

AUSTIN NATURE & SCIENCE CENTER



SUMMER CAMP 2019



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Online Summer Camp Registration

Registration opens: February 9, 2019

10:00 AM - Austin residents

1:00 PM - Austin non-residents

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

Step By Step Guide: Online Registration

www.austintexas.gov/parksonline

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. You are encouraged to make full payment at registration to avoid missing deadlines and losing your child's place in camp. **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, contact ANSC's registration office to make the request. Please review the program registration policies regarding refunds, and transfers.

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

Tadpole Camps - half day (Ages 4-5)

Young nature lovers engage in a week of hands-on discovery and nature study. Each week includes outdoor exploration, crafts, games, touching a live animal, and science programs. These camps do not take field trips that require travel in a vehicle or go swimming. Following 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 email. **Participants may register for up to 3 camp sessions.**

Age:	4-5 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:	\$162 for Austin residents \$188 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 session</u> .
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 Fridays: 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

AWESOME ANIMALS

June 17-21

July 8-12

July 29-August 2

Calling all animal lovers, future zoologists, and naturalists! Discover interesting characteristics of mammals, insects, birds, and reptiles in this wild camp.

MAD SCIENTISTS **NEW!**

July 15-19

August 5-9

Join us for a week of hands-on exploration! Curiosity guides our experiments with solids, liquids, and gases. Study objects in motion and more as we learn what it takes to be a rad scientist.

PREHISTORY MYSTERY

June 24-28

July 22-26

Take a giant step back in time as we learn about prehistoric reptiles, plants, and sea creatures. We'll explore ANSC to unearth model fossil remains and take a walk to Zilker Botanical Gardens to observe a re-creation of a prehistoric habitat as well as beautiful gardens of the present.

WONDERFUL WATER

June 10-14

July 1-5 No Camp Thursday, July 4th. Prorated camp cost listed.

August 12-16

Water is all around us! We know it cools us off, but we can also freeze it, create works of art, and learn to appreciate it in a whole new way during this camp. Splash in the Nature Center creek with friends and discover how water moves all around us.



THEME	DATE	Morning Sessions* 8:00am - 12:00 pm	Afternoon Sessions* 1:00pm - 5:00 pm	COST resident/non-resident
Awesome Animals	June 17-21	202821 1B	202822 1B	\$162/\$188
	July 8-12	202821 1E	202822 1E	\$162/\$188
	July 29-August 2	202821 1H	202821 1H	\$162/\$188
Mad Scientists	July 15-19	202821 1F	202822 1F	\$162/\$188
	August 5-9	202821 1I	202822 1I	\$162/\$188
Prehistory Mystery	June 24-28	202821 1C	202822 1C	\$162/\$188
	July 22-26	202821 1G	202822 1G	\$162/\$188
Wonderful Water	June 10-14	202821 1A	202822 1A	\$162/\$188
	July 1-5	202821 1D	202822 1D	\$132/\$152
	August 12-16	202821 1J	202822 1J	\$162/\$188

See back cover for week-by-week schedule

*There are multiple sections or camp groups associated with this code. Each camp group has its own counselor, classroom, and schedule. **Placement of siblings or friends in the same camp group is not guaranteed.**

Discovery 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. Following 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 email. **Participants may register for up to 3 camp sessions.**

Age:	5-6 years old	Field Trips:	Tuesdays - Destinations will change from week to week.
Fee:	\$232 for Austin residents \$268 for non-Austin residents	Bring:	A lunch, two snacks, and water bottle every day. A completed waiver the first day of every camp session.
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. 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

IN THE DARK **NEW!**

July 1-5 No Camp Thursday, July 4th. Prorated camp cost listed.

July 29-August 2

Explore the world through the eyes of nocturnal animals in this new camp. Trek through the stars in our planetarium. Field trip to a wild cave to investigate an underground ecosystem and learn about living in a different kind of darkness.

UP, DOWN, ALL AROUND

June 10-14

August 12-16

Our quest for fun and learning leads us in all directions. Challenge gravity when you craft a vessel to protect and egg as it drops to the ground. Look up close at the ecosystem in treetops when you climb trees with expert foresters from the City of Austin Parks Forestry Unit.

WATER WIGGLES

June 17-21

July 8-12

August 5-9

Have you ever flipped over a rock in a creek bed? There's an entire world under there! Join us to investigate habitats beneath the surface as well as the creatures that reside in them. Field trip to Pease Park to learn how water not only supports an ecosystem, but also helps us beat the heat and provide a ton of fun.

WILD AND WOOLY

June 24-28

July 15-19

July 22-26

Discover what unique characteristics distinguish mammals, reptiles, birds, amphibians, and insects from one another. Search for native plants and wildlife in our preserve and take a field trip to Crowe's Nest Farm to learn about animals up close.

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Each camp group has its own counselor, classroom, and schedule.

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THEME	DATE / CODE*	COST resident/non-resident
In the Dark	July 1-5 / 203830 04	\$188/\$216
	July 29-August 2 / 203830 08	\$232/\$268
Up, Down, All Around	June 10-14 / 203830 01	\$232/\$268
	August 12-16 / 203830 10	\$232/\$268
Water Wiggles	June 17-21 / 203830 02	\$232/\$268
	July 8-12 / 203830 05	\$232/\$268
	August 5-9 / 203830 09	\$232/\$268
Wild and Wooly	June 24-28 / 203830 03	\$232/\$268
	July 15-19 / 203830 06	\$232/\$268
	July 22-26 / 203830 07	\$232/\$268



See back cover for week-by-week schedule

Nature 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. Following 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 email. **Participants may register for up to 3 camp sessions.**

Age:	7-8 years old	Field Trips:	Wednesdays - Destinations will change from week to week.
Fee:	\$232 for Austin residents \$268 for non-Austin residents	Bring:	A lunch, two snacks and water bottle every day. A completed waiver the first day of <u>every camp session</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. 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

BLAST FROM THE PAST **NEW!**

July 8-12
July 29-August 2

Learn about Texas history, in this exciting new camp. Uncover knowledge about Austin's past as a shallow sea when digging in the Dino Pit. Field trip to Pioneer Farms to learn about the lives of early Texas settlers by exploring their homesteads.

H2Oh!
June 24-28
July 15-19

Get your feet wet and discover aquatic habitats including wetlands, ponds, and the Edwards Aquifer. Observe how animals move through water in the ANSC pond and creek. Field trip to the Meadows Center in San Marcos for a glass-bottom boat tour!

NATURE TRACKERS

June 17-21
July 1-5 No Camp Thursday, July 4th. Prorated camp cost listed.
August 5-9

The best way to observe nature is to become one with nature. Discuss how animals live, construct your own bird and insect homes, and search for local wildlife high and low. Field trip to a wild cave to see what habitats exist underground!

WILD ABOUT WILDLIFE **NEW!**

June 10-14
July 22-26
August 12-16
Meet animals up close in this wild and wooly camp! Learn as much as you can about Nature Center animal residents and see what you can catch in the ANSC pond and creek. Field trip to Austin Zoo to see more wild animals!

THEME	DATE / CODE*	COST resident/non-resident
Blast from the Past	July 8-12 / 203840 05	\$232/\$268
	July 29-August 2 / 203840 08	\$232/\$268
H2Oh!	June 24-28 / 203840 03	\$232/\$268
	July 15-19 / 203840 06	\$232/\$268
Nature Trackers	June 17-21 / 203840 02	\$232/\$268
	July 1-5 / 203840 04	\$188/\$216
	August 5-9 / 203840 09	\$232/\$268
Wild About Wildlife	June 10-14 / 203840 01	\$232/\$268
	July 22-26 / 203840 07	\$232/\$268
	August 12-16 / 203840 10	\$232/\$268



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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, fishing, biking, and caving. Following 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 email. **Participants may register for up to 3 camp sessions.**

Age:	9-10 years old	Field Trips:	Varies based on themes, destinations may change. Some sessions include an overnight campout.
Fee:	\$262/week for Austin residents \$298/week for non-Austin residents Additional \$44 for programs that include campout	Bring:	A lunch, two snacks, and water bottle every day. A completed waiver the first day of <u>every camp session</u>
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. 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		

ADVENTURE CAMP WEEKLY THEMES

AUSTIN A THRU Z **NEW!**

July 15-19

August 5-9

Austin offers and outdoor adventure for every letter of the alphabet! Start with the ABCs of archery, biking, and caving. Round out the week by visiting Yellow Bike Project and the Zilker Botanical Garden in this new camp. Campers must be able to ride a bike with their camp group for 3 miles without assistance.

DREAM TEAM **NEW!**

June 24-28

July 22-26

Working together is the goal for this camp! Get to know your group through teambuilding activities and use your Nature Center knowledge in escape room puzzles. Encourage your team as we explore the world under our feet on a journey into a wild cave before heading on an overnight campout at Pedernales Falls State Park.



THE GREAT OUTDOORS

June 10-14

July 8-12

August 12-16

Enjoy some of our favorite outdoor activities including rock climbing, biking, and canoeing. Learn about native wildlife on a hike through Zilker Preserve. Campers must be able to ride a bike with their camp group for 3 miles without assistance.

WATER WISE

June 17-21

July 1-5 No Camp Thursday, July 4th. Prorated camp cost listed.

July 29-August 2

Discover unique characteristics of water while collecting aquatic critters. See Austin from a new perspective when you paddle around Ladybird Lake in a canoe. Observe wildlife underwater while snorkeling in the San Marcos River and go fishing at East Metro Park.

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Placement of siblings or friends in the same camp group is not guaranteed.

THEME	DATE / CODE*	COST resident/non- resident
Austin A thru Z	July 15-19 / 203850 06	\$262/\$298
	August 5-9 / 203850 09	\$262/\$298
Dream Team	June 24-28 / 203850 03	\$306/\$342
	July 22-26 / 203850 07	\$306/\$342
The Great Outdoors	June 10-14 / 203850 01	\$262/\$298
	July 8-12 / 203850 05	\$262/\$298
	August 12-16 / 203850 10	\$262/\$298
Water Wise	June 17-21 / 203850 02	\$262/\$298
	July 1-5 / 203850 04	\$212/\$240
	July 29-August 2 / 203850 08	\$262/\$298

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, archery, or biking. Following 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 email. **Participants may register for up to 3 camp sessions.**

Age:	11-12 years old	Field Trips:	Varies based on themes, destinations may change.
Fee:	\$262/week for Austin residents \$298/week for non-Austin residents Additional \$44 for programs that include campout	Bring:	Some sessions include an overnight campout. A lunch, two snacks and water bottle every day. A completed waiver the first day of <u>every camp session</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:	Rock Garden Picnic Tables in Zilker Park	Swim:	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday at City of Austin pools. Thursday's swim location varies. 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		

EXPLORER CAMP WEEKLY THEMES

ANIMAL ENTHUSIASTS

June 10-14

July 1-5 No Camp Wednesday, July 4th. Prorated camp cost listed.

August 12-16

We'll turn over rocks, look high above in the treetops, and even observe beneath the water's surface through a mask and snorkel in search of our favorite aquatic animals. Campers will learn what happens behind the scenes with our resident animals at the ANSC and visit amazing wildlife at Austin Zoo.

NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY

June 24-28

July 29-August 2

Have you ever wanted to capture the beauty of a butterfly or the majesty of a tree? Campers can bring a digital camera or have a camera provided to practice taking pictures of natural wonders on field trips to Laguna Gloria and Reimers Ranch. Each photographer chooses two photos to be displayed.



OUTDOOR ACTION

June 17-21

July 15-19

July 22-26

If you're like us, you can't get enough of the outdoors and you really just love to do it all. Combine all of the fun and adventure when we bike, fish, explore a cave, and shoot a bow and arrow during this camp. Campers must be able to ride a bike with their camp group for 3 miles without assistance.

WATER SCIENCE



NEW!

July 8-12

August 5-9

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 when we snorkel in San Marcos. Test your skills when you build a bamboo raft with friends on our campout at Turkey Bend Recreation Area.

Specialty Camps (Ages 13-14)

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 email. **Specialty Camps meet TUESDAY-FRIDAY from 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.** Participants may register for up to 3 camp sessions.

Age:	13-14 years old	Field Trips:	Varies based on themes, destinations may change. Some sessions include an overnight campout.
Fee:	\$238/week for Austin residents \$272/week for non-Austin residents Additional \$44 for programs that include campout	Bring:	A lunch, two snacks and water bottle every day. A completed waiver the first day of <u>every camp session</u>
Time:	Tuesday-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:	Rock Garden Picnic Tables in Zilker Park	Swim:	Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday at City of Austin pools. Thursday's swim location varies. 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		

SPECIALTY CAMP WEEKLY THEMES

ADVANCED CAVING

June 11-14

July 9-12

August 13-16

Are you fascinated by geology and the amazing creatures living in the Austin underground? If so, this camp is for you! Come observe cave formations up close as we explore wild caves around Austin, including newly discovered caves and old favorites.

BIKE-TASTIC

July 1-5 No Camp Thursday, July 4th. Camp session will begin on Monday.

July 30-August 2

Wheels down! Learn how to maintain your bike with Yellow Bike Project and explore urban trails around Austin. Take your bike on a campout to McKinney Falls State Park and test your skills on natural terrain. Bikes and helmets are provided or campers may bring their own. Campers must be able to ride a bike with their camp group for 5 miles without assistance.

THEME	DATE / CODE	COST resident/non- resident
Advanced Caving	June 11-14 / 203870 01	\$238/\$272
	July 9-12 / 203870 05	\$238/\$272
	August 13-16 / 203870 10	\$238/\$272
Bike-tastic	July 1-5 / 203870 04	\$282/\$316
	July 30-August 2 / 203870 08	\$282/\$316
Outdoor Jobs	June 18-21 / 203870 02	\$282/\$316
	July 16-19 / 203870 06	\$282/\$316
Youth Climbing	June 25-28 / 203870 03	\$238/\$272
	July 23-26 / 203870 07	\$238/\$272
	August 6-9 / 203870 09	\$238/\$272



 Overnight Campout

OUTDOOR JOBS **NEW!**

June 18-21

July 16-19

Learn more about jobs that work closely with nature in this new camp. Climb high in a tree with arborists from the City of Austin Parks Forestry Unit to see how they do their job. Meet with City of Austin Park Rangers to learn about working in the parks before heading on a campout at Bamberger Ranch.

YOUTH CLIMBING

June 25-28

July 23-26

August 6-9

See the world from above while exploring climbing spots around Austin. Learn basic techniques and practice your skills on man-made climbing walls and limestone crags at Reimer's Ranch and the Barton Creek greenbelt. All equipment provided.

Counselor in Training (Ages 15-17)

The Counselor in Training program (CIT) is an opportunity that prepares teens to assist camp counselors in leading activities. There is a one day training that equips CIT's with the skills to become camp helpers. Placement is determined by Austin Nature and Science Center staff. Following registration for camp, a confirmation letter will be emailed. Before the first day of camp a parent letter with more detailed information will be sent by email. **Participants may register for a maximum of 2 CIT camp sessions.**

Age:	15-17 years old	Field Trips:	Varies based on camp assignment.
Fee:	\$198/two week session for Austin residents \$222/two week session for non-Austin residents	Bring:	May include an overnight campout at a nearby park. A lunch, two snacks and water bottle every day. A completed waiver the first day of <u>every camp session</u>
Training:	June 6 for sessions June 10- July 19 July 11 for sessions July 15- August 16	Wear:	Appropriate clothes and sneakers that can get dirty and damp. No flip-flops.
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:	MUST 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 resident/non-resident
June 10-21	CIT1 / 204820 1A	\$198/\$222
June 24-July 5	CIT2 / 204820 1B	*\$178/\$204
July 8-19	CIT3 / 204820 1C	\$198/\$222
July 22-August 2	CIT4 / 204820 1D	\$198/\$222
August 5-16	CIT5 / 204820 1E	\$198/\$222

* No Camp Thursday, July 4. Prorated camp cost 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
Sign-in/Sign-out:	Visitor's Pavilion

DATE	Morning Sessions 7:15am - 7:45am	Afternoon Sessions 5:45pm - 6:00pm	COST resident/non-resident
June 10-14	207821 1A	207822 1A	\$40/\$45
June 17-21	207821 1B	207822 1B	\$40/\$45
June 24-28	207821 1C	207822 1C	\$40/\$45
July 1-5	207821 1D	207822 1D	*\$32/\$36
July 8-12	207821 1E	207822 1E	\$40/\$45
July 15-19	207821 1F	207822 1F	\$40/\$45
July 22-26	207821 1G	207822 1G	\$40/\$45
July 29-August 2	207821 1H	207822 1H	\$40/\$45
August 5-9	207821 1I	207822 1I	\$40/\$45
August 12-16	207821 1J	207822 1J	\$40/\$45

SPECIAL NOTE for Adventure, Explorer, and Specialty Campers:

Before Care & After Care are at the main ANSC campus, in the Visitor's Pavilion

Campers will remain at their regular sign-out location until 5:15 PM, then they will be transported to the Visitor's Pavilion. These campers will be in transit between 5:15-5:30 PM. Please wait for them at ANSC.

*No Camp Thursday, July 4th. Prorated camp cost listed.

Frequently Asked Questions

When does registration begin?

Registration begins for the Austin Nature & Science Center (ANSC) on February 9th. Registration will open to city of Austin residents at 10:00 AM and non-Austin residents at 1:00 PM. Online, fax-in, mail-in, and walk-in registrations are accepted at ANSC concurrently. **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 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?

Register online at www.austintexas.gov/parksonline, or 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. If you do not have an email address, your confirmation or waitlist notification will be mailed.

How do I register by mail 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 privacy 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 an email. No spaces will be held for fax-in, mail-in or walk-in registration submissions.

Are scholarships available?

For financial aid and scholarship information, go to www.austintexas.gov/pardfinaid 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 offered a space more than 2 weeks before the start of the program we will notify you by phone and you will have 24 hours to secure the space with payment. If you are offered a space within 2 weeks of the start of the program, you will have 3 hours 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. Reasonable modifications and equal access will be provided upon request. Call 512-974-3914.

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 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. If you are unsure, set up an account and call the ANSC front desk 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). More information is available at www.austintexas.gov/ansc.

Will my child swim at camp?

Half day campers, ages 4-5 years will wade in ANSC's creek. Full day campers, ages 5-17 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 Splash Day (Tadpole Camp), Field Trip Day (Discovery and Nature Camp), or Friday (Youth Adventure Camps). Campers will receive their shirt on the first day of the camp session for which they are registered. Size selection available during registration.

Look for information about Winter and Spring day camps in September!

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, prorate 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.

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. All checks sent to ANSC must be processed. There is a \$25 cash fee on all returned checks.

Deposits:

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. You are encouraged to make full payment at registration to avoid missing deadlines and losing your child's place in camp. **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.

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/anasc.



2019 Weekly Summer Camp Themes

	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	August 12-16
Tadpole 8 am-12 pm	Wonderful Water 202821 1A	Awesome Animals 202821 1B	Prehistory Mystery 202821 1C	Wonderful Water 202821 1D	Awesome Animals 202821 1E	Mad Scientists 202821 1F	Prehistory Mystery 202821 1G	Awesome Animals 202821 1H	Mad Scientists 202821 1I	Wonderful Water 202821 1J
Tadpole 1 pm-5 pm	Wonderful Water 202822 1A	Awesome Animals 202822 1B	Prehistory Mystery 202822 1C	Wonderful Water 202822 1D	Awesome Animals 202822 1E	Mad Scientists 202822 1F	Prehistory Mystery 202822 1G	Awesome Animals 202822 1H	Mad Scientists 202822 1I	Wonderful Water 202822 1J
Discovery ages 5-6	Up, Down, All Around 203830 01	Water Wiggles 203830 02	Wild and Woolly 203830 03	In the Dark 203830 04	Water Wiggles 203830 05	Wild and Woolly 203830 06	Wild and Woolly 203830 07	In the Dark 203830 08	Water Wiggles 203830 09	Up, Down, All Around 203830 10
Nature age 7-8	Wild About Wildlife 203840 01	Nature Trackers 203840 02	H 2 Oh! 203840 03	Nature Trackers 203840 04	Blast from the Past 203840 05	H 2 Oh! 203840 06	Wild About Wildlife 203840 07	Blast from the Past 203840 08	Nature Trackers 203840 09	Wild About Wildlife 203840 10
Adventure ages 9-10	The Great Outdoors 203850 01	Water Wise 203850 02	Dream Team 203850 03	Water Wise 203850 04	The Great Outdoors 203850 05	Austin A thru Z 203850 06	Dream Team 203850 07	Water Wise 203850 08	Austin A thru Z 203850 09	The Great Outdoors 203850 10
Explorer ages 11-12	Animal Enthusiasts 203860 01	Outdoor Action 203860 02	Nature Photography 203860 03	Animal Enthusiasts 203860 04	Water Science 203860 05	Outdoor Action 203860 06	Outdoor Action 203860 07	Nature Photography 203860 08	Water Science 203860 09	Animal Enthusiasts 203860 10
Specialty ages 13-14	Advanced Caving 203870 01	Outdoor Jobs 203870 02	Youth Climbing 203870 03	Bike-tastic 203870 04	Advanced Caving 203870 05	Outdoor Jobs 203870 06	Youth Climbing 203870 07	Bike-tastic 203870 08	Youth Climbing 203870 09	Advanced Caving 203870 10
CIT ages 15-17	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 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 5-12 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 for ages 3-5.

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) 974-3914.