

FIELD TRIP PLANNER

The Austin Nature and Science Center is a regional environmental education center located in Zilker Park in the heart of Austin, Texas. We offer a variety of quality informal science experiences to support and enrich classroom curriculum. Trained and knowledgeable staff engage students in TEKS-based activities integrating the rigor of the classroom science experience with the relevance of the field experience.

SCHEDULING INFORMATION FOR ALL PROGRAMS

Registration Procedures

- Download the **registration form**. Fill out all the information. Sign it and email it to anscprograms@austintexas.gov, or Fax it to 512-974-3885, or fill out the form online and email it to the above address.
- If there is a problem with your first choice for program date and time, the registrar will call or email you to discuss your schedule options.
- Outreach programs over 20 miles round trip from ANSC will be charged an additional \$1/mile.
- The reservation for your requested program, date and time is not confirmed until you receive an email notice from the Austin Nature and Science Center.

Custom Programs and Special Needs

*ANSC will design a program to meet the needs of your group. Staff can adjust program presentation to accommodate different ages, needs, and interests.

* Programs are available for students with special needs. Please let us know if you require special accommodation for your program.

* Scholarship funds are available for schools that meet the requirements.

Payments, Cancellations and Refunds

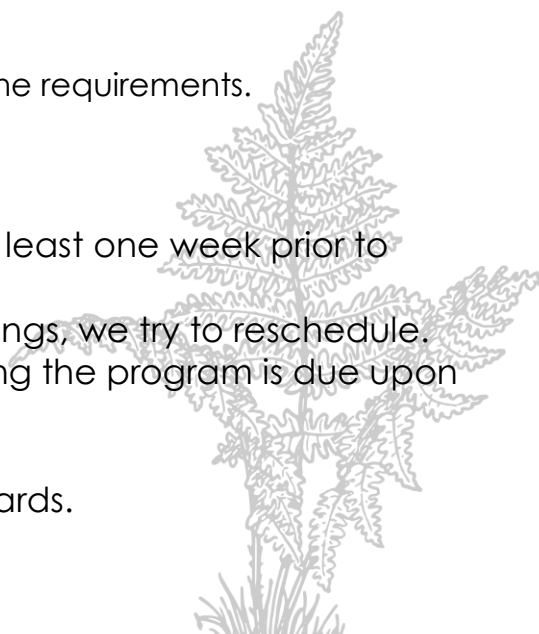
*Written notice of cancellation must be received at least one week prior to scheduled date.

*If a program is cancelled due to school or city closings, we try to reschedule.

*Payment for the students and chaperones attending the program is due upon arrival.

*Teachers are admitted to the program for FREE.

*ANSC accepts cash, checks and all major credit cards.



IMPORTANT GUIDELINES

*Upon arrival, all groups must check in with ANSC staff at the top of the stairs or at the front desk in the Visitors Pavilion. Your confirmation letter may be helpful.

*Programs start and end at the scheduled time. Plan to arrive early. Allow plenty of time to arrive, park and walk up our entry path before your program begins. If you arrive late, the program must still end at the scheduled time.

*Chaperones are responsible for the behavior of their group and must remain with their groups throughout the field trip.

*Quiet respect as you make your observations of the exhibit animals will allow better viewing for everyone and will keep the animals' stress levels low. ANSC is a wildlife refuge. Our exhibit animals are wild animals that have been injured or orphaned and cannot survive in the wild on their own.

*There are a limited number of picnic tables located near the front entrance next to the preschool. Our picnic tables are first-come-first-serve, for information to reserve tables at other sites please call 512.974.6797.

*In accordance with our "low impact" philosophy, the ANSC is a "Pack It In-Pack It Out" site. We ask that you bring your own trash bags and "Pack it out". There are no trash cans on our site, so do your part to help keep the Austin Nature and Science Center litter free.

*Most programs have at least a portion of time spent outside. For your comfort and safety, please dress appropriately. Depending on the season, we suggest sunscreen, bug spray, closed toed shoes, and a hat. If your class is registered for The Splash! Program at the Sheffield Education Center at Barton Springs please have the students bring or wear shoes to wade into Lower Barton Creek to collect aquatic critters.

All school programs are correlated to **Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS)**. A list of relevant TEKS that are addressed in each program is included in the individual program description.

Any **questions or concerns** about programs or exhibits at the Austin Nature and Science Center site or the Sheffield Education Center please call us at 512-974-3888 or email us at anscprograms@austintexas.gov.

