

# 2020-2021 VIRTUAL HOMESCHOOL PROGRAMS

**MONTHLY HOMESCHOOL**

Ages 4-12 years

**NATURE AMBASSADORS**

Ages 13-17 years

**SCIENCE EXPERIMENT CLUB**

1st - 5th grade



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

# MONTHLY VIRTUAL HOMESCHOOL

Our virtual STEAM focused programs will instill an appreciation of the natural world while offering an opportunity to collaborate and socialize with peers. Each month, participants will investigate and make discoveries involving a new topic. Virtual classes will take place the **first two Wednesdays** of each month.

**Registration will occur on a monthly basis.**

**TIME:** 11:00am-12:00pm

**PROGRAM FEES:**

**MAX:** 16 students per 4-6 year old sections  
20 students per 7-8 and 9-12 year old session

\$6.00/ participant  
List of suggested materials will be provided.

## October - Leave No Trace

Learn about the principles of Leave No Trace and how the choices we make can positively or negatively impact our environment. We will investigate ways to best sustain healthy and vibrant natural lands by making eco friendly crafts and conducting hands-on activities.

## November - Animal Communication

Can animals talk to one another? We'll find out as we examine how animals use many different adaptations to defend themselves, find a mate, protect their homes, and care for their young.

## December - Major Scientific Discoveries

Who discovered that the Earth orbits the sun? How much of the ocean have we actually explored? How do x-rays work and who is Marie Curie? In this class we will learn about the discoveries that have shaped our understanding of the world and about the incredible scientists who made them!

## January - The Miracle of Flight

Learn all about the miraculous mechanism of flight! We'll examine theories of how this incredible adaptation first came to be, observe animals who have this amazing ability, and study the physics of flight to understand how human beings have harnessed this capability for ourselves!

## Registration

	October 7th & 14th	November 4th & 18th	December 2nd & 9th	January 6th & 13th
<b>Activity Number</b>				
4-6 years AM	203827 01	203827 02	203827 03	203827 04
7-8 years AM	203828 01	203828 02	203828 03	203828 04
9-12 years AM	203829 01	203829 02	203829 03	203829 04

**\*In November** we will meet on the **1st and 3rd Wednesday** for the observance of Veteran's Day on Wednesday 11/11/2020.

# NATURE AMBASSADORS

The Nature Ambassador Program is an **entirely virtual leadership program** for teenagers ages 13-17 currently homeschooling. Enrolled teens will partner with an ANSC staff member to help them design and implement a **community service project** geared towards environmental stewardship. Participants will collaborate with staff **once a week for seven weeks** to fully formulate their project. Professional development sessions will occur over Zoom to give participants the skills to successfully implement their projects.

**TIME:** 11:00 am-12:00 pm

**MAX:** 10 participants per session

**PROGRAM FEES:**

Free! Pre-registration required



## Registration

October - November

<b>Meeting dates:</b> 10/8, 10/15, 10/22, 10/29, 11/5, 11/12, 11/19	Activity Number 204812 03
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# SCIENCE EXPERIMENT CLUB

Science Experiment Club is designed for students to explore, make observations, and answer testable questions using the scientific method. Students in the **1st and 2nd grade will complete a group experiment** while students in the **3rd and 4th grade will work on individual projects** that are eligible to enter the Austin Energy Science Fair. Participation in this program will conclude with a **virtual ANSC science fair for all!**

**TIME:** 11:00 am-12:00 pm

**MAX:** 16 participants per session

**Program Fees:**

\$20/ participant

Required materials will be provided for pick up.



## Registration

**Meeting dates:** Oct 9, Nov 6, Dec 4, Jan 8, Jan 15

Activity Number	
<b>1st &amp; 2nd Grade</b>	203814 03
<b>3rd &amp; 4th Grade</b>	203814 04

\*ANSC staff require participants in the 3rd - 5th grade section be able to write and participants are expected to complete an individual project outside of class time.

# PROGRAM REGISTRATION

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

Online registration is strongly encouraged. Customers registering online will view results immediately, in real-time. Once registration is complete, you will be emailed a receipt from [austinparksrec@rectrac.com](mailto:austinparksrec@rectrac.com). Please check your spam folder.

Mail-in registrations will be accepted at ANSC concurrently. In order to protect your financial security, ANSC does not accept registration by email. Registration status will not be available until forms are processed by registrar. **No spaces will be set aside for mail-in registration submissions.**

## Online Account Information:

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

## How to Register for Your Program:

Click on the registration link at the top of this page. To find your chosen program, search by location (Austin Nature Center), by typing "homeschool" into keyword search, or by entering the correct activity number (e.g. 203901 01).

Once you have found your chosen program, click on the  symbol to add the program to your cart and proceed to checkout. If the symbol next to your program is  then this section is unfortunately full or canceled, please choose an alternate program.

Activity Search Criteria					
Location	<input type="text" value="All Locations"/>	Type	<input type="text" value="All Types"/>	Age	<input type="text" value="All Ages"/>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Alamo Recreation Cen</li><li>Aquatic Office</li><li>Asian American Resou</li><li>Austin Nature Center</li><li>Austin Recreation Ce</li></ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>After School Programs</li><li>Aquatics</li><li>Arts and Culture - Adu</li><li>Arts and Culture - Tee</li><li>Arts and Culture - You</li><li>Camps - Other</li></ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>3 Months</li><li>6 Months</li><li>9 Months</li><li>1</li><li>2</li><li>3</li></ul>
Keyword Search	<input type="text" value="homeschool"/>	Sort Option	<input type="text" value="Activity/Section"/>	Activity Number	<input type="text" value="203901 01"/>

# REGISTRATION POLICIES

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## **PAYMENT:**

Program fees are due upon of registration.

## **PARTICIPANT CANCELLATIONS:**

Please notify ANSC in writing by email to cancel registration. Refunds will be issued up to seven days prior to the first day of the program. Cancellation will allow other households to fill the space.

To receive a full refund, a credit can be applied to your household account. To receive a refund to your credit card or method of payment, a \$35 processing fee will be applied. If the total cost of the program is less than \$35, half of the total will be returned in the same manner in which payment was received. No refunds or credits will be issued for program cancellations seven days or less prior to the start of the program.

## **REDUCED FEES AND SCHOLARSHIPS:**

Parks and Recreation Department (PARC) is extending financial assistance to qualified families of youth participants. Qualification information and the application can be found on the City of Austin PARC Financial Assistance website at <https://austintexas.gov/parcfinancialaid>. Financial Aid applications take up to six weeks to process. Financial Aid must be in place at the time of registration to receive the discount. Financial Aid is not retroactive.

## **TRANSFER OF PROGRAMS:**

Due to the number of participants in our programs, ANSC is unable to transfer participants to other dates or times. To change the date or time of your program, you will need to cancel your current registration and register for a new program. For more information, refer to Participant Cancellation Policies above.

## **ANSC CANCELLATIONS:**

ANSC observes City of Austin emergency closures. If ANSC cancels a program, we will make an effort to reschedule. If it is not possible to reschedule within a reasonable time you will receive a prorated refund or credit toward future programs.

## **MINIMUM REGISTRATION:**

ANSC reserves the right to cancel a class that does not meet the minimum number of participants seven days prior to the class date. If this occurs, a full refund will be given.

## **VIDEO AND IMAGE POLICY:**

ANSC regularly takes photos of participants in our programs. 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.

## **ADA ACCOMMODATION:**

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