Welcome to the

AUSTIN PARKS & RECREATION
Cultural Places, Natural Spaces

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Directions

From North MoPac:
•Exit Rollingwood / 2244
•Take the turn around at 2244 (Bee Cave Rd.)

From South MoPac:
•Exit 2244 toward Rollingwood / Westlake Hills

After Exiting:
•Stay on frontage road which will turn into Barton Springs Road
•Turn Left onto Stratford Dr. immediately after Zilker Botanical Garden

•Continue on Stratford
•Parking is under the MoPac (Loop 1) bridge

Safe drop-off for students and teachers at Entrance Trailhead

Exploration begins on the trail to check-in at the Visitor's Pavilion

1. Come down steps to the Visitor's Pavilion

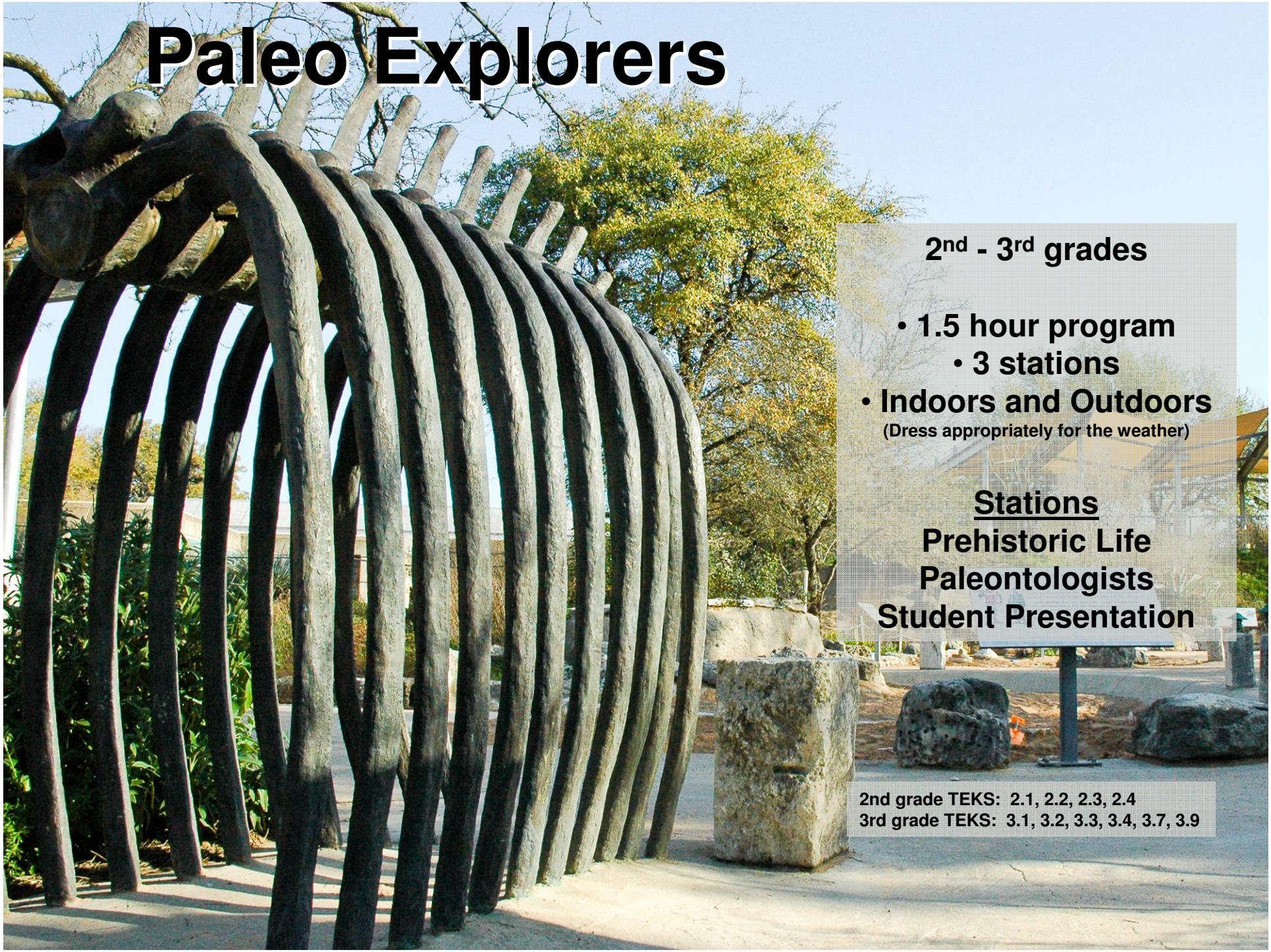
2. Line up by class

3. Send one teacher to check-in group

In the Visitor's Pavilion

1. Field trip check-in
2. Restrooms
3. Water fountain

Paleo Explorers



2nd - 3rd grades

- **1.5 hour program**
- **3 stations**
- **Indoors and Outdoors**

(Dress appropriately for the weather)

Stations

Prehistoric Life
Paleontologists
Student Presentation

2nd grade TEKS: 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4
3rd grade TEKS: 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.7, 3.9

Prehistoric Life Station

- Describe environmental changes where some organisms thrive and others perish
- Explore characteristics of dinosaurs and other prehistoric animals
- Investigate rapid changes in Earth's surface such as volcanic eruptions and earthquakes

Paleontologist Station

Divide into two paleontology teams to investigate prehistoric life in Central Texas

- Use tools safely to collect data on prehistoric animals
- Uncover, observe, measure, and draw the team's discovery
- Research the diet and environment of team's discovery
- Record and organize data to decide the importance of the team's discovery

Presentation Station

Each team presents research to the class committee by:

- Communicating observations
- Justifying explanations using collected data
- Comparing results of investigations with other student paleontologists

The committee then decides which teams receives more money to continue digging

There is plenty to do before or after your program

Hands-On Naturalist's Trade Counter

More Exhibits

1. Animal Enclosures

2. The Pond

3. The Dino Pit Exhibit

Places to Explore

1. The Zilker Nature Preserve

2. Birds of Prey Enclosures

3. Small Wonders Exhibit

Be sure to visit the ANSC resident wildlife before leaving.

Thanks for coming

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