



AUSTIN PARKS & RECREATION NATURE SURVEY

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Race / Ethnicity: ☐ White (non-Hispanic) ☐ Hispanic or Latino
☐ African-American ☐ Pacific Islander
☐ Asian ☐ Two or More Races

Zip Code: _____

What school do you go to? _____
 (if applicable)

1. Where is your favorite place to spend time outside in nature?

Check one

- ☐ My Yard
☐ My Neighborhood
☐ My School
☐ Park near my home
☐ Sports field
☐ Swimming Pool
☐ In the Creek / River / Woods
☐ Community Garden
☐ Other outdoor space (which one? _____)

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4. **What are the main reasons you don't spend more time outside in nature?** *Check up to 3*

- ☐ No parks close to my home
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- ☐ I feel unsafe in parks near my home
- ☐ I could get hurt
- ☐ Health issues
- ☐ Outdoor activities cost too much
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- ☐ I don't know what to do in nature
- ☐ The parks close to me aren't very nice
- ☐ Too hot in the summer
- ☐ Other: _____

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1 2 3 4 5

6. **I want more _____ in my neighborhood.** *Fill in the blank with the answer that is most important to you:*

- ☐ More nature activities and programs (camps, classes, fieldtrips)
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