

AUSTIN NATURE & SCIENCE CENTER

Natural Selections



SUMMER CAMP 2016



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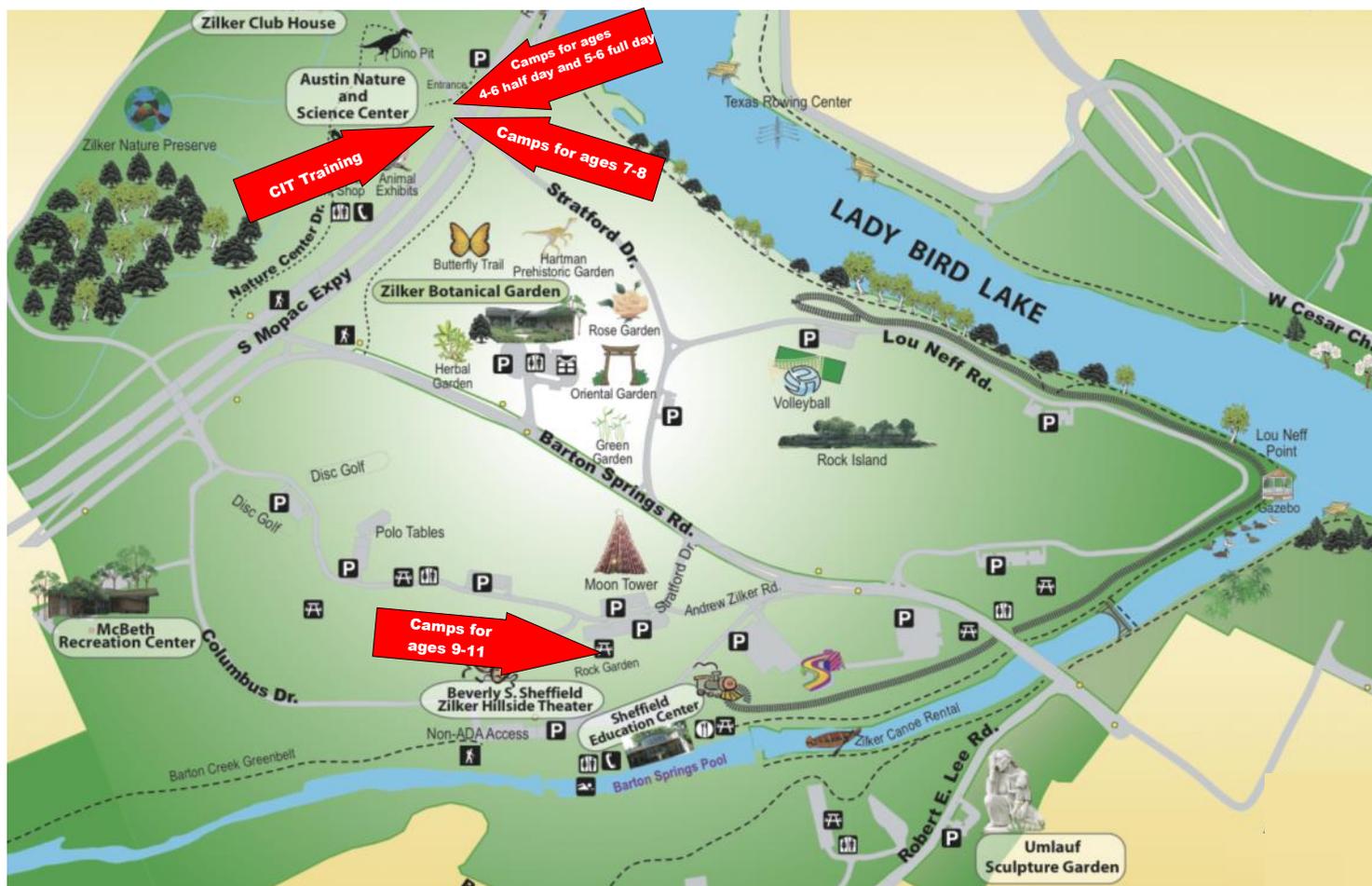
Registration opens: March 5, 2016 at 10:00 am

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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 Center” in the Location dropdown menu.
Scroll down to see Summer Camp offerings.



Tadpole Camps - half day (Ages 4-6)

Young nature lovers engage in a week of hands-on discovery and nature study. Each week includes outdoor exploration, crafts, games, a planetarium visit, and science programs. These camps do not take off-site field trips that require travel in a vehicle or go swimming. Upon registration for camp, a confirmation letter will be emailed to you. Before the first day of camp a parent letter with more detailed information will be sent by mail. **Participants may be registered for up to 3 camp sessions.**

Age:	4-6 years old Participants must be potty trained to attend camp; no diapers or pull-ups please!	Field Trips:	Campers will NOT participate in field trips that require travel in a vehicle. Campers may walk to sites in Zilker Park.
Fee:	\$120 for Austin residents \$130 for non-Austin residents		State Licensing paperwork required at registration.
Time:	Morning Sessions: Monday-Friday 8:00 AM-Noon Afternoon Sessions: Monday-Friday 1:00-5:00 PM Sessions are one week long.	Bring:	A snack and water bottle every day. A completed waiver the first day of <u>every camp</u> for which your child is registered.
Sign-in/out:	In camper's assigned classroom	Wear:	Play clothes and sneakers that can get dirty and damp.
Location:	Trailhouse Building Check in at the picnic tables in front of the Trailhouse Building on the first day of each session to receive classroom assignment.	Swim:	No swimming , however, SPLASH DAY is on Friday: Campers participate in supervised wading activities. Please send swim clothes, water shoes, sunscreen and towel on Friday. Campers must wear water shoes (not flip-flops) when wading in natural areas.
Ratio:	Maximum 8 campers/1 counselor		

TADPOLE CAMP WEEKLY THEMES

DIGGING DINOS

June 13-17

July 11-15

August 8-12

Calling all dinosaur enthusiasts! Grab your shovel and we'll uncover dinosaur fossils and other prehistoric critters buried in the Dino Pit. Learn about ancient animals while experimenting with volcanoes, rocks, and minerals.

PROVE IT! **NEW!**

June 27-July 1

July 18-22

Join us for a hands-on introduction to science. Experiment with liquids, solids, and gases. Study objects in motion and more!

WILD THINGS

July 5-8 ^No Camp Monday, July 4th. Prorated camp rate listed.

July 25-29

Get a behind the scenes view of ANSC resident wildlife while discovering interesting characteristics of mammals, insects, birds, and reptiles.

WONDERFUL WATER

June 20-24

August 1-5

August 15-19

Water is all around us! Explore the worlds of creatures that live in streams, lakes and oceans. Splash in the Nature Center creek with friends and discover how water moves around us all.



THEME	DATE	AGES 4-5 Morning Sessions*	AGES 4-5 Afternoon Sessions*	AGES 5-6 Afternoon Session	COST
Digging Dinosaurs	June 13-17	202821 1A	202822 1A	202823 1A	\$120/\$130
	July 11-15	202821 1E	202822 1E	202823 1E	\$120/\$130
	August 8-12	202821 1I	202822 1I	202823 1I	\$120/\$130
Prove It!	June 27-July 1	202821 1C	202822 1C	202823 1C	\$120/\$130
	July 18-22	202821 1F	202822 1F	202823 1F	\$120/\$130
Wild Things	July 5-8	202821 1D	202822 1D	202823 1D	^\$96/\$104
	July 25-29	202821 1G	202822 1G	202823 1G	\$120/\$130
Wonderful Water	June 20-24	202821 1B	202822 1B	202823 1B	\$120/\$130
	August 1-5	202821 1H	202822 1H	202823 1H	\$120/\$130
	August 15-19	202821 1J	202822 1J	202823 1J	\$120/\$130

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Discovery Camps (Ages 5-6)

Curiosity is rewarded at this camp! Each exciting theme includes hands-on discovery and nature study. Campers participate in outdoor exploration, crafts, games, a planetarium visit, and science programs each week. Upon registration for camp, a confirmation letter will be emailed to you. Before the first day of camp a parent letter with more detailed information will be sent by mail. **Participants may be registered for up to 3 camp sessions.**

Age:	5-6 years old	Field Trips:	Tuesdays - Destinations will change from week to week. State law requires children under 8 years old to ride in a booster seat.
Fee:	\$180 for Austin residents \$190 for non-Austin residents	Bring:	A lunch, two snacks, and water bottle every day. A completed waiver the first day of <u>every camp</u> .
Time:	Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM-5:00 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:	Wednesday-Friday at City of Austin pools. Campers must be able to swim at beginner level. More information on swimming times and locations available on the ANSC website in March.
Location:	ANSC Visitor Pavilion and Nature Labs Building Check in at the picnic tables in front of the Trailhouse Building on the first morning of each session to receive classroom assignment.		
Ratio:	Maximum 12 campers/1 counselor		

DISCOVERY CAMP WEEKLY THEMES

DINO-MITE

June 27-July 1

August 1-5

Junior paleontologists, it's time to unearth the hidden treasures of the Dino Pit exhibit. Investigate fossils of prehistoric critters while experimenting with volcanoes, rocks, and minerals. Field trip to Pease Park.

MAD SCIENTISTS

June 13-17

August 8-12

Use science to gain knowledge of the world through observation and experimentation. Come experiment with liquids, solids, and gases, study objects in motion, and more. Make goo and baking soda volcanoes then explore the physics of play at the Play For All Abilities Park!

WATER WIGGLES

July 11-15

July 25-29

August 15-19

Splash in a puddle and dip your toes in the stream while learning about unique properties of water, its origin, and conservation tips. Collect critters that live in the water and use a microscope to observe how they move through a wet world. Field trip to Ricky Gurrero Splash Pad.

WILD AND WOOLY

June 20-24

July 5-8 ^No Camp Monday, July 4th. Prorated camp rate listed.

July 18-22

Discover what unique characteristics distinguish mammals, reptiles, birds, amphibians, and insects from one another. See and touch some of our favorite critter friends when they visit your classroom. Field trip to Crowe's Nest Farm.



THEME	DATE / CODE*	COST
Dino-mite	June 27-July 1 / 203830 03	\$180/\$190
	August 1-5 / 203830 08	\$180/\$190
Mad Scientists	June 13-17 / 203830 01	\$180/\$190
	August 8-12 / 203830 09	\$180/\$190
Water Wiggles	July 11-15 / 203830 05	\$180/\$190
	July 25-29 / 203830 07	\$180/\$190
	August 15-19 / 203830 10	\$180/\$190
Wild and Wooly	June 20-24 / 203830 02	\$180/\$190
	July 5-8 / 203830 04	^\$144/\$152
	July 18-22 / 203830 06	\$180/\$190

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Nature Camps (Ages 7-8)

Young nature enthusiasts explore the outdoor world. Each week includes hiking, games, experiments, crafts, a planetarium visit, and science programs. Upon registration for camp, a confirmation letter will be emailed to you. Before the first day of camp a parent letter with more detailed information will be sent by mail. **Participants may be registered for up to 3 camp sessions.**

Age:	7-8 years old	Field Trips:	Wednesdays - Destinations will change from week to week. State law requires children under 8 years old to ride in a booster seat.
Fee:	\$180 for Austin residents \$190 for non-Austin residents	Bring:	A lunch, two snacks and water bottle every day. A completed waiver the first day of <u>every camp</u> .
Time:	Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM-5:00 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:	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday at City of Austin pools. Offsite field trips on Wednesdays. Campers must be able to swim at beginner level. More information on swimming times and locations available on the ANSC website in March.
Location:	Nature Labs Building Check in at the Visitor Pavilion breezeway on the first morning of each session to receive classroom assignment.		
Ratio:	Maximum 12 campers/1 counselor		

NATURE CAMP WEEKLY THEMES

H 2 OH!

June 27-July 1

July 11-15

August 8-12

Discover aquatic habitats including wetlands, ponds, and the Edwards Aquifer. A search for aquatic life in the ANSC creek gives way to exploration of a pond. Field trip to the Meadows Center in San Marcos.

HAVENS AND HOMES **NEW!**

June 13-17

July 25-29

Discover special adaptations of mammals, reptiles, amphibians, and arthropods. Explore wildlife habitats in the Zilker Preserve. Meet resident wildlife up-close. Field trip to the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center.



SPACE EXPLORERS

June 20-24

July 18-22

August 1-5

What is your favorite planet? What is the closest star to the earth? Learn the answers to questions about space, planets and more. Observe a model of the night sky and constellations in the inflatable planetarium. Learn how a GPS device uses satellites to determine the precise location of where you are on earth.

WAYBACK WONDERS

July 5-8 ^No Camp Monday, July 4th. Prorated camp rate listed.

August 15-19

Have you ever wondered what life was like before you were born? Dig for casts of dinosaur fossils in the Dino Pit exhibit. Learn how to make stone tools like your ancestors. Field trip to Westcave Preserve.

THEME	DATE / CODE*	COST
H 2 Oh!	June 27-July 1 / 203840 03	\$180/\$190
	July 11-15 / 203840 05	\$180/\$190
	August 8-12/ 203840 09	\$180/\$190
Havens and Homes	June 13-17 / 203840 01	\$180/\$190
	July 25-29 / 203840 07	\$180/\$190
Space Explorers	June 20-24 / 203840 02	\$180/\$190
	July 18-22 / 203840 06	\$180/\$190
	August 1-5 / 203840 08	\$180/\$190
Wayback Wonders	July 5-8/ 203840 04	^\$144/\$152
	August 15-19 / 203840 10	\$180/\$190

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Adventure Camps (Ages 9-10)

Adventure camp is just what it sounds like - a camp full of exciting outdoor adventures! Activities may include rock climbing, canoeing, outdoor skills, mountain biking, and caving. Upon registration for camp, a confirmation letter will be emailed to you. Before the first day of camp a parent letter with more detailed information will be sent by mail. **Participants may be registered for up to 3 camp sessions.**

Age:	9-10 years old	Bring:	A lunch, two snacks, and water bottle every day.
Fee:	\$200/week for Austin residents \$225/week for non-Austin residents Additional \$25 for programs that include campout		A completed waiver the first day of <u>every camp</u> for which your child is registered.
Time:	Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM-5:00 PM One and two 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:	Rock Garden Picnic Tables in Zilker Park	Swim:	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday at City of Austin pools. Thursday's swim location varies. Campers must be able to swim at beginner level. More information on swimming times and locations available on the ANSC website in March.
Location:	Sheffield Education Center/Splash Exhibit		
Ratio:	Maximum 12 campers/1 counselor		
Field Trips:	Varies based on themes, destinations may change. Some sessions include an overnight campout.		

ADVENTURE CAMP WEEKLY THEMES

AUSTIN FAVORITES

July 11-15

August 15-19

Join us for a week of exploring some favorite outdoor spots in Austin. Cool off in Barton Springs pool, bike Ladybird Lake trail, and rock climb on Texas limestone. Campers must be able to ride a bike with their camp group for three miles without adult assistance. Field trip to Amy's Ice Cream.

OUTDOOR EXPLORERS

2 WEEK CAMP

June 27-July 8 ^No Camp Monday, July 4th. Prorated camp listed.

July 25-August 5

Outdoor exploration is the name of the game during this two week whirlwind of activities. Campers - gear up for trail biking, archery, and crawling through a wild cave. Practice outdoor skills in preparation for an overnight campout at McKinney Falls State Park (July 7-8 or August 4-5). Campers must be able to ride a bike with their camp group for three miles without adult assistance.

THEME	DATE / CODE*	COST
Austin Favorites	July 11-15 / 203850 04	\$200/\$225
	August 15-19 / 203850 08	\$200/\$225
Outdoor Explorers	June 27-July 8 / 203850 03	^\$385/\$430
	July 25-August 5 / 203850 06	\$425/\$475
Water World	June 20-24 / 203850 02	\$200/\$225
	August 8-12 / 203850 07	\$200/\$225
World of Wildlife	June 13-17/ 203850 01	\$200/\$225
	July 18-22 / 203850 05	\$200/\$225

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WATER WORLD

June 20-24

August 8-12

Discover unique characteristics of water while collecting aquatic critters and conducting simple tests of water quality. Observe life underwater while snorkeling in the San Marcos River.

WORLD OF WILDLIFE

June 13-17

July 18-22

Get to know ANSC resident wildlife and what's going on behind the scenes. Check out the differences between wild and domestic animals and look for signs of animals in nature. Field trips to the Austin Zoo and Green Gate Farms.



Explorer Camps (Ages 11-12)

These camps are perfect for older campers who are excited about the outdoors and science! Activities may include caving, snorkeling, kayaking, archery, or biking. Upon registration for camp, a confirmation letter will be emailed to you. Before the first day of camp a parent letter with more detailed information will be sent by mail. **Participants may be registered for up to 3 camp sessions.**

Age:	11-12 years old	Bring:	A lunch, two snacks and water bottle every day.
Fee:	\$200/week for Austin residents \$225/week for non-Austin residents		A completed waiver the first day of <u>every camp</u> for which your child is registered.
	Additional \$25 for programs that include campout	Wear:	Play clothes and sneakers that can get dirty and damp.
Time:	Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM-5:00 PM One and two week sessions		Must wear water shoes (not flip-flops) when wading or swimming in natural areas.
Sign-in/out:	Rock Garden Picnic Tables in Zilker Park	Swim:	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday at City of Austin pools. Thursday's swim location varies.
Location:	Sheffield Education Center/Splash Exhibit		Campers must be able to swim at beginner level.
Ratio:	Maximum 12 campers/1 counselor		More information on swimming times and locations available on the ANSC website in March.
Field Trips:	Varies based on themes, destinations may change. Some sessions include an overnight campout.		

EXPLORER CAMP WEEKLY THEMES

EXPLORE AUSTIN

2 WEEK CAMP

June 27-July 8 ^No Camp Monday, July 4th. Prorated camp listed.

July 25-August 5

Delve into some of the places and ideas that make Austin unique and go on an overnight campout at McKinney Falls State Park (June 30-July 1 or July 28-29). From our aquifers to our native animals, there is a lot of Austin to cover. Crawl through a wild cave, learn how to shoot a bow, and discover Ladybird Lake by bike. Campers must be able to ride a bike with their camp group for three miles without adult assistance.

HISTORY MYSTERIES **NEW!**

June 20-24

July 18-22

Enjoy the conveniences of modern tools as you imagine how different it must have been to live off of the land. Use a bow to shoot at targets and try your hand at making stone tools. Read the history of central Texas in the limestone as you rock climb. Field trip to Sauer Beckman Living History Farm.

WATER WAYS

June 13-17

July 11-15

August 15-19

Explore the diverse bodies of water in Central Texas from spring fed streams to dammed rivers. How do environmental conditions affect each aquatic ecosystem? See for yourself as you paddle a kayak down Lady Bird Lake and snorkel in the San Marcos River.

NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY

August 8-12

Have you ever wanted to capture the beauty of a butterfly or the excitement of a squirrel chase? Campers bring a digital camera or are provided with a camera to practice taking pictures of natural wonders big and small. Each photographer chooses two photos to be displayed at the Sheffield Education Center.



THEME	DATE / CODE*	COST
Explore Austin	June 27-July 8 / 203860 03	^\$385/\$430
	July 25-August 5 / 203860 06	\$425/\$475
History Mysteries	June 20-24 / 203860 02	\$200/\$225
	July 18-22 / 203860 05	\$200/\$225
Water Ways	June 13-17 / 203860 01	\$200/\$225
	July 11-15 / 203860 04	\$200/\$225
	August 15-19 / 203860 08	\$200/\$225
Nature Photography	August 8-12 / 203860 07	\$200/\$225

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Specialty Camps (Ages 10-13)

Delve a little deeper into outdoor nature adventures during extra special camps! Upon registration for camp, a confirmation letter will be emailed to you. Before the first day of camp a parent letter with more detailed information will be sent by mail. **Specialty Camps meet TUESDAY-FRIDAY from 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.** Participants may be registered for up to 3 camp sessions.

Age:	10-13 years old	Bring:	A lunch, two snacks and water bottle every day.
Fee:	\$200/week for Austin residents \$225/week for non-Austin residents		A completed waiver the first day of <u>every camp</u> for which your child is registered.
	Additional \$25 for programs that include campout	Wear:	Play clothes and sneakers that can get dirty and damp.
Time:	Tuesday-Friday, 8:00 AM-5:00 PM		Must wear water shoes (not flip-flops) when wading or swimming in natural areas.
	One week sessions	Swim:	Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday at City of Austin pools. Thursday's swim location varies. Campers must be able to swim at beginner level. More information on swimming times and locations available on the ANSC website in March.
Sign-in/out:	Rock Garden Picnic Tables in Zilker Park		
Location:	Sheffield Education Center/Splash Exhibit		
Ratio:	Maximum 12 campers/1 counselor		
Field Trips:	Varies based on themes, destinations may change. Some sessions include an overnight campout.		

SPECIALTY CAMP WEEKLY THEMES

ADVANCED CAVING

June 21-24

July 19-22

If you have previously ventured into a cave, join us! Explore Austin's premier wild caves and descend into a pit cave. Camp out at Ink's Lake and head to Longhorn Caverns for a special wild cave tour.

ANIMAL ENTHUSIASTS

July 5-8

August 16-19

Do you love animals and want to get to know the ANSC resident wildlife up close? Explore how animals are cared for in captivity and visit with wildlife experts. See aquatic animals up close when you snorkel in the San Marcos River. Field trip to Exotic Resort Zoo.

TIME TRAVELERS **NEW!**

July 12-15

Travel to the past and future in this exciting new camp. Learn how early Texas settlers survived and learn about the future of humans in space. Head to Bamberger Ranch for an overnight campout and explore dinosaur tracks in the Blanco River.

TINKER SAILOR SOLDIER SPY

June 14-17

Have you ever tried to make a boat out of recycled materials? Do you enjoy archery? Join us for this mashup of our favorite activities in this unique camp. Field trip to Reimer's Ranch for rock climbing.

TRAIL BIKING

August 2-5

Explore trails along Govalle Park and other Austin gems from the seat of a bike. Bikes and helmets are provided or campers may bring their own. Campers must be able to ride a bike with their camp group for at least three miles without adult assistance.

WASTE WARRIORS

August 9-12

Are you passionate about recycling and conservation? Become a waste warrior by cleaning up trash while snorkeling in the San Marcos River. Make something new out of recycled materials and more! Campout at Emma Long Park.

YOUTH CLIMBING

June 28-July 1

July 26-29

Find yourself perched above it all while exploring climbing spots around Austin. Learn basic techniques and practice your skills at Reimer's Ranch and the Barton Creek greenbelt. All equipment provided.



THEME	DATE / CODE*	AGE	COST
Advanced Caving	June 21-24 / 203870 02	12-13	\$225/\$250
	July 19-22 / 203870 06	12-13	\$225/\$250
Animal Enthusiasts	July 5-8/ 203870 04	10-11	\$200/\$225
	August 16-19 / 203870 10	10-11	\$200/\$225
Time Travelers	July 12-15 / 203870 05	10-11	\$225/\$250
Tinker Sailor Soldier Spy	June 14-17 / 203870 01	10-11	\$200/\$225
Trail Biking	August 2-5 / 203870 08	12-13	\$200/\$225
Waste Warriors	August 9-12 / 203870 09	10-11	\$225/\$250
Youth Climbing	June 28-July 1/ 203870 03	12-13	\$200/\$225
	July 26-29 / 203870 07	12-13	\$200/\$225

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 Overnight Campout

Counselor in Training (Ages 13-17)

The Counselor in Training program (CIT) is an opportunity for teens to gain valuable leadership skills and have fun this summer. CIT camp prepares teens to assist adult camp counselors in leading activities. There is a one day training that equips CITs with the skills to become outstanding leaders by covering such topics as safety, child development, games, and songs. This popular program helps teenagers develop a sense of responsibility while increasing self-confidence. Participants must enjoy working with younger children and be willing to accept responsibility and leadership roles. Placement is determined by Austin Nature and Science Center staff. Upon registration for camp, a confirmation letter will be emailed to you. Before the first day of camp a parent letter with more detailed information will be sent by mail. **Participants may be registered for a maximum of 2 CIT camp sessions.**

Age:	13-17 years old	Field Trips:	Varies based on camp assignment. May include an overnight campout at a nearby park.
Fee:	\$76/week for Austin residents \$91/week for non-Austin residents Fees include 1 day of training and 2 weeks of supervised volunteer work.	Bring:	A lunch, two snacks and water bottle every day . A completed waiver the first day of <u>every camp</u> for which your child is registered.
Training:	June 9 for sessions June 13- July 22 July 21 for sessions July 25- August 19	Wear:	Appropriate clothes and sneakers that can get dirty and damp.
Time:	Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM-5:00 PM Two week sessions.	Swim:	Varies based on camp assignment.
Training Sign-in/out:	ANSC Visitor's Pavilion breezeway	Prerequisites:	<u>MUST</u> attend training prior to volunteer session. Must enjoy the outdoors and serving as a role model for younger children.
Daily Camp Sign-in/out:	At assigned camp.		

DATES	SESSION / CODE	COST
June 13-24	CIT1 / 204820 1A	\$152/\$182
June 27-July 8	CIT2 / 204820 1B	*\$137/\$164
July 11-22	CIT3 / 204820 1C	\$152/\$182
July 25-August 5	CIT4 / 204820 1D	\$152/\$182
August 8-19	CIT5 / 204820 1E	\$152/\$182

* No Camp Monday, July 4. Prorated camp rate listed.



Before & After Camp Care

Camp staff members supervise children needing to arrive early or stay late and provide them with board games, puzzles, and cards. **Campers may arrive after 7:15 AM and MUST be picked up by 6:00 PM.**

Age:	4-17 years old
Fee:	\$40/week for Austin residents \$45/week for non-Austin residents
Time:	Morning Sessions: Monday-Friday 7:15 AM-7:45 AM Afternoon Sessions: Monday-Friday 5:15PM-6:00 PM
Sign-in/Sign-out:	Multipurpose Room located across from the ANSC Visitor's Pavilion

SPECIAL NOTE

Adventure, Explorer, and Specialty campers in Before Care will be dropped off at the main ANSC campus, in the Multipurpose Room.

Adventure, Explorer, and Specialty campers in After Care will be at the Zilker Park Rock Garden picnic tables until 5:15 PM, then they will be transported to the ANSC Multipurpose Room to arrive at 5:30 PM. These children will be in transit from 5:15-5:30 PM. Please wait for them at ANSC.

DATES	CODES	COST
June 13-19	207820 1A	\$40/\$45
June 20-24	207820 1B	\$40/\$45
June 27-July 1	207820 1C	\$40/\$45
July 5-8	207820 1D	^\$32/\$36
July 11-15	207820 1E	\$40/\$45
July 18-22	207820 1F	\$40/\$45
July 25-29	207820 1G	\$40/\$45
August 1-5	207820 1H	\$40/\$45
August 8-12	207820 1I	\$40/\$45
August 15-19	207820 1J	\$40/\$45

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Frequently Asked Questions

When does registration begin?

Beginning March 5, 2016 at 10 am, the Austin Nature & Science Center (ANSC) will accept online registration for Summer Camp programs. Fax-in, mail-in, and walk-in registrations will also be accepted at ANSC concurrently. Online registration is available 24 hours per day; walk-in, fax-in and mail-in registration is available during ANSC's regular business hours. **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, fax-in, and mail-in registration will only be completed when they are entered into the system by staff, which will take longer to process.

How do I access online registration?

Directly access the Austin Parks and Recreation registration website at www.austintexas.gov/parksregister, or visit ANSC's website and use the "online registration" link. For information on how to register online and set up an account please go to www.austintexas.gov/page/online-registration. If you need additional assistance you may also call ANSC front desk staff at 512-974-3888.

Is online registration secure?

To keep your personal information safe, you will create or update your user account, which is only accessible by you. If you don't know your existing password or username, you can request a new one. Payments are completed through a credit card processing vendor to protect customers' privacy and security. Neither the Austin Parks and Recreation Department, nor the software vendor retains credit card information.

How do I register by phone or in person at ANSC?

Visit or call the ANSC front desk to request a registration form, and then fax, mail, or submit the form in person. ANSC does not accept registration by email due to safety concerns. The completed registration form will be entered into the system at the earliest convenience of front desk staff. You will not know your registration status until you receive either a confirmation email or an email placing you on a waiting list. No spaces will be held for fax-in, mail-in or walk-in registration submissions. Please check your email, including your spam folder. You will receive an email from "rectrac" rather than "Austin Nature and Science Center." If you have not received an email, staff has yet to input your registration form.

Are scholarships available?

For financial aid scholarship information, go to www.austintexas.gov/pardfinaid. Please remember that you must be preapproved, which takes some time, 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 offered a space, we will notify you by phone about the deadline 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 before registering online?

No. Please participate in registration as usual. Contact the registration office by phone at 512-974-3888 or email at anscprograms@austintexas.gov to inform us that you are making an accommodation request. Parks staff will contact you within seven days.

Can I arrange for siblings or friends to be in the same camp?

No. Many camps have multiple sections. Even if your child and their friend register for a camp with the same theme and registration code, they may be placed in separate groups. Placement of siblings or friends in the same camp group is not guaranteed.

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

Front desk staff can provide a list of zip codes used to determine residency for the purposes of Parks and Recreation Department program registration.

How will I know that I am registered?

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 "rectrac" rather than "Austin Nature and Science Center." If you do not have an email address, your confirmation or waitlist notification will be mailed to you.

What should my child bring to camp?

To make sure your child has everything they need for camp please review the confirmation packet which you will receive via email. This includes a parent letter with 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 mail it in beforehand). More information is available at www.austintexas.gov/ansc.

Program Registration Policies

Cancellation and Refunds:

Program attendance is the responsibility of the participant. Failure to attend does not entitle a participant to a transfer, make-up, prorated, or refund. We will issue a full refund, minus a \$35 non-refundable deposit, per camp, upon receipt of a written cancellation request received at least seven days before the start of the camp. You may email your cancellation request to anscprograms@austintexas.gov. If the program fee is \$35 or less, half of the fee will be refunded. No refunds are issued for registrations that are cancelled without seven days advance notice in writing to ANSC.

Refunds are issued to the charging credit card. If payment was made by check, the City of Austin will issue and mail a refund check within 4 - 6 weeks. To avoid waiting for a refund, consider paying by credit card or by issuing separate checks for each camp. All checks sent to ANSC must be processed. There is a \$25 cash fee on all returned checks.

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 10 days prior to the summer program and a full refund will be issued (see refund procedure).

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, please follow the cancellation and registration procedures.

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.

Tadpole Camp Additional Forms:

Tadpole Camp requires additional forms for registration. Please bring the completed forms with you the first day of camp. These forms are available online at www.austintexas.gov/ansc.

Overview of Registration Process

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

1. Determine if you already have a customer household account created by staff. If you have participated in Parks and Recreation programs before, you may already have an account. If the system associates a current account with your contact information, you will be prompted to create a new password and username.
2. Go to the Austin Parks and Recreation online registration website: www.austintexas.gov/parksregister.
3. Browse the camp listings.
4. Register for your desired camp(s). Participants may be registered for a maximum of 3 camp sessions or 2 CIT sessions.
5. **Pay in full with a credit card.**
6. 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.
7. Should you need to change or cancel your camp, contact ANSC's registration office to make the request. Please review the program registration policies regarding refunds, transfers, and other important registration and participation information.

2016 Weekly Summer Camp Themes

	June 13-17	June 20-24	June 27- July 1	July 5-8	July 11-15	July 18-22	July 25-29	August 1-5	August 8-12	August 15-19
Tadpole (ages 4-5; am)	Digging Dinos 202821 1A	Wonderful Water 202821 1B	Prove It! 202821 1C	Wild Things 202821 1D	Digging Dinos 202821 1E	Prove It! 202821 1F	Wild Things 202821 1G	Wonderful Water 202821 1H	Digging Dinos 202821 1I	Wonderful Water 202821 1J
Tadpole (ages 4-5; pm)	Digging Dinos 202822 1A	Wonderful Water 202822 1B	Prove It! 202822 1C	Wild Things 202822 1D	Digging Dinos 202822 1E	Prove It! 202822 1F	Wild Things 202822 1G	Wonderful Water 202822 1H	Digging Dinos 202822 1I	Wonderful Water 202822 1J
Tadpole (ages 5-6; pm)	Digging Dinos 202823 1A	Wonderful Water 202823 1B	Prove It! 202823 1C	Wild Things 202823 1D	Digging Dinos 202823 1E	Prove It! 202823 1F	Wild Things 202823 1G	Wonderful Water 202823 1H	Digging Dinos 202823 1I	Wonderful Water 202823 1J
Discovery (ages 5-6)	Mad Scientist 203830 01	Wild & Woolly 203830 02	Dino-mite 203830 03	Wild & Woolly 203830 04	Water Wiggles 203830 05	Wild & Woolly 203830 06	Water Wiggles 203830 07	Dino-mite 203830 08	Mad Scientist 203830 09	Water Wiggles 203830 10
Nature (age 7-8)	Havens & Homes 203840 01	Space Explorers 203840 02	H 2 Oh! 203840 03	Wayback Wonders 203840 04	H 2 Oh! 203840 05	Space Explorers 203840 06	Havens & Homes 203840 07	Space Explorers 203840 08	H 2 Oh! 203840 09	Wayback Wonders 203840 10
Adventure (ages 9-10)	World of Wildlife 203850 01	Water World 203850 02	Outdoor Explorer 203850 03		Austin Favorites 203850 04	World of Wildlife 203850 05	Outdoor Explorer 203850 06		Water World 203850 07	Austin Favorites 203850 08
Explorer (ages 11-12)	Water Ways 203860 01	History Mysteries 203860 02	Explore Austin 203860 03		Water Ways 203860 04	History Mysteries 203860 05	Explore Austin 203860 06		Nature Photography 203860 07	Water Ways 203860 08
Specialty (ages 10-13)	Tinker Sailor Soldier Spy 203870 01	Advanced Caving 203870 02	Youth Climbing 203870 03	Animal Enthusiasts 203870 04	Time Travelers 203870 05	Advanced Caving 203870 06	Youth Climbing 203870 07	Trail Biking 203870 08	Waste Warriors 203870 09	Animal Enthusiasts 203870 10
CIT (ages 13-17)	CIT Session 1 204820 1A		CIT Session 2 204820 1B		CIT Session 3 204820 1C		CIT Session 4 204820 1D		CIT Session 5 204820 1E	

Look inside brochure for camp prices and descriptions.



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Parks and Recreation Department Mission Statement

The purpose of the Austin Parks and Recreation Department is to provide, protect, and preserve a park system that promotes quality recreational, cultural and outdoor experiences for the Austin Community.

Children's programs 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.

Nature's Way Preschool is licensed by the State of Texas as a child care facility.

Persons with Disabilities - The City of Austin is committed to complying with the Americans with Disability Act. Individuals with disabilities are encouraged to participate in the Austin Nature & Science Center programs. You may request special accommodations to facilitate participation and inclusion in these programs. Reasonable modifications and equal access will be provided upon request. Call (512) 974-3888.

