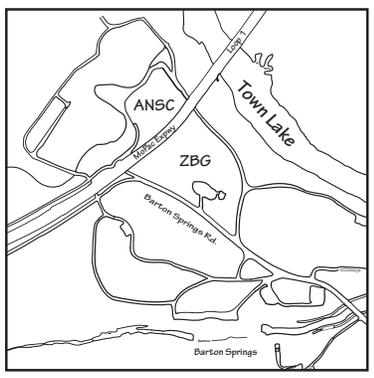
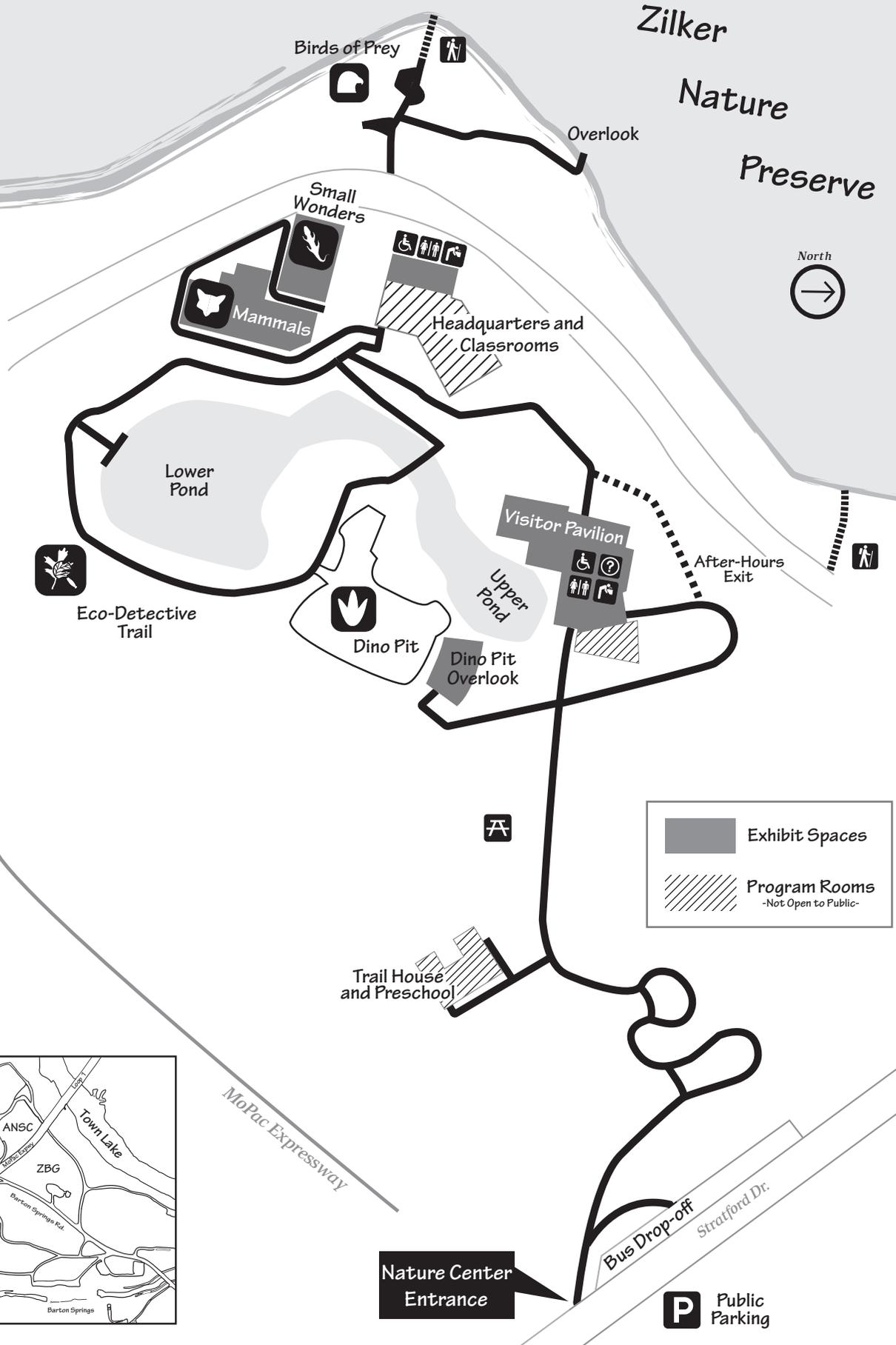


Austin Nature and Science Center



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Welcome to the Austin Nature & Science Center

You are about to embark on a journey of discovery and wonder. Learn about the world around us and how people, plants and animals work together. And because nature is always changing, one visit is never enough!

Visitor Pavilion

The fun starts here. Explore exhibits, including a central Texas cave. In the Naturalist Workshop you can touch rocks and shells, study bones and observe insects and tiny organisms through microscopes and magnifying glasses. If you have a natural treasure to trade, check out the Trade Counter. The Visitor Pavilion is also where you'll find the information desk, restrooms, water fountain and meeting room.



Small Wonders

Here you can learn about our tiny friends. See how lizards, snakes and even small mammals survive in the wild and how they help make our world a better place. While you're here, stop on the porch and listen to the sound of the bats who live under the Congress Avenue Bridge.



Mammal Exhibits

Visit high-climbing foxes, playful raccoons and other native animals. Our animal residents are unable to return to the wild because they were injured or raised as pets – never a good idea -, so we care for them here. You can read their stories as you explore.



Eco-Detective Trail

Take a walk on the wild side. Explore the stream, ponds and trees, plants and animals that make up our ecosystem. Stop at the dock and watch for turtles and other reptiles. You may even see a heron hunting for a meal or a swallow skimming the water for a drink.



Dino Pit

You are a paleontologist. Your mission: uncover incredible fossils from all over Texas, including dinosaurs, mammoths and marine reptiles. It won't be easy. You will have to dig through tons of sand at the huge excavation site. It is up to you and your fellow explorers to unearth the treasures. Are you ready for the challenge? All casts in the Dino Pit are replicas of specimens from the Texas Memorial Museum at the University of Texas.



Birds of Prey

Ever wanted to get up close and personal with a hawk? How about an owl or a roadrunner? You can see them and more in the birds of prey exhibit. Want to explore further? Keep going and follow the trail into the vast Zilker Nature Preserve. Who knows what you'll find!

Trail House

The Ashford-Gill House is a historic homestead from the early days of Texas almost 200 years ago. Today it houses our Nature's Way Preschool.
-Not Open to Public-

Hours & Contact

Monday-Saturday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sunday Noon - 5:00 pm

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Education Field Trips & Outreach Programs

Programs meet at Austin Nature and Science Center unless other wise indicated.

There is a 15 student minimum and 75 student maximum except where noted.

Program Name	Onsite/ Outreach	TEKS	Length	Special Information
Prekindergarten - 1st Grade				
Bat Buddies	\$4.00	Organisms and Environment	1 hour	Live bat not available for outreach
Dino Detectives	\$4.00	Earth and Space	1 hour	Outreach not available
Fossil Hunters	\$4.00	Earth and Space	1 hour	Meets at Pease Park
Frogs and Toads	\$4.00	Organisms and Environment	1 hour	
Habitat Hunt	\$4.00	Organisms and Environment	1 hour	Outreach not available
Pond's Life	\$4.00	Organisms and Environment	1 hour	Outreach not available
Meet the Animals	\$4.00	Organisms and Environment	1 hour	
Owls	\$4.00	Organisms and Environment	1 hour	
Star Stories	\$4.00	Earth and Space	1 hour	
Tales of Scales	\$4.00	Organisms and Environment	1 hour	
6 Legs, 8 Legs	\$4.00	Organisms and Environment	1 hour	
2nd - 3rd Grade				
Bats, Bats, Bats	\$4.00	Organisms and Environment	1.5 hours	Live bat not available for Outreach
Paleo-Explorer	\$4.00	Earth and Space	1.5 hours	
Fossils and Faults	\$4.00	Earth and Space	1.5 hours	Meets at Pease Park
Austin Wildlife	\$4.00	Organisms and Environment	1.5 hours	Outreach not available
Pond Study	\$4.00	Organisms and Environment	1.5 hours	Outreach not available
Wild About Wildlife	\$4.00	Organisms and Environment	1.5 hours	
Owls and Other Birds	\$4.00	Organisms and Environment	1.5 hours	
Incredible Insects	\$4.00	Organisms and Environment	1.5 hours	Meets at Beverly Sheffield Education Center/Modified Outreach available
Sun Earth and Moon	\$4.00	Earth and Space	1.5 hours	
Reptile Review	\$4.00	Organisms and Environment	1.5 hours	
4th - 5th Grade				
Amphibians	\$5.00	Organisms and Environment	2 hours	Meets at Beverly Sheffield Education Center/Outreach not available
Animal Adaptations	\$5.00	Organisms and Environment	2 hours	100 students maximum
Awesome Astronomy	\$5.00	Earth and Space	2 hours	100 students maximum
Eco Explorer	\$5.00	Organisms and Environment	2 hours	Outreach not available
Birds of Prey	\$5.00	Organisms and Environment	2 hours	Outreach not available
Minerals, Rocks, & Fossils	\$5.00	Earth and Space	2 hours	Meets at Pease Park. 100 students max
Splash!	\$5.00	Organisms and Environment	2 hours	Meets at Beverly Sheffield Education Center/Outreach not available
Texas Endangered Animals	\$5.00	Organisms and Environment	2 hours	Meets at Beverly Sheffield Education Center/Modified Outreach available

Prekindergarten through First Grade Programs



BAT BUDDIES

Observe our little live bats up close while learning about safety and bats. Participate in fun activities about bat behavior. Find out useful information about our local bats.

DINO DETECTIVES

Be a paleontologist and dig in our large Dino Pit. Examine models and fossil replicas to gather clues about prehistoric beasts. Explore ideas of dinosaur behavior and adaptations.

FOSSIL HUNTERS*

Explore the banks of Shoal Creek looking for fossil evidence of prehistoric marine life. Discover the fascinating geologic history of Austin. Meets at Pease Park.

FROGS AND TOADS

Observe different live amphibians and find out about their life cycles. Discover the characteristics that help amphibians survive in their wet habitat. Play a game of amphibian survival.

HABITAT HUNT

Enjoy a hike in Zilker Preserve to discover our native plants and urban wildlife. Search the trails for animal tracks and scat. Identify helpful and harmful plants.

POND'S LIFE

Discover the interesting critters that live in the Center's pond. Use tools to collect and examine aquatic life. Discuss producers and consumers using our live resident animals.

MEET THE ANIMALS

While observing and touching live animals, students will discover the characteristics that are unique and common to birds, reptiles and mammals.

OWLS

Observe our little screech owl's behavior up close. Discover the characteristic differences of owls and song birds local to Austin. Tour our Bird of Prey Exhibit.

STAR STORIES

Crawl into the "StarLab" planetarium to observe seasonal constellations. Participate in activities that explore the moon's characteristics and the sun's importance.



TALES OF SCALES

Observe the behavior and feel the scales of our live snakes, turtles and lizards. Watch our box turtle walk across the room. Discover the unique characteristics of our cold blooded friends.

6 LEGS, 8 LEGS, MANY LEGS

Feel a little meal worm crawl across your hand and examine its life cycle phases with a magnifier. Observe the characteristics of live arthropods. Collect, observe and release bugs from our ANSC Meadow.

Second Grade through Third Grade Programs

BATS, BATS, BATS

Discover the components of a healthy bat habitat. Play a game of bat survival. Observe our little live bats up close while learning about bat characteristics.



PALEO-EXPLORER

Dig, measure and record data from your "dig site" as you discover a local prehistoric beast in our Dino Pit. Present your findings to the class.

FOSSILS AND FAULTS*

Discover past and continuing erosion and deposition processes that shaped the Shoal Creek area. Create a visual geologic timeline including a spectacular fault.



AUSTIN WILDLIFE

Enjoy exploring Zilker Preserve. Observe, measure and record data as you hike to different ecosystems. Discuss energy flow, food chains and meet our resident animals.

POND STUDY

Observe, measure and collect specimens from our ponds. Use magnifiers to identify collected aquatic critters to

determine the health of the ponds.

WILD ABOUT WILDLIFE

Discover the adaptations needed by different animals to survive in the wild. While observing and touching live animals, students will discover the characteristics that are unique and common to birds, reptiles and mammals.

OWLS AND OTHER BIRDS

Investigate birds from beaks to feet. Observe and compare the behavior of live diurnal Central Texas birds and our resident nocturnal screech owl. Tour the Center's Bird of Prey Exhibit.

INCREDIBLE INSECTS*

Observe and touch insects that exhibit complete and incomplete metamorphosis. Play a game to identify bugs. Collect, observe and release bugs from Upper Barton Creek and Zilker Meadows. Meets at Sheffield Education Center at Barton Springs Pool Bathhouse.

SUN, EARTH AND MOON

Use models to investigate our solar system. Discover the seasonal constellations inside "StarLab". Discuss the importance of the relationship between the earth, the sun and the moon.

REPTILE REVIEW

Explore the amazing adaptations of reptiles. Touch live reptiles to discover the texture of snake, lizard and turtle scales. Compare ectothermic and



*Special information, please check page 2

Fourth Grade through Fifth Grade Programs

AMPHIBIANS ABOUND*

Meet the endangered Barton Springs salamander and visit Eliza Springs. Students evaluate metamorphosis and debate advantages and disadvantages of the unique traits of amphibians.

ANIMAL ADAPTATIONS

Feel the fur, feathers and scales of live animals. Explore the adaptations of birds, reptiles and mammals that have helped them to survive in different habitats.

AWESOME ASTRONOMY

Predict the next moon phase. Use pattern recognition to identify seasonal constellations in "StarLab". Participate in an activity that compares size and distance of planets.



BIRDS OF PREY

Observe the behavior of our nocturnal screech owl. Discover the different habitats of birds. Research and present information on a diurnal bird of prey.

ECO EXPLORER

Gather, record and compare data from pond, meadow and urban ecosystems. Discuss energy flow and food chains while meeting our resident animals.



MINERALS, ROCKS AND FOSSILS*

Investigate, test and identify rocks and minerals. Explore Shoal Creek for fossils. Play the Rock Cycle Game.

SPLASH!*

Collect and identify water critters to determine the water quality of Lower Barton Creek. Travel through the Edwards Aquifer in the Splash Exhibit. Please dress to wade into the creek.

TEXAS ENDANGERED ANIMALS*

Observe the Barton Springs salamander and discover why it is protected. Observe and touch live animals as you explore endangerment and how we can help.

Sixth through Eighth Grade Programs

Middle School Programs are customized to fit the needs of your students for both topics and time. We offer a variety of program ideas such as astronomy, mammal, reptile, bird, water and geology programs. All of our school programs are aligned with the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills standards. For more information please call 512-974-3888.

*Special information, please check page 2



Family Nights, Science Days PTA Events and Festivals



The Austin Nature and Science Center provides hands-on activities that are aligned with the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for special events at your school. We offer programs for the following subjects such as astronomy, animals, chemistry, electricity and lenses, or we can customize a program for your event.



We provide highly trained, experienced staff along with all the supplies and materials. The fee is \$65.00 per hour.

For more information call 512.974.3888 or visit our website at

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Permanent Exhibits

Available year round, our permanent exhibits provide hundreds of teachable moments outside of the classroom environment!



Wildlife Exhibits

ANSC is home to a variety of live invertebrates, fish, amphibians, reptiles, mammals and birds, including raptors. School groups can learn all about these unusual neighbors living right in their own backyard! Many of these animals could not survive in the wild. At ANSC, they can live out their lives, receiving daily care, quality food, medication and veterinary assistance.

Naturalist Workshop

The Naturalist Workshop is a perfect place to explore the natural world. Get a close-up view through microscopes and magnifying glasses, use a balance to check and compare objects' weights and identify your finds with field guides and touchable specimens.

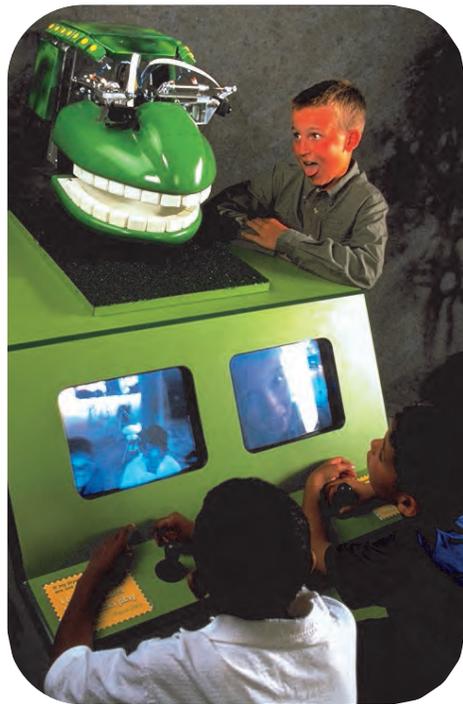


The Dino Pit

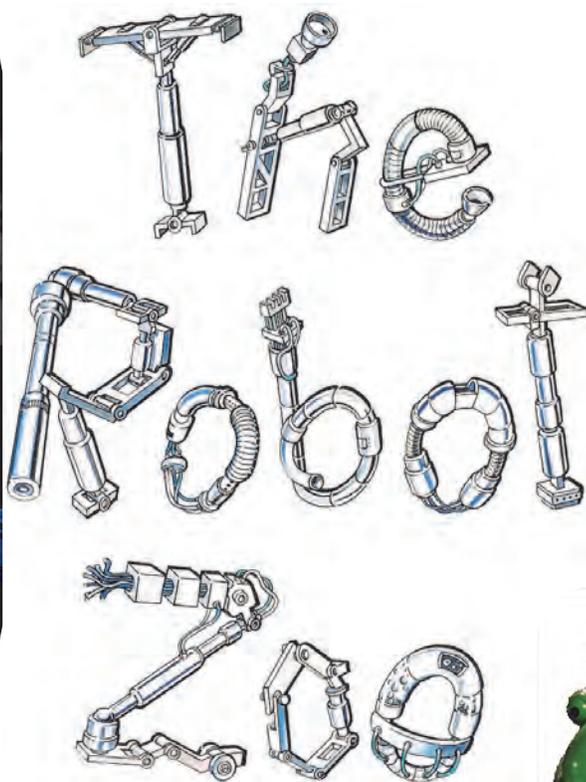
Here you can be a scientist and dig for Texas fossils. Casts of some of the best and biggest ones are buried in the pits here. All casts in the Dino Pit are replicas of specimens from the Texas Memorial Museum of The University of Texas Collection.

Traveling Exhibit

September 13th—January 25th



The exhibit was produced by BBH Exhibits Inc., San Antonio, Texas with support from Silicon Graphics, Inc. and TIME Magazine.



Visit The Robot Zoo in this traveling exhibit based on the book by John Kelly.

Through 8 activity stations, explore the biomechanics of complex animal robots to find how real animals work.

Combine Physical Science and Life Science TEKS in one hands-on interactive learning experience!



TEKS Driven Programs & Exhibit Guides Now Available!



On-Site Programs: Prekindergarten—8th Grade

2014 - 2015 Scheduling Form



Please complete the form then mail to 301 Nature Center Dr. Austin TX 78746 or fax to 512-974-3885 or email to anscprograms@austintexas.gov

School and Teacher Information

Name of School _____ Preferred Date (s) _____ Preferred Time _____

Name of District _____ School Address (including Zip) _____

Teacher Name _____ Teacher Email _____

School Phone _____ School Fax _____ Cell Phone _____

Age/Grade of Students _____ Today's Date _____ Number of Classes _____ Number of students (total) _____

1. Select the Science Fieldtrip Program 2. Write in the date 3. Circle a time

Pre K - 1st Grade

- Bat Buddies
- Dino Detectives
- Fossil Hunters *
- Habitat Hunt
- Pond's Life
- Meet the Animals
- Owls
- Star Stories
- Tales of Scales
- 6 Legs, 8 Legs
- Frogs and Toads

1 hour
\$4.00/student
\$60 minimum

2nd -3rd Grade

- Bats, Bats, Bats
- Paleo Explorer
- Fossil and Faults*
- Austin Wildlife
- Pond Study
- Wild About Wildlife
- Owls and Other Birds
- Sun Earth Moon
- Reptile Review
- Incredible Insects**

1.5 hour
\$4.00/student
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4th-5th Grade

- Animal Adaptations
- Awesome Astronomy
- Amphibians Abound**
- Eco Explorer
- Minerals Rocks and Fossils*
- Splash! **
- Texas Endangered Animals**
- Birds of Prey

2 hours
\$5.00/student
\$75 minimum

First Choice of Date

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Circle Possible Times

- 9:30 10:00 10:30 11:00
- 11:30 12:00 1:00 1:30

Second Choice of Date

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Circle Possible Times

- 9:30 10:00 10:30 11:00
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*Program meets at Pease Park

** Program meets at Sheffield Education building at Barton Springs

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Outreach Programs: At Your Site/ Afterschool/Science Events

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Teacher Name _____ Teacher Email _____

School Phone _____ School Fax _____ Cell Phone _____

Age/Grade of Students _____ Today's Date _____ Number of Classes _____ Number of students (total) _____

Select Outreach Program or Event

At Your Site: Pre K - 1st Grade	At Your Site: 2nd -3rd Grade	At Your Site: 4th-6th Grade	Afterschool Programs (all ages)	Nature and Science Events
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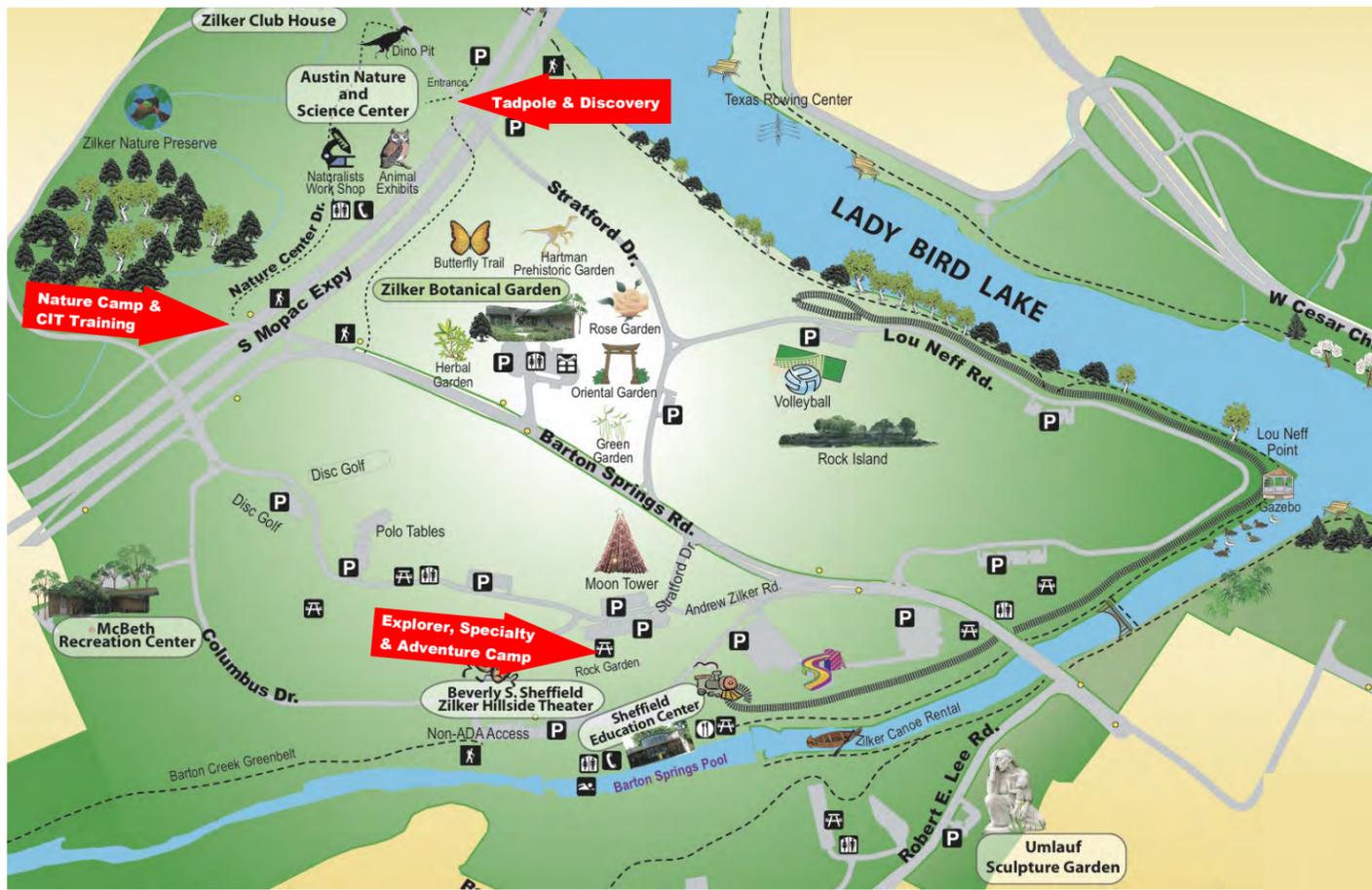
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Summer Camps 2014

AUSTIN NATURE & SCIENCE CENTER

Dear Austin Families,

Welcome to the Austin Nature & Science Center. We are gearing up for another exciting summer of camps. We can't wait to share our knowledge of the environment with young people and ignite their interest and curiosity in the natural world. As our campers grow, we imagine that these experiences will enhance their lives and help them be good stewards of the earth. We look forward to seeing familiar faces and making new friends this summer!

Sincerely,
ANSC Staff

Summer Camp Registration Dates

Pre-Registration Lottery for Austin residents and non-residents: Mail-in or drop off forms (waiver and camp selection) on or before January 12, 2014. Registrations received after January 12 will not be processed in the lottery.

Austin Resident Non-Lottery Registration: walk-in, fax, or mail forms beginning February 22, 2014

Non-Austin Resident Non-Lottery Registration: walk-in, fax, or mail forms beginning March 10, 2014

Camp Photos Now Available!

To view photos visit zenfolio.com/ansc



Program Registration Policies

Cancellation:

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 with a written cancellation request received seven days before the start of the camp. You may email your cancellation request to ansc@austintexas.gov.

Refunds:

Upon receiving a written cancellation request at least seven days before the camp session begins, ANSC will issue a full refund, minus a \$35 non-refundable deposit. 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.

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:

Child must be within one month of the age range to participate in camp; **however, four year olds must turn four on/or before the first day of the camp** for which they are registered. Curriculum is designed for specific age groups and development levels. No exceptions.

Minimum Registration:

ANSC reserves the right to cancel any class that does not meet the minimum enrollment two days prior to the class date. If this occurs, a full refund will be given.

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.

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.

Special Note: Locations and activities require campers to be outside during the camp day. The ANSC staff is trained to meet the challenges of facilitating dynamic outdoor activities during the summertime. Camps will take routine breaks inside or in the shade. Schedules are adjusted to limit exposure during the hottest part of the day. Please assist us in keeping your child safe by sending a large refillable water bottle and encouraging him to drink plenty of water throughout the day. ANSC staff request that campers apply sunscreen before arriving at camp. Throughout the day the staff will remind campers to refill water bottles and reapply sunscreen. Counselors encourage campers to advocate for themselves and urge participants to communicate their needs with the staff. Be sure to read the *Guide to Camp* for more information on how to prepare your child to attend camp. Staff members are eager to answer your questions and assist you in creating a positive experience for your child.

Celebrate Urban Birds



Saturday, February 15th, 2014
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
FREE

Visit: www.austintexas.gov/ansc

Austin Nature Day

Saturday, April 26, 2014



12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Free Family Event

Hands-on Activities!

Tadpole Camps - half day (Ages 4-6)

Young nature lovers engage in a week of hands-on discovery and nature study. Each session includes a different theme with fun, outdoor exploration, crafts, experiments, and games. Weekly planetarium and science programs offered each session. These camps do not take off-site field trips or go swimming. Upon registration for camp, a confirmation letter will be mailed to you, along with a *Guide to Camp* booklet with more information.

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. State Licensing paperwork required at registration.
Fee:	\$110, \$130	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.
Time:	Morning Sessions: Monday-Friday 8:00AM-Noon Afternoon Sessions: Monday-Friday 1:00-5:00 PM Sessions are one week long.	Wear:	Play clothes and sneakers that can get dirty and damp.
Sign-in/out:	In camper's assigned classroom	Swim:	NO SWIMMING SPLASH DAY is on Friday: campers participate in supervised wading activities. Please send swim clothes, water shoes, sunscreen and towel on Friday.
Location:	Trailhouse 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 8 campers/1 counselor		

TADPOLE CAMP WEEKLY THEMES

EARTH DAY EVERYDAY Fee: \$130

Celebrate the beauty and bask in the wonderment of nature. Learn why it is important to care for this place you and many other creatures call home. Each day find a small way to help the planet and its inhabitants.

GREEN THUMB GANG Fee: \$130

Get your hands dirty! Practice your gardening skills by planting seeds and observing how they grow. Learn about bugs that live in gardens and visit interesting plants at the Zilker Botanical Gardens.

STAR STORIES Fee: \$130

Crawl into the inflatable planetarium to search outer space for stars, planets, comets and moons. Hear stories about the constellations and legends from long ago.

EXPERIMENT EXTRAVAGANZA Fee: \$110/\$130
No Camp Friday, July 4th.

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

DINOSAUR DETECTIVES Fee: \$130

Grab your shovel and brush and discover what's buried in the Dino Pit exhibit. Uncover dinosaur fossils and other prehistoric critters while experimenting with volcanoes, rocks and minerals.

HAVE TO HAVE A HABITAT Fee: \$130

Polar bears need cold weather and Texas alligator lizards need warm sun. Meet some of the ANSC resident critters and investigate their unique habitat needs. Discover differences in regions around the world and study interesting animals and plants that live there.

WACKY WATER Fee: \$130

Water is abundant and necessary! Hike to ANSC ponds for collection and observation of critters living in the water. Get your hands wet while experiencing unique properties of water. Check out how water moves through the world and learn tips for conservation.

WILD ABOUT WILDLIFE Fee: \$130

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



Discovery Days

Exploration Programs for Families

February 8, 2014 - Outer Space

Visit outer space in our inflatable planetarium and learn what it's like to be an astronaut!

Registration Code - 207952 1A

April 12, 2014 - Bats

Observe a live bat and experience echolocation!

Registration Code - 207952 1B

10:30 AM - 12 PM

\$5/person

Ages 6 years and older

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

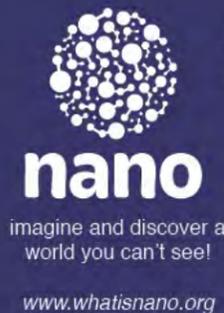
Pre-registration required.

What does nano mean for me?

Come find out at the Nano mini-exhibition!



Visiting the
Austin Nature & Science Center
January 11 -
June 10, 2014



TADPOLE CAMP	WEEKLY THEMES	AGES 4-5 Morning Session	AGES 4-5 Afternoon Session	AGES 5-6 Afternoon Session	COST
June 9-13	Earth Day, Everyday	202820 4A	202820 5A	202820 6A	\$130
June 16-20	Green Thumb Gang	202820 4B	202820 5B	202820 6B	\$130
June 23-27	Star Stories	202820 4C	202820 5C	202820 6C	\$130
June 30-July 3	Experiment Extravaganza	202820 4D	202820 5D	202820 6D	\$110*
July 7-11	Dinosaur Detectives	202820 4E	202820 5E	202820 6E	\$130
July 14-18	Wild About Wildlife	202820 4F	202820 5F	202820 6F	\$130
July 21-25	Experiment Extravaganza	202820 4G	202820 5G	202820 6G	\$130
July 28-August 1	Have to Have a Habitat	202820 4H	202820 5H	202820 6H	\$130
August 4-8	Wild About Wildlife	202820 4I	202820 5I	202820 6I	\$130
August 11-15	Dinosaur Detectives	202820 4J	202820 5J	202820 6J	\$130
August 18-22	Wacky Water	202820 4K	202820 5K	202820 6K	\$130

*This is a short week due to a holiday; the prorated fee is listed.

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, experiments and games. Weekly planetarium and science programs offered each session. Upon registration for camp, a confirmation letter will be mailed to you, along with a *Guide to Camp* booklet with more information.

Age:	5-6 years old	Field Trips:	Tuesdays between 9:00 AM-1:30 PM Destinations will change from week to week based on themes. State law now requires children under 8 years old to ride in a booster seat.
Fee:	\$140, \$160	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.
Time:	Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM-5:00 PM One week sessions	Wear:	Play clothes and sneakers that can get dirty and damp.
Sign-in/out:	In camper's assigned classroom	Swim:	Deep Eddy, 2-4 PM; Wednesday-Friday Campers must be able to swim at beginner level.
Location:	ANSC Visitor Pavilion and Headquarters 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

WILD AND WOOLY

Fee: \$160

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.

DINO-MITE

Fee: \$160

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.

GROWING UP GREEN NEW!

Fee: \$160

Ever wonder how a garden grows? Find out how dirt, sunlight and water impact the plants in your flowerbed and on your plate. Get your fingers dirty and your thumb your greenest. We will be planting plants, and visiting the Zilker Botanical Garden.

OUT OF THIS WORLD

Fee: \$140

No Camp Friday, July 4th.

Explore the universe in the inflatable planetarium. Learn how the constellations and stars have guided travelers and told stories throughout history.

WATER WIGGLES

Fee: \$160

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 video microscope to observe how they move through a wet world. Field trip to Pease Park.

MAD SCIENTISTS

Fee: \$160

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 Mueller Park!

HOMES, HIDE-A-WAYS AND HABITATS

Fee: \$160

All creatures great and small have specific requirements for their home. Investigate diverse animal homes and bioregions around the world. Spy burrows, dens, hives, and nests while hiking on the Zilker Nature Preserve.

PLANET PROTECTORS

Fee: \$160

Protect the planet! Be a hero! Learn about the 3 Rs of conservation: reduce, recycle, reuse. Discover how taking a few simple steps can help reduce your carbon footprint on the planet. Visit the Zilker Botanical Gardens and learn how to start your own compost pile.

* This is a short week due to a holiday; the prorated fee is listed.



DATES	THEME / CODE	COST
June 9-13	Wild and Wooly / 203820 21	\$160
June 16-20	Dino-mite / 203820 22	\$160
June 23-27	Growing Up Green / 203820 23	\$160
June 30-July 3	Out of this World / 203820 24	\$140*
July 7-11	Water Wiggles / 203820 25	\$160
July 14-18	Mad Scientists / 203820 26	\$160
July 21-25	Homes, Hideaways, & Habitats / 203820 27	\$160
July 28-August 1	Dino-mite / 203820 28	\$160
August 4-8	Planet Protectors / 203820 29	\$160
August 11-15	Wild and Wooly / 203820 30	\$160
August 18-22	Water Wiggles / 203820 31	\$160

Lottery Registration FAQ

How do I participate in the lottery?

Complete a registration form (waiver and camp selection) with the desired camp sessions for each child. The registration office staff is available to assist you with the forms Monday - Saturday 9:00 AM-5:00 PM and Sunday noon-5:00 PM. Submit the registration form to ANSC between January 5 and January 12. You will receive an email receipt confirming your entry into the lottery.

How is the lottery run and how will I know if I got a space in camp?

The lottery is generated through an automated process in our registration software that sorts all the registrations randomly. A roster of registrants is produced, who are offered space in the camp, with the remaining registrants placed on the waiting list. The lottery will be run to place City of Austin residents into camps first, then non-Austin residents. Each registrant will receive an email by January 31, notifying them of their status after the lottery. If you don't include an email address, the notice will be sent by mail.

If I get a space in a camp, how long will the space be held and how do I secure it?

If you are offered a space in a camp from the lottery, secure it by paying the camp cost by check, cash, or credit card to the ANSC by February 12. Please contact us if you do not want the space in camp. If you let the February 12 deadline expire without making payment, we will remove the student from the roster and offer the space to the first student on the waiting list. Please check your email February 1 for the lottery results.

What happens if I don't get into a session of camp?

If there are more lottery participants than available spaces, the software will produce a waiting list in random order. Each person on the waiting list will receive an email notifying them of their status after the lottery, including their number on the waiting list. There is no fee to be on the waiting list. If a participant drops a camp, that space will be offered to the first person on the waiting list. If you are offered a space in camp from the waiting list, we will notify you and inform you of the payment deadline. Payment must be received to secure a space in camp.

If I make an ADA Accommodation request, do I have to wait to speak with staff before registering my child?

No. Please enroll in the lottery or non-lottery registration as usual. Indicate on the waiver that you are making an accommodation request.

Can I make multiple camp selections or request first and second choices?

Complete a registration form (waiver and camp selection) for all the sessions of camp that you are interested in. It is not possible to process a first, second, or third choice for the lottery. When you complete the registration form for the camps, you will be entered in the lottery for those sessions.

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

A lottery is the fairest way of making our camps available to the greatest number of interested participants. Because the lottery sorts the registrants randomly, it is not possible to guarantee that siblings or friends will each be offered a space in camp.

What if my plans change and I can't attend the camp?

We will issue a full refund, minus a \$35 non-refundable deposit with a written cancellation request received seven days before the start of the camp.

How can I register for camp if I miss the lottery?

Walk-in, fax, or mail-in registration for Austin residents begins Saturday, February 22nd from 9:00am to 4:00 at the Austin Nature & Science Center. Walk-in, fax, or mail-in registration for non-Austin residents begins at 9:00 AM on March 10. Registration continues during normal office hours until camps are full. Beginning February 22, all registration forms will be processed in the order received. Registration requests are not accepted by telephone.

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

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

Will you 'hold' spots for walk-in, fax or mail-in registration?

No. The lottery will be run based on all available spots in each session of camp. Walk, fax, and mail-in registration will be available only for remaining spots in camp.



E. Completion required by all participants.

Medical Care Information

1. Any known allergies to food/drugs, insect stings, poison ivy/other plants, etc.? {Yes } {No } Please Specify: _____

2. Any known existing illnesses? {Yes } {No } Please Specify: _____

3. Please list any physical condition that could restrict activities or have a need requiring special care in order to participate in program/activity: _____

4. **For Youth & Children Only:** Does Participant require prescription medication during program hours? Program must exceed 1 hour. {Yes } {No } If yes, please complete a Medication Authorization form.

Personal Information Privacy Policy

We collect personally identifiable information, like names, postal addresses, email addresses, etc., when voluntarily submitted by our visitors. The information you provide is used to fulfill your specific request. This information is only used to fulfill your specific request, unless you give us permission to use it in another manner, for example to add you to one of our mailing lists. {small opt out?}

Image Release Waiver

I hereby consent to allow usage of photographs and video taken during this program and at our sites for publicity purposes in printed materials, and on our website. Photographs remain the property of the City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department. If you do not want to allow photos or videos, then please initial {opt out?}

Accessibility Accommodation Request

The City of Austin is proud to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act so that ALL individuals can enjoy and benefit from our recreation and leisure services. If you require assistance or a modification for participation in our programs or use of our facilities, please call 512-974-3914 to consult with an Inclusion Coordinator at least two weeks prior to an event, activity or registration deadline. Do you require accommodations? {Yes } {No } {Optional}

Standards of Care Notification

Children's programs/activities supervised by Parks and Recreation Department and requiring enrollment/registration in order to participate are not licensed by the state, but follow standards of care adopted in the City of Austin Ordinance No. 20120426-123. A copy is available and posted at each site.

Release of Liability

In consideration of participant being allowed to participate in the registered class(es) or program(s), the undersigned hereby releases the City, its employees and agents from any action, claim or demand for personal injury or property loss arising from or due to any negligent act or omission of the City, its agents or employees. This release shall have no effect with regard to damages caused by the City's gross negligence. In the event the City or a volunteer provides transportation for the registered participant, this waiver and release shall extend to and release the City employee driver from any and all liability. Permission is given for any emergency medical treatment, operation or anesthesia which might become necessary. I agree to be responsible for the expense of medical treatment or service.

Please Print Name _____ Date _____

Signature _____

A. Youth Waiver (please fully complete waiver with a pen):

Participant Name: _____ **Gender:** Male Female

Birthdate: _____ **Age:** _____

Household Mailing Address: _____ **Zip:** _____

Household Home Phone: _____

Household Primary Name: _____ **Gender:** Male Female **Email:** _____

Primary Cell Phone*: _____ **Provider:** _____ **Primary Work Phone:** _____

Household Secondary Name: _____ **Gender:** Male Female **Email:** _____

Birthdate: _____

Secondary Cell Phone: _____ **Provider:** _____ **Secondary Work Phone:** _____

C. Completion required by all participants. List any Emergency Contacts other than Household members listed above.

Emergency Contact Name:	Relation:	Home Phone:	Work Phone:	Cell Phone:	Allowed to Pick Up?
					<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
					<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
					<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
					<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
					<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

D. Only complete this box if a Youth Participant resides within two separate Households.

Household Mailing Address: _____ **Zip:** _____

Household Home Phone: _____

Household Primary Name: _____ **Gender:** Male Female **Email:** _____

Primary Cell Phone*: _____ **Provider:** _____ **Primary Work Phone:** _____

Household Secondary Name: _____ **Gender:** Male Female **Email:** _____

Birthdate: _____

Secondary Cell Phone: _____ **Provider:** _____ **Secondary Work Phone:** _____

Nature Camps (Ages 7-8)

Young nature enthusiasts spend the summer exploring the awesome natural world around them. Each week features a different nature or science theme in addition to hiking, games, experiments, crafts, and other fun-filled activities. All sessions include weekly presentations of the planetarium and science programs. Upon registration for camp, a confirmation letter will be mailed to you, along with a *Guide to Camp* booklet with more information.

Age:	7-8 years old	Field Trips:	Varies based on themes, destinations may change. Typically scheduled between 9:00 AM and 1:30 PM. State law now requires children under 8 years old to ride in a booster seat.
Fee:	\$165, \$290, \$310	Bring:	A lunch, two snacks and water bottle every day. A completed waiver the first day of every camp 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.
Sign-in/out:	ANSC exit at Barton Springs Road under Mopac Bridge	Swim:	Deep Eddy, 2-4 PM; Monday-Friday
Location:	ANSC Headquarters Building		
Ratio:	Maximum 12 campers/1 counselor		

NATURE CAMP WEEKLY THEMES

DIGGING UP DINOSAURS **Fee: \$165**

Dig for casts of dinosaur fossils in the Dino Pit exhibit, search for pre-historic oysters in a creek bed, and make a fossil. Field trip to the Texas Natural Science Center's paleontology hall.

IS IT REAL? NEW! **Fee: \$165**

What is fact and what is fiction? What is science and what is myth? Use the scientific method to debunk and understand common myths, urban legends, and magic tricks. Learn the science behind facts we take for granted such as why the earth is not the center of the universe and why we wash our hands.

AWESOME ANIMALS **Fee: \$290/\$310**

2 WEEK CAMP No Camp Friday, July 4th.

Discover special adaptations of mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and arthropods. Meet resident wildlife up-close. Investigate skulls, furs, feathers, and exoskeletons. Field trips to Crowe's Nest Farm and Austin Zoo.

SPACE EXPLORERS **Fee: \$165**

What is your favorite planet? What is the closest star to the earth? Learn the answers to questions about space, planets and stars. Observe a model of the night sky and constellations in the inflatable planetarium. Field trip to Inner Space Caverns.

NATURE BY DESIGN **Fee: \$165**

Experience the beauty of Central Texas with hikes through the Zilker Preserve and visits to an ephemeral pond. Learn how nature is revealed through symmetry, texture, and color. Environmental art comes alive as you create it using nature's patterns as inspiration. Field trip to the Cathedral of Junk.

EARTH KEEPERS **Fee: \$165**

Eco-minded campers learn to reduce, reuse, and recycle. Find new uses for all kinds of old things! Make a robot out of junk, find out about composting, and even learn about animals that recycle. Field trip to the Natural Gardener.

WET WONDERFUL WATER **Fee: \$165**

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



* This is a short week due to a holiday; the prorated fee is listed.

DATES	THEME / CODE	COST
June 9-13	Digging Up Dinosaurs / 203820 N1	\$165
June 16-20	Is It Real? / 203820 N2	\$165
June 23-July 3	Awesome Animals / 203820 N3	\$290*
July 7-11	Space Explorers / 203820 N4	\$165
July 14-18	Nature By Design / 203820 N5	\$165
July 21-25	Digging Up Dinosaurs / 203820 N6	\$165
July 28-August 8	Awesome Animals / 203820 N7	\$310
August 11-15	Earth Keepers / 203820 N8	\$165
August 18-22	Wet Wonderful Water / 203820 N9	\$165

Adventure Camps (Ages 9-12)

Adventure camp is just what it sounds like - a camp full of exciting outdoor adventures! Activities may include fishing, rock climbing, canoeing, outdoor skills, mountain biking, and caving. Upon registration for camp, a confirmation letter will be mailed to you, along with a *Guide to Camp* booklet with more information.

Age:	9-12 years old	Field Trips:	Varies based on themes, destinations may change. Some sessions include an overnight campout.
Fee:	\$155, \$175, \$330, \$350	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.
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.
Sign-in/out:	Rock Garden Picnic Tables in Zilker Park	Swim:	Barton Springs, 2-4 PM; Monday-Wednesday and Friday. Thursday's swim location varies.
Location:	Sheffield Education Center/Splash Exhibit		
Ratio:	Maximum 12 campers/1 counselor		

ADVENTURE CAMP WEEKLY THEMES

BLAST FROM THE PAST **Fee: \$175**

Experience how archeologists and paleontologists study the present to learn about the past. Learn ancient hunting techniques like archery, and animal tracking. Learn fire-building techniques and make your own arrowhead. Travel back in time in a canoe on Lady Bird Lake.

WORLD OF WILDLIFE **Fee: \$175**

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 Austin Zoo and Exotic Resort Zoo.

CLIFFHANGER **Fee: \$175**

This camp is more than rock climbing! Explore rocks like never before while climbing on the Barton Creek greenbelt, searching for fossils in Shoal Creek and spelunking in Whirlpool cave.

OUTDOOR EXPLORERS **Fee: \$330 / \$350**

2 WEEK CAMP No Camp Friday, July 4th.

Outdoor exploration is the name of the game during this two week whirlwind of activities. Campers, gear up for trail biking, caving and hiking. Practice skills in preparation for an overnight campout. Campers must be able to ride a bike with their camp group for three miles without adult assistance. Adventure I campout at McKinney Falls State Park July 1-2 or August 7-8. Adventure II campout at McKinney Falls State Park June 26-27 or Lockhart State Park July 31-August 1.

WATER WORKS **Fee: \$175**

Discover unique characteristics of water while collecting aquatic critters and conducting simple tests of water quality. Investigate aquatic life using a microscope to identify organisms. Campers go canoeing and visit the Meadows Center in San Marcos.

ADVENTURES AROUND AUSTIN **Fee: \$175 NEW!**

Visit some hidden gems in and around Austin! See a wild cave and how junk has become art. Field trips to Whirlpool Cave, Austin Zoo, and the Cathedral of Junk.

YOUNG NATURALISTS **Fee: \$175**

Does your curiosity about the natural world leave you with your pockets full of interesting rocks and leaves? You're well on your way to becoming a Naturalist! Begin your own collection of fossils, leaves, and rocks and visit the Naturalist Workshop to identify what you find. Start a journal to document the different places and wonders we see. Field trips to Reimer's Ranch and Hamilton Pool.

AUSTIN FAVORITES **Fee: \$175**

Cool off in Barton Springs pool, bike Ladybird Lake trail, tunnel through a wild cave, hike the greenbelt along Barton Creek, and scramble up Mt. Bonnell. Campers must be able to ride a bike with their camp group for three miles without adult assistance. Join us for a week of exploring some favorite outdoor spots in Austin. Field trips to Amy's Ice Cream and Hamilton Pool.



DATES	ADVENTURE I (Ages 9-10)	ADVENTURE II (Ages 11-12)	COST
	THEME / CODE	THEME / CODE	
June 9-13	Blast from the Past / 203820 A1	World of Wildlife / 203820 B1	\$175
June 16-20	World of Wildlife / 203820 A2	Cliffhanger / 203820 B2	\$175
June 23-July 3	Outdoor Explorers / 203820 A3	Outdoor Explorers / 203820 B3	\$330*
July 7-11	Water Works / 203820 A4	Adventures Around Austin / 203820 B4	\$175
July 14-18	Adventures Around Austin / 203820 A5	Blast from the Past / 203820 B5	\$175
July 21-25	Young Naturalists / 203820 A6	World of Wildlife / 203820 B6	\$175
July 28-August 8	Outdoor Explorers / 203820 A7	Outdoor Explorers / 203820 B7	\$350
August 11-15	World of Wildlife / 203820 A8	Water Works / 203820 B8	\$175
August 18-22	Austin Favorites / 203820 A9		\$175

* This is a short week due to a holiday; the prorated fee is listed.  Overnight Campout

Participant's Name:

Site Specific Questions

Are you or your spouse a City of Austin employee?
 {Yes} {No} { }
 (For COA employees, you may be eligible for Youth Camp Scholarships. See Cityspace website for childcare programs.)

I have read and agree to the refund policies cited on the Registration Information and Policies page.

Payer Signature: _____

REGISTRATION FORM

Method of Payment (payment required at time of registration)

Cash (please bring exact amount) Check (make payable to City of Austin-PARD) Credit Card (complete info below)

Credit Card Number: _____ **Card Expiration Date:** _____ **Card Verification Code:** _____

Visa MC AMEX DISC

Cardholder Signature: _____

Mailing Address and Billing Address Same? Yes No (if no, please provide that address)

Youth Program Only Parents may select the auto-payment plan, which authorizes our office to automatically charge your credit card on the program payment due date.

Registration Function Class / Camp / Activity Title	Times AM/PM?	Class Dates	Class Fee	Office Use Only Amount Paid Today	Cash / Check Number / CC ID & Auth Receipt Number	Date/Time Staff Initials
Code	AM PM		\$	\$		
Code	AM PM		\$	\$		
Code	AM PM		\$	\$		
Code	AM PM		\$	\$		
Code	AM PM		\$	\$		
Code	AM PM		\$	\$		
Code	AM PM		\$	\$		

For Walk in and Mail in registrations, please list alternate camps in which we can place your child if others are unavailable. NOT FOR LOTTERY.

Complete only for Aquatic Program Registration — SWIM LESSONS/WATER FITNESS/ADULT SWIM TEAM

1st choice: Session: _____ Pool: _____ Level: _____ Time: _____ Date: _____ Fee: \$ _____

2nd choice: Session: _____ Pool: _____ Level: _____ Time: _____ Date: _____ Fee: \$ _____

3rd choice: Session: _____ Pool: _____ Level: _____ Time: _____ Date: _____ Fee: \$ _____

REFUND POLICY: Refund policies are program specific. Please refer to the refund policy of the program that you are registering for.



Program Registration Guide

Pre-Registration Lottery Program Instructions

Pre-registration is a lottery. You may submit your registration form anytime within the open lottery period. There is no need to stand in line to turn in a registration form, and no payment is required to participate in the lottery. Simply complete your registration form and get it to the Austin Nature & Science Center (ANSC) office (301 Nature Center Drive, Austin, Texas 78746) between January 5, 2013 and January 12, 2014, and your registration will be entered into the lottery. No registration requests received after January 12 will be entered into the lottery.

1. Please complete all sections of the summer camp registration form and waiver to participate in the lottery (January 5-January 12). Only one child per form, please.
2. Select the camp(s) you are interested in. Please disregard the alternate choice section. During registration by lottery, ANSC cannot process alternate camp selections. Please note that your child must be the correct age for the camp to avoid delays in processing. There is no limit to the number of camps you may select during registration by lottery. Due to the demand for our programs, ANSC will place each child in a maximum of three camps during registration.
3. Indicate if you wish to add Before & After Care, 7:15 AM–8:00 AM and 5:15 PM–6:00 PM for additional fees for each camp.
4. Payment for the pre-registration lottery is due on or before February 12, 2014, or you may provide your credit card number and check the auto-payment authorization box on the registration form. Please do not send checks during the lottery period. Payment information will be sent with the results of the lottery on January 31.

Non-lottery Program Registration Instructions

1. Please complete all sections of summer camp registration form and waiver. Fill in participant information and site specific information. Only one child per form, please.
2. Select the camp(s) you are interested in. Participants may register for up to three camp sessions. Please list your camps in order of preference. Due to popularity of programs, ANSC cannot guarantee everyone will be placed in their top choices. Make sure to list alternate camp selections in order of preference. You may list as many camps as alternate choices as you would like. Please note that your child must be the correct age for the camp to avoid delays in processing.
3. Indicate if you wish to add Before & After Care, 7:15 AM–8:00 AM and 5:15 PM–6:00 PM for additional fees for each camp.
4. Payment is due at the time of registration. Select a payment method and fill in appropriate billing information. For those not successfully registered in a camp a refund will be issued. When paying by check, send individual checks for each camp, allowing unused checks to be mailed back to you. To avoid waiting for a refund, consider paying by credit card. Your card will only be charged for camps in which your child is enrolled. If the transaction on your credit card does not go through, ANSC staff will contact you. Please call back right away so you may complete the registration process and retain your space in camp.
5. A confirmation email will be sent after your payment has been processed. Please allow three weeks for confirmation for summer camp programs. Additionally, you will receive a confirmation letter, ANSC medical release form and a *Guide to Camp* booklet with map and important information about ANSC programs, by mail. These resources are also available online at www.austintexas.gov/ansc.

Registration Dates

January 5, 2013

ANSC Summer Camp pre-registration lottery opens

January 12, 2014

ANSC Summer Camp pre-registration lottery closes

January 31, 2014

Applicants notified of ANSC Summer Camp pre-registration lottery results

February 12, 2014

ANSC Summer Camp payment from lottery due

February 22, 2014

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Summer Camp walk-in, fax, or mail-in registration begins for Austin residents

March 10, 2014

9:00 AM

Summer Camp walk-in, fax, or mail-in registration begins for non-Austin residents. Registration continues during normal business hours until camps are filled.

Specialty Camps (Ages 8-13)

Delve a little deeper into outdoor nature adventures during extra special camps! Read each description carefully for details about topics and activities. Upon registration for camp, a confirmation letter will be mailed to you, along with a *Guide to Camp* booklet with more information. **Specialty Camps meet TUESDAY - FRIDAY from 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.**

Age:	8-13 years old	Field Trips:	Varies based on themes, destinations may change. Some sessions include an overnight campout.
Fee:	\$195, \$235, \$280	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.
Time:	Tuesday-Friday, 8:00 AM-5:00 PM One week sessions	Wear:	Play clothes and sneakers that can get dirty and damp.
Sign-in/out:	Rock Garden Picnic Tables in Zilker Park	Swim:	Barton Springs, 2-4 PM; Tuesday-Wednesday and Friday. Thursday's swim location varies.
Location:	Sheffield Education Center/Splash Exhibit		
Ratio:	Maximum 12 campers/1 counselor		

SPECIALTY CAMP WEEKLY THEMES

ADVENTURE SPORTS Ages: 11-13 Fee: \$195

Experience a different adventure each day! Kayak on Lady Bird Lake, go rock climbing, crawl through a cave, and bike on local trails. Campers must be able to ride a bike with their camp group for three miles without adult assistance. Field trip to Whirlpool Cave.

PALEO EXPLORERS Ages: 9-11 Fee: \$235

Put on your paleontologist hat and travel with us to uncover evidence of life long ago. Let's hunt at prime fossil spots around Austin and head to Bamberger Ranch for an overnight campout and to explore dino tracks in the Blanco River.

CLIMB TIME: Above & Below Ages: 11-13 Fee: \$235

Let us turn your world from horizontal to vertical. See Austin from the rock walls of the Barton Creek greenbelt and depths of wild caves. We take our vertical quest underground to explore two local caving systems. Climbing and caving equipment is provided.

YOUTH CLIMBING Ages: 10-12 Fee: \$235

No Camp Friday, July 4th. Camp meets Monday-Thursday.

Find yourself perched on limestone cliffs high above while exploring climbing spots in the Barton Creek Greenbelt. Learn basic techniques and practice your skills at Reimer's Ranch. All equipment provided.

URBAN FARMING NEW! Ages: 8-10 Fee: \$195

Ever wonder about where the food you eat comes from? See how you can grow crops in the middle of Austin! Visit a community garden and volunteer with the Sustainable Food Center.

ADVANCED CAVING Ages: 11-13 Fee: \$280

If you have previously ventured into a cave, join us! Hit 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.

AWESOME ASTRONOMY Ages: 9-11 Fee: \$235

Leave behind the world you know to travel among the stars. From the inflatable planetarium to solar system modeling, this week will send you into orbit! Campout at Pedernales Falls State Park.

ANIMAL LOVERS Ages: 8-10 Fee: \$195

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. Field trip to the Natural Bridge Wildlife Ranch and Austin Zoo.

TRAIL BIKING Ages: 11-13 Fee: \$235

Explore trails in McKinney Falls State Park and Reimer's Ranch 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 three miles without adult assistance.

WASTE WARRIORS Ages: 8-10 Fee: \$235

Are you passionate about recycling and conservation? Become a waste warrior. Help to clean up Lady Bird Lake while kayaking and examine art made from recycled materials. Campout at Emma Long Metropolitan Park.

CAVES & LIFE UNDERGROUND Ages: 8-10 Fee: \$195

Your introduction to the wonder of caving! Step into another world by safely exploring caves, learning about cave formation, and meeting creatures that never see the sun. Crawl through several wild caves in Austin and journey into Natural Bridge Caverns. All caving equipment is provided.



DATES	THEME / CODE	AGE	COST
June 10-13	Adventure Sports / 203820 SA	11-13	\$195
June 17-20	Paleo Explorers / 203820 SB	9-11	\$235
June 24-27	Climb Time: Above & Below / 203820 SC	11-13	\$235
June 30-July 3	Youth Climbing / 203820 SD	10-12	\$235
July 8-July 11	Urban Farming / 203820 SE	8-10	\$195
July 15-18	Advanced Caving / 203820 SF	11-13	\$280
July 22-25	Awesome Astronomy / 203820 SG	9-11	\$235
July 29-August 1	Animal Lovers / 203820 SH	8-10	\$195
August 5-8	Trail Biking / 203820 SI	11-13	\$235
August 12-15	Waste Warriors / 203820 SJ	8-10	\$235
August 19-22	Caves & Life Underground / 203820 SK	8-10	\$195

Explorer Camps (Ages 9-14)

These camps are perfect for older campers who are excited about the outdoors and science! Each session explores a new topic and focuses on learning new skills. Read each description carefully for details about topics and activities. Upon registration for camp, a confirmation letter will be mailed to you, along with a *Guide to Camp* booklet with more information.

Age:	9-14 years old	Field Trips:	Varies based on themes, destinations may change Some sessions include an overnight campout.
Fee:	\$180, \$200, \$225, \$350, \$400	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.
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.
Sign-in/out:	Rock Garden Picnic Tables in Zilker Park	Swim:	Barton Springs, 2-4 PM; Monday-Wednesday and Friday. Thursday's swim location varies.
Location:	Sheffield Education Center/Splash Exhibit		
Ratio:	Maximum 12 campers/1 counselor		

EXPLORER CAMP WEEKLY THEMES

HIKING THE HILL COUNTRY Ages: 9-11 Fee: \$200

Spend the week hiking some of the best trails in the hill country. Learn how to load your trail pack, read a map, and navigate with a compass. Field trips to Pedernales Falls State Park and Reimer's Ranch.

CAVES AND AQUIFERS Ages: 9-11 Fee: \$200

Limestone, caves, and water; oh my! Check out how water changes the landscape above ground then, tunnel under Austin to discover the inner-workings of the aquifer system. The perfect mix of adventure and science. Campers are instructed on safe cave travel by expert guides and all equipment is provided.

NATURE TRACKERS Ages: 12-14 Fee: \$380 2 WEEK CAMP No Camp Friday, July 4th.

Hike the wilds of Austin and delve into the science of animal tracking. Find foot prints, hair droppings, and scat and interpret the evidence left behind. Look for nocturnal creatures during the overnight campout at McKinney Falls State Park.

WATER WAYS Ages: 11-13 Fee: \$200

Explore the diverse bodies of water in Central Texas. Kayak on Lady Bird Lake, snorkel in the San Marcos River, hike Westcave Preserve, and swim in the cool waters of Hamilton Pool.

FOLLOW THE AQUIFER **NEW!** Ages: 10-12 Fee: \$200

Follow a rain drop through the Edwards Aquifer. Learn about the importance of this underground resource by visiting Balcones Park and Jacob's Well.

WILDERNESS WISE Ages: 11-13 Fee: \$225

Brush up on wilderness practices with an in-depth dive into the principles of Leave No Trace. Campsite set-up, fire building, and food disposal are only a few of the topics covered in this exciting camp! Overnight campout at Pedernales Falls State Park.

DIRT DETECTIVES **NEW!** Ages: 9-11 Fee: \$200

Discover what makes up the skin of the earth. Explore some of the many unique ways that soil shapes our lives. Field trips to Whirlpool Cave and Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center.

NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY Ages: 11-13 Fee: \$350 2 WEEK CAMP

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 disposable cameras to practice taking pictures of natural wonders big and small. Each photographer chooses two photos to be displayed at the Sheffield Education Center.



DATES	THEME / CODE	AGE	COST
June 9-13	Hiking the Hill Country / 203820 41	9-11	\$200
June 16-20	Caves and Aquifers / 203820 42	9-11	\$200
June 23-July 3	Nature Trackers / 203820 43	12-14	\$380*
July 7-11	Water Ways / 203820 44	11-13	\$200
July 14-18	Follow the Aquifer / 203820 45	10-12	\$200
July 21-25	Wilderness Wise / 203820 46	11-13	\$225
July 28-August 1	Dirt Detectives / 203820 47	9-11	\$200
August 4-15	Nature Photography / 203820 48	11-13	\$350

* This is a short week due to a holiday; the prorated fee is listed.  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 training prepares teens to assist adult camp counselors in leading activities. The two day training equips CITs with the skills to become outstanding leaders by covering such topics as safety, child care, child development, games and songs. This popular program helps teenagers develop a sense of responsibility while increasing self-confidence. CITs will make new friends and see old camp pals. Participants must enjoy working with younger children and be willing to accept responsibility and leadership roles. Placement is determined by the Camp Director and the CIT Coordinator. Upon registration for camp, a confirmation letter will be mailed to you, along with a *Guide to Camp* booklet with more information.

Age:	13-17 years old	Field Trips:	Varies based on camp assignment. May include an overnight campout at a nearby park.
Fee:	\$95, \$175 Fees include 2 days of training and 1-2 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 12 & 13 for sessions June 16 - July 18 July 17 & 18 for sessions July 21 - August 22	Wear:	Appropriate clothes and sneakers that can get dirty and damp.
Time:	Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM-5:00 PM One and two week sessions	Swim:	Varies based on camp assignment.
Training Sign-in/out:	ANSC exit at Barton Springs Road under Mopac Bridge	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	WEEKS/SESSION	COST
June 16-20	CIT 1 / 204820 1A	1 week	\$95
June 23-July 3 [^]	CIT2 / 204820 1B	2 weeks	\$175
July 7-18	CIT3 / 204820 1C	2 weeks	\$175
July 21-August 1	CIT4 / 204820 1D	2 weeks	\$175
August 4-15	CIT5 / 204820 1E	2 weeks	\$175
August 18-22	CIT6 / 204820 1F	1 week	\$95

[^]No Camp Friday, July 4th.



Before & After Camp Care

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

Age:	4-17 years old	Fee:	\$40 per week
Time:	Morning Sessions: Monday-Friday 7:15 AM Afternoon Sessions: Monday-Friday 5:15-6:00 PM		
Drop-off/Pick-up:	Cottonwood Room located in the ANSC Headquarters Building Pre-registration Required		
SPECIAL NOTE:	Explorer, Specialty & Adventure campers in the Before/After Care will be at the Zilker Park Rock Garden picnic tables until 5:15 PM, then they will be transported to the ANSC Cottonwood Room to arrive at 5:30 PM. These children will be in transit between 5:15 - 5:30 PM. Please wait for them at ANSC.		

*This is a short week due to a holiday. The fee is prorated.

DATES	CODES	COST
June 9-13	207820 1A	\$40
June 16-20	207820 1B	\$40
June 23-27	207820 1C	\$40
June 30-July 3	207820 1D	\$32*
July 7-11	207820 1E	\$40
July 14-18	207820 1F	\$40
July 21-25	207820 1G	\$40
July 28-August 1	207820 1H	\$40
August 4-8	207820 1I	\$40
August 11-15	207820 1J	\$40
August 18-22	207820 1K	\$40