

ANSC HOMESCHOOL ADVENTURE SKILL SERIES

WHAT IS A HOMESCHOOL ADVENTURE SKILL SERIES?

Do you know a young adventurer who is excited about **rock climbing** or **caving**? This winter and spring, ANSC is introducing **outdoor adventure series** for Austin-area homeschoolers. For 3 Thursdays, join us in building your child's confidence, technical skills, and love for either rock climbing or caving in a small-group setting.



WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW BEFORE I SIGN UP?

- Participation in one of our adventure series includes **3 Thursday morning sessions** of either caving or rock climbing. We have included **a fourth date** for each series as a make-up day in case of inclement weather.
- There is a **maximum of 12 participants** in each adventure series.

HOW DO I PREPARE FOR EACH SESSION?

- We will always **meet at ANSC's Visitor Pavilion**, and vanpool offsite if necessary.
- Wear **clothes** that are **weather-appropriate** and allow for a **full range of motion**.
- **Bring a snack, refillable water bottle, and child medical waiver.** ANSC will provide all other necessary equipment for our adventures!



HOW DO I SIGN UP?

- **Registration will open on October 31. To reserve a spot, please [register online](#).** Walk-in, fax-in, and mail-in registration are available during ANSC's regular business hours.
- Please note that adventure-related experiences are also available within our **campus** for registered campers.

Adventure skill	Series dates	Registration Code	Series time	Ages	Fee
 Rock climbing	December 1, 8, 15 <i>Inclement weather make-up date: Dec. 22</i>	203815 01	9AM – 1PM	11–13 years	Austin residents: \$60 Non-residents: \$72
 Caving	January 12, 19, 26 <i>Inclement weather make-up date: Feb. 2</i>	203815 02	9AM – 12PM	11–13 years	Austin residents: \$60 Non-residents: \$72
 Rock climbing	February 9, 16, 23 <i>Inclement weather make-up date: March 2</i>	203815 03	9AM – 1PM	8–10 years	Austin residents: \$60 Non-residents: \$72
 Caving	March 9, 23, 30 <i>Inclement weather make-up date: April 6</i>	203815 04	9AM – 12PM	8–10 years	Austin residents: \$60 Non-residents: \$72



ROCK CLIMBING

WHY ROCK CLIMBING?

Rock climbing is an intense challenge that builds physical and mental strength. During our climbing sessions, you will learn techniques to ascend and descend natural rock features. Discover handholds and footholds to blaze your own route to the top of some of the most exciting landscapes in the Austin area!

Climbers will be assisted and supervised by staff trained in top rope and belay techniques. No prior climbing experience is necessary.

WHAT SKILLS WILL I BUILD?

Adventurers will build **technical skills** such as:

- Familiarity with and proper use of climbing and rappelling gear, including a harness and belay device
- Introduction to knot tying techniques for climbing
- Top rope vertical climbing (assisted by a trained belayer)

Adventurers will also build **interpersonal skills** such as:

- Teamwork and trust
- Increased confidence and sense of adventure
- Building comfort with heights in a safe, controlled environment



CAVING

WHY CAVING?

There is a whole other world beneath your feet, hidden within the cave systems of Austin! During our caving sessions, you can explore some of these rarely-seen gems while learning about the unique underground geology and ecology of the Edwards Plateau and Edwards Aquifer.

These are wild, undeveloped caves— do not expect to stand and walk! We will enter and explore the caves on our hands and knees, learning to safely and confidently navigate through some tight spaces and “secret” passages!



WHAT SKILLS WILL I BUILD?

Adventurers will build **technical skills** such as:

- Caving techniques and equipment for safely passing through tight spaces
- Identification of underground karst features and the creatures that inhabit them
- Environmental awareness of our unique and sensitive underground ecosystems

Adventurers will also build **interpersonal skills** such as:

- Teamwork and trust
- Increased confidence and sense of adventure
- Building comfort in dark, enclosed spaces in a safe, controlled environment

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