	Fascinating Fauna	August 5-9 / 203840 13	\$225/\$300



Counselor in Training (Ages 13-15)

The Counselor in Training (CIT) program is an opportunity that prepares teens to assist camp counselors in leading activities. There is a two-day training that equips CITs with the skills to become camp helpers. Placement is determined by Austin Nature and Science Center staff. A confirmation receipt will be emailed to you following registration. A parent letter with more detailed information will be sent by email the week before each section your camper is enrolled in. **Participants may register for a maximum of 2 CIT camp sessions.**

Age: 13-15 years old
Swim: Varies based on volunteer assignment.
Fee: \$200/2-week session for Austin residents
Prerequisites: MUST attend training prior to volunteer session.
 \$300/2-week session for non-Austin residents
 Session 3 is a 1-wk session; \$100 Res/\$150 Non Res
 Must enjoy the outdoors and serving as a role model for younger children.
 Fees include 2 days of training and 2 weeks of supervised volunteer work.
Time: Monday-Friday, 7:30 AM-6:00 PM
Field Trips: Varies based on volunteer assignment; may include an over night campout at a nearby campground.
Bring: A lunch, two snacks and water bottle every day.
 A completed waiver is required for your child to attend camp.
Wear: Appropriate clothes and sneakers that can get dirty and damp. No flip-flops.

Please Note Important Change: CIT Training is mandatory, even for returning CITs. If your camper is not able to attend their training, please do not enroll. CITs who do not complete the mandatory training will be unenrolled. Any funds paid will be credited to the household account, minus the \$40 deposit.

Training for Sessions 1, 2 & 3: June 5th & 6th.
 Training for Sessions 4 & 5: July 10th & 11th.
 Training Information will be sent out mid-May.

DATES	SESSION / CODE	COST resident/non-resident
June 10-21*	CIT 1 / 204820 1A	\$200/\$300
June 24-July 5*	CIT 2 / 204820 1B	\$200/\$300
July 8-12	CIT 3 / 204820 1C	\$100/\$150
July 15-26	CIT 4 / 204820 1D	\$200/\$300
July 29- Aug 9	CIT 5 / 204820 1E	\$200/\$300

*No camp Wednesday, June 19 and Thursday, July 4.



Frequently Asked Questions

When does registration begin?

Online, over-the phone and walk-in registration begins for the Austin Nature & Science Center (ANSC) on **February 10th at 10AM for participants that have been awarded financial aid and/or qualify for early registration through our Inclusion Department. General registration will open to city of Austin residents at 12:00 PM and non-Austin residents at 2:00 PM on February 24th.** Online, over-the-phone and walk-in registrations are accepted for general registration. **Due to high demand, participants may be registered for up to 3 camp sessions or 2 CIT sessions.**

Online registration is strongly encouraged. Customers may review online results immediately as online registration is completed in real time. Walk-in registration is only completed when they are entered into the system by staff. Please check your receipt to ensure you are registered for the correct program or on a waiting list.

How do I register online?

Visit ANSC's [website](#) and use the "online registration" link. You will be emailed a confirmation (payment receipt) or notification that you are on a waitlist. Please check your email messages, including your spam folder. You will receive an email from austinparksrec@rectrac.com.

Are scholarships available?

For financial aid and scholarship information, visit www.austintexas.gov/financialaid or call 512.974.3911. Please remember that you must be preapproved, (which may take up to 4 weeks to process) in order to use your financial aid with registration. Scholarships are not retroactive.

What happens if the camp is full?

If a camp is full, a spot on the waiting list will be offered. There is no fee to be on the waiting list. When ANSC receives a cancellation, the available space will be offered to the first person on the waiting list. If you are next on the waiting list, we will notify you by phone and let you know how much time you have to secure the space with payment. If you decline or let the deadline expire without making payment, we will offer the space to the next person on the waiting list.

If I make an ADA accommodation request, do I have to wait to speak with staff for GENERAL registration?

No. Please participate in registration as usual. Reasonable modifications and equal access will be provided upon request. Call 512-974-3914. See first FAQ above for info regarding early registration.

Can I arrange for siblings or friends to be in the same camp? No. Placement of siblings or friends in the same group is not guaranteed. Campers enrolled in the same camp might not be placed in the same group depending upon the total number of enrolled participants. Please note that campers in

the same camp age group will spend much of their day together regardless of group designation.

How do I know if I am an Austin resident or a non-Austin resident?

If you have an Austin zip code or are an Austin Utilities customer you are probably considered an Austin resident for the purposes of Parks and Recreation Department program registration. Refer to the jurisdictions web map [here](#). If you are unsure, please call the ANSC front desk at 512.974.3888 for assistance.

What should my child bring to camp?

To make sure your child has everything they need for camp, please review the confirmation packet and parent letter which you will receive via email. This includes information about what to bring and ANSC's [medical release form](#). The medical release form must be submitted on the first day of camp at sign-in (please do not email it beforehand).

Will my child swim at camp?

Campers, ages 5-15 will complete a swim check for each camp session in which they are registered. The swim check is to determine the comfort of each camper in water and used to assign an appropriate swim zone. The swim zone for each camper is determined by each camper's swim ability. All campers will be allowed in the shallowest zone regardless of the swim check. All staff are trained in basic water rescue or as lifeguards to recognize emergencies.

Will my child get a T-shirt?

Yes. Campers will receive an ANSC t-shirt for each camp session in which they are registered. Camp groups will wear their shirt on Field Trip Days (Frog and Salamander Camps), or Friday (Youth Adventure & Specialty Camps). Campers will receive their shirt on the first day of the camp session for which they are registered. Size selection available during registration.

Are campers required to wear masks during ANSC camps?

No. However, if the community transmission level is medium or high, all individuals may be required to wear a properly fitted mask while participating in PARD programs or while in PARD facilities, regardless of vaccination status. Guidance on masking will be issued by Austin Public Health and the City of Austin and communicated to the public accordingly.

Program Registration Policies

Cancellation and Refunds:

Program attendance is the responsibility of the participant. Failure to attend a class does not entitle a participant to a transfer, makeup, prorated or refund. Substitutions, including family members, are not permitted. Registrations cancelled at least 7 days prior to the first day of class may be issued a refund, minus a \$40 nonrefundable deposit and the \$35.00 processing fee. No refunds are issued for registrations that are cancelled without 7 days advanced written notice of the first class day. Funds will be applied to outstanding balances before funds are released.

Refunds are issued to the charging credit card, or by check from the City of Austin (please allow 4-6 weeks for processing). Or you may request to have the refund applied to your account as a household credit. All checks sent to ANSC must be processed. There is a \$25 cash fee on all returned checks.

Deposits:

All deposits are non-refundable. A \$40 deposit per session will secure a place until three weeks (21 days) prior to the first day of camp. If you fail to pay the remaining balance, you will lose your deposit and forfeit your child's place in that session to another child on the waiting list. **Full payment is the responsibility of the participant.**

Age Requirement:

Placement in each camp are determined by participant age. **Your child must be the appropriate age on or before the first day of camp.** Curriculum is designed for specific age groups and developmental stages.

Minimum Registration:

ANSC reserves the right to cancel any camp that does not meet the minimum enrollment. If this occurs you will be notified at least 7 days prior to the summer program and a full refund will be issued.

Transfers:

Due to the number of participants in our summer programs, ANSC is unable to transfer participants to other camp sessions. To change camp sessions, you will need to cancel your current registration and register for a new session.

Video and Image Policy:

ANSC regularly takes photos of participants in our camps. Photos are used to depict programs at ANSC and may appear in brochures, fliers, and other media. Please see the image release waiver section of the registration form.

City Holidays:

Please be advised that camp does not take place on observed City of Austin holidays. Scheduled city holidays during the summer season include Juneteenth (June 19th) and the Fourth of July.

Parks and Recreation Department Mission Statement

The purpose of the Austin Parks and Recreation Department is to inspire Austin to learn, play, protect, and connect by creating diverse programs and experiences in sustainable natural spaces and public places.

Children's programs ages 5-15 supervised by Parks and Recreation Department and requiring enrollment/registration in order to participate are not licensed by the state, but follow local standards of care as adopted by the City of Austin Ordinance No. 020131-65. A copy of the ordinance is available and posted at each site.

Persons with Disabilities - The City of Austin is committed to compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Reasonable modifications and equal access to communications will be provided upon request. For assistance please contact (512) 974-3914 or Relay Texas 7-1-1.

Look for information about Winter and Spring camps in the **Fall!**

2024 Weekly Summer Camp Themes

	June 3-7	June 10-14	June 17-21*	June 24-28	July 1-5*	July 8-12	July 15-19	July 22-26	July 29-August 2	August 5-9
Frog (ages 5-6)	Rock Ramblers 203830 01	TX Tails & Trails 203830 02	Rock Ramblers 203830 03	TX Tails & Trails 203830 04	Wings & Fins 203830 05	Wings & Fins 203830 06	TX Tails & Trails 203830 07	Rock Ramblers 203830 08	Wings & Fins 203830 09	TX Tails & Trails 203830 10
Salamander (age 7-8)	Geology Rocks! 203840 01	Tinker Time 203840 02	Geology Rocks! 203840 03	Animal Relationships 203840 04	Tinker Time 203840 05	Tinker Time 203840 06	Animal Relationships 203840 07	Geology Rocks! 203840 08	Tinker Time 203840 09	Animal Relationships 203840 10
Pathfinder (ages 9-10)	Wilderness-Wise 203850 01	Wilderness-Wise w/campout 203850 02	Aquatic Adventures 203850 03	Wilderness-Wise w/campout 203850 04	Above & Below 203850 05	Above & Below 203850 06	Aquatic Adventures 203850 07	Aquatic Adventures 203850 08	Above & Below 203850 09	Aquatic Adventures 203850 10
Explorer (ages 11-12)	Nature Nomads 203860 01	Nature Nomads w/campout 203860 02	Art & Nature 203860 03	Nature Nomads w/campout 203860 04	Art & Nature 203860 05	Art & Nature 203860 06	Wondrous Water 203860 07	Art & Nature 203860 08	Wondrous Water 203860 09	Wondrous Water 203860 10
Specialty (ages 7-14)	River Wranglers (Ages 13-14) 203870 11	Texas Underground (Ages 13-14) 203870 12	Cycling Through Austin (Ages 13-14) 203870 13	Fascinating Fauna (Ages 7-8) 203840 11	Animal Mania (Ages 11-12) 203860 11	Animal Mania (Ages 11-12) 203860 12	Fascinating Fauna (Ages 7-8) 203840 12	Nature's Canvas (Ages 9-10) 203850 11	Nature's Canvas (Ages 9-10) 203850 12	Fascinating Fauna (Ages 7-8) 203840 13
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***No camp Wed. June 19 & Thurs. July 4**

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