

AUSTIN NATURE & SCIENCE CENTER



SUMMER CAMP 2022



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Summer Camp Registration

Participants that have been awarded financial assistance and/or require support from our Inclusion Department may register in person or over the phone starting at 10AM on February 5-18th.

General Registration opens: February 26, 2022
10:00 AM for Austin residents & 1:00 PM for Austin non-residents

Prepare Today: Click on the “Online Registration” link at www.austintexas.gov/ansc
Follow the steps to verify your existing account or create a new account.

On Registration Day: Log in to your account and search “Austin Nature Center” in the location dropdown menu. Scroll down to see Summer Camp offerings.

Step By Step Guide: Online Registration

www.austintexas.gov/parksonline

1. Go to the Austin Parks and Recreation online registration website: www.austintexas.gov/parksonline and login.
2. Browse the camp listings.
3. Register for your desired camp(s). Participants may be registered for a maximum of 3 camp sessions or 2 CIT sessions.
4. **Pay in full or make a deposit with a credit card.** A \$40 deposit per session will secure a place until three weeks (21 days) prior to the first day. If you fail to pay the remaining balance, you will lose your deposit and forfeit your child's place in that session to another child on the waiting list. **Full payment is the responsibility of the participant.**
5. Your receipt will be sent to the email address you provided on your account information along with a summer camp packet. Please check your spam folder.
6. Should you need to cancel your camp, call the ANSC's registration office at 512-974-3888 or email anscprograms@austintexas.gov to make the request. Please review the program registration policies regarding refunds, and transfers.

Visit www.austintexas.gov/page/online-registration for more details.

Tadpole Camps - half day (Ages 4-5)

Young nature lovers engage in a week of hands-on discovery and nature study. Each week includes outdoor exploration, crafts, games, touching a live animal, and science programs. These camps do not take field trips that require travel in a vehicle or go swimming. Following registration for camp, a confirmation letter will be emailed to you. Before the first day of camp a parent letter with more detailed information will be sent by email. **Participants may register for up to 3 camp sessions.**

Age:	4-5 years old	Ratio:	Maximum 8 campers/1 counselor
	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.
Fee:	\$165 for Austin residents		State Licensing paperwork required at registration.
	\$215 for non-Austin residents	Bring:	A snack and water bottle every day. A completed waiver the first day of <u>every camp session</u> .
Time:	Morning Sessions: Monday-Friday 7:30-11:30AM Afternoon Sessions: Monday-Friday 1:30-5:30 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 , however, SPLASH DAY is on Fridays: campers participate in supervised wading activities. Please send swim clothes, water shoes, sunscreen and towel on Friday. Campers must wear water shoes (not flip-flops) when wading in natural areas.
Location:	Trailhouse Building		
	Check-in at Trailhouse Building on the first day to receive classroom assignment.		

TADPOLE CAMP WEEKLY THEMES

ART IN NATURE

June 6-10 | July 11-15

Explore colors, shapes, and textures created by nature. Use unique materials to build nature art. Learn how animals can be artists too.

AWESOME ANIMALS

June 13-17 | July 18-22

Calling all animal lovers, future zoologists, and naturalists! Discover characteristics of mammals, insects, birds, and reptiles in this wild camp.



RAD SCIENTISTS

***June 21-24 | July 25-29**

Curiosity guides our experiments with solids, liquids, and gases. Learn what it takes to be a rad scientist through hands on activities.

SENSE-ATIONAL

June 27- July 1 | August 1-5

Do you know all of the amazing things our bodies can do? Sight, smell, touch, taste, sound- learn about our 5 senses and go on a sensory hike.

WONDERFUL WATER

***July 5-8 | August 8-12**

Water is all around us! We know it cools us off, but we can also freeze it, create works of art, and learn to appreciate it in a whole new way during this camp.

Placement of siblings or friends in the same camp group is not guaranteed.

***No camp Mondays June 20 & July 4.**

THEME	DATE	AGES 4-5	COST	AGES 4-5	COST
		Morning Session	resident/non-resident	Afternoon Session	resident/non-resident
		7:30-11:30 am		1:30-5:30 pm	
Art in Nature	June 6-10	202821 1A	\$165/\$215	202822 1A	\$145/\$195
	July 11-15	202821 1F	\$165/\$215	202822 1F	\$145/\$195
Awesome Animals	June 13-17	202821 1B	\$165/\$215	202822 1B	\$145/\$195
	July 18-22	202821 1G	\$165/\$215	202822 1G	\$145/\$195
Rad Scientists	*June 21-24	202821 1C	\$165/\$215	202822 1C	\$145/\$195
	July 25-29	202821 1H	\$165/\$215	202822 1H	\$145/\$195
Sense-ational	June 27-July 1	202821 1D	\$165/\$215	202822 1D	\$145/\$195
	August 1-5	202821 1I	\$165/\$215	202822 1I	\$145/\$195
Wonderful Water	*July 5-8	202821 1E	\$165/\$215	202822 1E	\$145/\$195
	August 8-12	202821 1J	\$165/\$215	202822 1J	\$145/\$195

See back cover for week-by-week schedule.

Frog Camps (Ages 5-6)

Curiosity is rewarded at this camp! Campers participate in outdoor exploration, crafts, games, touching a live animal, and science programs each week. Following registration for camp, a confirmation letter will be emailed to you. Before the first day of camp a parent letter with more detailed information will be sent by email. **Participants may register for up to 3 camp sessions.**

Age:	5-6 years old	Ratio:	Maximum 12 campers/1 counselor
Fee:	\$175 for Austin residents \$440 for non-Austin residents	Field Trips:	Destinations will change from week to week.
Time:	Monday-Friday, 7:30 AM-6:00 PM One week sessions	Bring:	A lunch, two snacks, and water bottle every day. A completed waiver the first day of <u>every camp session</u> .
Sign-in/out:	In camper's assigned classroom	Wear:	Play clothes and sneakers that can get dirty and damp. Must wear water shoes (not flip-flops) when wading or swimming in natural areas.
Location:	ANSC Visitor Pavilion and Nature Labs Building Check in at the picnic tables in front of the Trailhouse Building on the first morning of each session to receive classroom assignment.	Swim:	Campers will walk to and swim at Deep Eddy Pool and have splash days at the ANSC creek.

FROG CAMP WEEKLY THEMES

IN THE DARK

***June 21-24 | August 8-12**

See the world through the eyes of nocturnal animals in this new camp. Take a guided trek through the stars. Explore wild underground ecosystems and learn about living in a different kind of darkness.

TINKER TIME

June 13-17 | July 11-15

Get your brain going with fun STEAM activities! Teamwork is put to the test as the group is challenged to balance and build with loose nature parts. Our science specialist will bring even more STEAM fun!

THEME	DATE / CODE*	COST resident/non-resident
In the Dark	*June 21-24 / 203830 03	\$175/\$440
	August 8-12 / 203830 10	\$175/\$440
Tinker Time	June 13-17 / 203830 02	\$175/\$440
	July 11-15 / 203830 06	\$175/\$440
Water Wiggles	*July 5-8 / 203830 05	\$175/\$440
	July 18-22 / 203830 07	\$175/\$440
	August 1-5 / 203830 09	\$175/\$440
Wild and Woolly	June 6-10 / 203830 01	\$175/\$440
	June 27-July 1 / 203830 04	\$175/\$440
	July 25-29 / 203830 08	\$175/\$440

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WATER WIGGLES

***July 5-8 | July 18-22 | August 1-5**

Have you ever flipped over a rock in a creek bed? There's an entire world under there! Join us to investigate habitats beneath the surface as well as the creatures that reside in them. Visit Splash! Exhibit and Barton Springs to learn how water not only supports an ecosystem, but also helps us beat the heat and provide a ton of fun.

WILD & WOOLLY

June 6-10 | June 27-July 1 | July 25-29

Discover what unique characteristics distinguish mammals, reptiles, birds, amphibians, and insects from one another. Search for native plants and wildlife in our preserve and learn about animals up close!

Salamander Camps (Ages 7-8)

Young nature enthusiasts explore the outdoor world. Each week includes hiking, games, experiments, crafts, touching a live animal, and science programs. Following registration for camp, a confirmation letter will be emailed to you. Before the first day of camp a parent letter with more detailed information will be sent by email. **Participants may register for up to 3 camp sessions.**

Age:	7-8 years old	Ratio:	Maximum 12 campers/1 counselor
Fee:	\$175 for Austin residents \$450 for non-Austin residents	Field Trips:	Destinations will change from week to week.
Time:	Monday-Friday, 7:30 AM-6:00 PM One week sessions	Bring:	A lunch, two snacks and water bottle every day. A completed waiver the first day of <u>every camp session</u> .
Sign-in/out:	In camper's assigned classroom	Wear:	Play clothes and sneakers that can get dirty and damp. Must wear water shoes (not flip-flops) when wading or swimming in natural areas.
Location:	Nature Labs Building Check in at the picnic tables in front of the Trailhouse Building on the first morning of each session to receive classroom assignment.	Swim:	Campers will walk to and swim at Deep Eddy Pool and have splash days at the ANSC creek.

SALAMANDER CAMP WEEKLY THEMES

BLAST FROM THE PAST

June 13-17 | June 27-July 1 | July 25-29

Discover exciting artifacts and signs from the ancient past. Uncover knowledge about Austin's past as a shallow sea when digging in the Dino Pit. Explore geological history by uncovering ancient rock formations. Imagine what kind of creatures roamed this earth long before humans!

H2OH!

July 11-15 | August 8-12

Get your feet wet and discover aquatic habitats including wetlands, ponds, and the Edwards Aquifer. Observe how animals move through water in the ANSC pond and creek.



THEME	DATE / CODE*	COST
		resident/non-resident
Blast from the Past	June 13-17 / 203840 02	\$175/\$450
	June 27-July 1 / 203840 04	\$175/\$450
	July 25-29 / 203840 08	\$175/\$450
H2Oh!	July 11-15 / 203840 06	\$175/\$450
	August 8-12 / 203840 10	\$175/\$450
Survival Skills	*July 5-8 / 203840 05	\$175/\$450
	July 18-22 / 203840 07	\$175/\$450
Wild About Wildlife	June 6-10 / 203840 01	\$175/\$450
	*June 21-24 / 203840 03	\$175/\$450
	August 1-5 / 203840 09	\$175/\$450

SURVIVAL SKILLS

***July 5-8 | July 18-22**

Could you survive without modern technology? Put your survival skills to the test! Practice your fire building and safety. Read a map and follow winding trails in Zilker Nature Preserve. Learn about how to grow in a garden and pack for adventure like a pro!

WILD ABOUT WILDLIFE

June 6-10 | *June 21-24 | August 1-5

Meet animals up close in this wild and wooly camp! Learn as much as you can about our Nature Center's animal residents and see what you can catch in the ANSC pond and creek.

See back cover for week-by-week schedule.

*No camp Mondays June 20 & July 4.

Placement of siblings or friends in the same camp group is not guaranteed.

Pathfinder Camps (Ages 9-10)

Start your journey through Youth Adventure Camps with Pathfinder. Get a taste of some of our favorite activities and discover your passion. Activities may include rock climbing, canoeing, fishing, and biking. Following registration for camp, a confirmation letter will be emailed to you. Before the first day of camp a parent letter with more detailed information will be sent by email.

Participants may register for up to 3 camp sessions.

Age:	9-10 years old	Bring:	A lunch, two snacks, and water bottle every day.
Fee:	\$175/week for Austin residents \$460/week for non-Austin residents		A completed waiver the first day of <u>every camp session</u>
	We will not have campouts this summer.	Wear:	Play clothes and sneakers that can get dirty and damp. Must wear water shoes (not flip-flops) when wading or swimming in natural areas.
Time:	Monday-Friday, 7:30 AM-6:00 PM	Swim:	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday at City of Austin pools. Thursday's swim location varies. More information on swimming times and locations available on the ANSC website in March.
Sign-in/out:	Rock Garden Picnic Tables in Zilker Park		
Location:	Sheffield Education Center/Splash Exhibit		
Ratio:	Maximum 12 campers/1 counselor		
Field Trips:	Varies based on themes, destinations may change.		

PATHFINDER CAMP WEEKLY THEMES

DREAM TEAM

June *21-24 | July 25-29

Working together is the goal for this camp! Get to know your group through teambuilding activities and use your Nature Center knowledge in escape room puzzles. Practice your outdoor skills and learn about essential items to bring while going on an outdoor adventure.

GET AROUND AUSTIN

June 13-17 | *July 5-8 | August 1-5

Get around town! Try old and new ways to get around Austin in this camp. Gear up for a bike ride around Ladybird Lake. Relax on the water as we paddle through the city. Strap on some shoes and hike up Mt. Bonnell for a beautiful view of Austin. Get moving and see this city on the go. Campers must be able to ride a bike with their camp group for 3 miles without assistance.



THE GREAT OUTDOORS



June 27- July 1 | July 18-22

There's lots of ways to explore outside in Austin! Enjoy some of our favorite outdoor activities including hiking, biking, and swimming. Take aim and try your hand at archery. Hone your observation skills to look for signs of animals. Campers must be able to ride a bike with their camp group for 3 miles without assistance.

WATER WISE

June 6-10 | July 11-15 | August 8-12

Discover unique characteristics of water while collecting aquatic critters. See Austin from a new perspective when you paddle around Ladybird Lake in a canoe. Observe wildlife underwater while snorkeling and go fishing. Beat the summer heat in some local swimming spots.

 Bike riding

THEME	DATE / CODE*	COST resident/non- resident
Dream Team	*June 21-24 / 203850 03	\$175/\$460
	July 25-29 / 203850 08	\$175/\$460
Get Around Austin	June 13-17 / 203850 02	\$175/\$460
	*July 5-8 / 203850 05	\$175/\$460
	August 1-5 / 203850 09	\$175/\$460
The Great Outdoors	June 27-July 1 / 203850 04	\$175/\$460
	July 18-22 / 203850 07	\$175/\$460
Water Wise	June 6-10 / 203850 01	\$175/\$460
	July 11-15 / 203850 06	\$175/\$460
	August 8-12 / 203850 10	\$175/\$460

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Explorer Camps (Ages 11-12)

These camps are perfect for older campers who are excited about the outdoors and science! Activities may include snorkeling, archery, or biking. Following registration for camp, a confirmation letter will be emailed to you. Before the first day of camp a parent letter with more detailed information will be sent by email. **Participants may register for up to 3 camp sessions.**

Age:	11-12 years old	Bring:	A lunch, two snacks and water bottle every day.
Fee:	\$175/week for Austin residents \$460/week for non-Austin residents		A completed waiver the first day of <u>every camp session</u>
	We will not have campouts this summer.	Wear:	Play clothes and sneakers that can get dirty and damp.
Time:	Monday-Friday, 7:30 AM-6:00 PM		Must wear water shoes (not flip-flops) when wading or swimming in natural areas.
Sign-in/out:	Rock Garden Picnic Tables in Zilker Park	Swim:	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday at City of Austin pools. Thursday's swim location varies. More information on swimming times and locations available on the ANSC website in March.
Location:	Sheffield Education Center/Splash Exhibit		
Ratio:	Maximum 12 campers/1 counselor		
Field Trips:	Varies based on themes, destinations may change.		

EXPLORER CAMP WEEKLY THEMES

ANIMAL ENTHUSIASTS

June 6-10 | July 11-15 | August 8-12

We'll turn over rocks, look high above in the treetops, and even observe beneath the water's surface through a mask and snorkel in search of our favorite aquatic animals. Campers will learn to observe animals in their natural habitat and on exhibit.

NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY

June 13-17 | June 27- July 1 | July 25-29

Have you ever wanted to capture the beauty of a butterfly or the majesty of a tree? Campers can bring a digital camera or have a camera provided to practice taking pictures of natural wonders on field trips to local parks. Each photographer chooses two photos to be displayed.

THEME	DATE / CODE	COST resident/non- resident
Animal Enthusiasts	June 6-10 / 203860 01	\$175/\$460
	July 11-15 / 203860 06	\$175/\$460
	August 8-12 / 203860 10	\$175/\$460
Nature Photography	June 13-17 / 203860 02	\$175/\$460
	June 27-July 1 / 203860 04	\$175/\$460
	July 25-29 / 203860 08	\$175/\$460
Climbing	*June 21-24 / 203860 03	\$175/\$460
	August 1-5 / 203860 09	\$175/\$460
Water We Doing Here?	*July 5-8 / 203860 05	\$175/\$460
	July 18-22 / 203860 07	\$175/\$460

CLIMBING

*June 21-24 | August 1-5

See the world from above! Learn basic techniques and practice your skills on limestone crags at Reimer's Ranch and the Barton Creek greenbelt. All equipment is provided.

WATER WE DOING HERE?

*July 5-8 | July 18-22

What are we doing in such a hot place? Beat the summer heat by spending a week around water. Scout out new swimming holes. Relax on the water and kayak on Ladybird Lake.



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Trailblazer Camps (Ages 13-14)

Delve a little deeper into outdoor themes during this extra special camp! Upon registration, a confirmation letter will be emailed to you. Before the first day of camp a parent letter with more detailed information will be sent by email. **Trailblazer Camps meet MONDAY-FRIDAY from 7:30 AM-6:00 PM.** Participants may register for up to 3 camp sessions.

Age:	13-14 years old	Bring:	A lunch, two snacks and water bottle every day.
Fee:	\$175/week for Austin residents \$445/week for non-Austin residents		A completed waiver the first day of <u>every camp session</u> .
	We will not have camp outs this summer.	Wear:	Play clothes and sneakers that can get dirty and damp.
Time:	Monday-Friday, 7:30 AM-6:00 PM		Must wear water shoes (not flip-flops) when wading or swimming in natural areas.
Sign-in/out:	Rock Garden Picnic Tables in Zilker Park	Swim:	Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday at City of Austin pools.
Location:	Sheffield Education Center/Splash Exhibit		Thursday's swim location varies. More information on swimming times and locations available on the ANSC website in March.
Ratio:	Maximum 12 campers/1 counselor		
Field Trips:	Varies based on themes, destinations may change.		
	Some sessions include an overnight campout.		

TRAILBLAZER CAMP WEEKLY THEMES

BIKE-TASTIC

June 6-10 | July 11-15 | August 8-12

Wheels down! Through the city and parks, explore Austin on two wheels. Bikes and helmets are provided or campers may bring their own. Campers must be able to ride a bike with their camp group for 5 miles without assistance.

ECO-AUSTIN

June 13-17 | June 27-July 1 | July 25-29

Find out ways Austin reduces, reuses, and recycles. Learn about composting and gardening. Explore how trees keep Austin cool in the hot summer months. How can you help keep Austin green?

 Bike riding

THEME	DATE / CODE	COST resident/non- resident
Bike-tastic	June 6-10 / 203870 01	\$175/\$445
	June 11-15 / 203870 06	\$175/\$445
	August 8-12 / 203870 10	\$175/\$445
Eco Austin	June 13-17 / 203870 02	\$175/\$445
	June 27-July 1 / 203870 04	\$175/\$445
	July 25-July 29 / 203870 08	\$175/\$445

PLEASE NOTE:

Trailblazer Camps will not be held during the following weeks:

June 21-24

July 5-8

July 18-22

August 1-5



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Counselor in Training (Ages 14-17)

The Counselor in Training program (CIT) is an opportunity that prepares teens to assist camp counselors in leading activities. There is a one day training that equips CITs with the skills to become camp helpers. Placement is determined by Austin Nature and Science Center staff. Following registration for camp, a confirmation letter will be emailed. Before the first day of camp a parent letter with more detailed information will be sent by email. **Participants may register for a maximum of 2 CIT camp sessions.**

Age:	14-17 years old	Daily Camp Sign-in/out:	At assigned camp.
Fee:	\$145/two week session for Austin residents \$250/two week session for non-Austin residents Fees include 1 day of training and 2 weeks of supervised volunteer work.	Field Trips:	Varies based on camp assignment. May include an overnight campout at a nearby park.
Training:	June 2 for sessions June 6- July 15 July 7 for sessions July 18- August 12	Bring:	A lunch, two snacks and water bottle every day. A completed waiver the first day of <u>every camp session</u>
Time:	Monday-Friday, 7:30 AM-6:00 PM Two week sessions.	Wear:	Appropriate clothes and sneakers that can get dirty and damp. No flip-flops.
Training Sign-in/out:	ANSC Visitor's Pavilion breezeway	Swim:	Varies based on camp assignment.
		Prerequisites:	Should attend training prior to volunteer session. Must enjoy the outdoors and serving as a role model for younger children.

DATES	SESSION / CODE	COST resident/non-resident
June 6-17	CIT1 / 204820 1A	\$145/\$250
*June 21-July 1	CIT2 / 204820 1B	\$145/\$250
*July 5-15	CIT3 / 204820 1C	\$145/\$250
July 18-29	CIT4 / 204820 1D	\$145/\$250
August 1-12	CIT5 / 204820 1E	\$145/\$250

*No Camp Mondays June 20 & July 4.



Frequently Asked Questions

When does registration begin?

Walk-in and over-the phone registration begins for the Austin Nature & Science Center (ANSC) on **February 5th at 10AM for participants that have been awarded financial aid and/or require support from our Inclusion Department.** General registration will open to city of Austin residents at 10:00 AM and non-Austin residents at 1:00 PM on February 26th. Online, over-the-phone and walk-in registrations are accepted for general registration. **Due to high demand, participants may be registered for up to 3 camp sessions or 2 CIT sessions.**

Online registration is strongly encouraged. Customers may review online results immediately as online registration is completed in real time. Walk-in registration is only completed when they are entered into the system by staff. Please check your receipt to ensure you are registered for the correct program or on a waiting list.

How do I register online?

Register online at www.austintexas.gov/parksonline, or visit ANSC's website and use the "online registration" link. You will be emailed a confirmation (payment receipt) or notification that you are on a waitlist. Please check your email messages, including your spam folder. You will receive an email from austinparksrec@rectrac.com. If you do not have an email address, your confirmation or waitlist notification will be mailed.

Are scholarships available?

For financial aid and scholarship information, go to www.austintexas.gov/pardfinaid or call 512.974.3911. Please remember that you must be preapproved, which may take up to 4 weeks to process, in order to use your financial aid with registration. Scholarships are not retroactive.

What happens if the camp is full?

If a camp is full, a spot on the waiting list will be offered. There is no fee to be on the waiting list. When ANSC receives a cancellation, the available space will be offered to the first person on the waiting list. If you are offered a space more than 2 weeks before the start of the program we will notify you by phone and you will have 24 hours to secure the space with payment. If you are offered a space within 2 weeks of the start of the program, you will have 3 hours to secure the space with payment. If you decline or let the deadline expire without making payment, we will offer the space to the next person on the waiting list.

If I make an ADA accommodation request, do I have to wait to speak with staff before registering online?

No. Please participate in registration as usual. Reasonable modifications and equal access will be provided upon request. Call 512-974-3914.

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

No. Placement of siblings or friends in the same group is not guaranteed. Campers enrolled in the same camp might not be placed in the same group depending upon the total number of enrolled participants. Please note that campers in the same camp will spend much of their day together regardless of group designation.

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

If you have an Austin zip code or are an Austin Utilities customer you are probably considered an Austin resident for the purposes of Parks and Recreation Department program registration. Refer to the jurisdictions web map at www.austintexas.gov/GIS/JurisdictionsWebMap. If you are unsure, please call the ANSC front desk at 512.974.3888 for assistance.

What should my child bring to camp?

To make sure your child has everything they need for camp please review the confirmation packet and parent letter which you will receive via email. This includes information about what to bring and ANSC's medical release form. The medical release form must be submitted on the first day of camp at sign-in (please do not email it beforehand). More information is available at www.austintexas.gov/ansc.

Will my child swim at camp?

Half day campers, ages 4-6 years will wade in ANSC's creek. Full day campers, ages 5-17 will complete a swim check for each camp session in which they are registered. The swim check is to determine the comfort of each camper in water and used to assign an appropriate swim zone. The swim zone for each camper is determined by each camper's swim ability. All campers will be allowed in the shallowest zone regardless of the swim check. All staff are trained in basic water rescue or as lifeguards to recognize emergencies.

Will my child get a T-shirt?

Yes. Campers will receive an ANSC t-shirt for each camp session in which they are registered. Camp groups will wear their shirt on Splash Day (Tadpole Camp), Field Trip Day (Frog and Salamander Camp), or Friday (Youth Adventure Camps). Campers will receive their shirt on the first day of the camp session for which they are registered. Size selection available during registration.

Are campers required to wear masks during ANSC camps?

Yes. Currently, campers are required to wear masks both indoors and outdoors during camp, with the exception of eating, drinking and participating in rigorous activities. Social distancing is required during these activities.

Look for information about Winter and Spring day camps in October!

Program Registration Policies

Cancellation and Refunds:

Program attendance is the responsibility of the participant. Failure to attend a class does not entitle a participant to a transfer, makeup, prorate or refund. Substitutions, including family members, are not permitted. Registrations cancelled at least 7 days prior to the first day of class may be issued a refund, minus a \$40 nonrefundable deposit and the \$35.00 processing fee. No refunds are issued for registrations that are cancelled without 7 days advanced written notice of the first class day.

Refunds are issued to the charging credit card, or by check from the City of Austin (please allow 4-6 weeks for processing). Or you may request to have the refund applied to your account. All checks sent to ANSC must be processed. There is a \$25 cash fee on all returned checks.

Deposits:

A \$40 deposit per session will secure a place until three weeks (21 days) prior to the first day. If you fail to pay the remaining balance, you will lose your deposit and forfeit your child's place in that session to another child on the waiting list. **Full payment is the responsibility of the participant.**

Age Requirement:

Placement in each camp are determined by participant age. **Your child must be the appropriate age on or before the first day of camp.** Curriculum is designed for specific age groups and developmental stages.

Minimum Registration:

ANSC reserves the right to cancel any camp that does not meet the minimum enrollment. If this occurs you will be notified at least 7 days prior to the summer program and a full refund will be issued.

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, you will need to cancel your current registration and register for a new session.

Video and Image Policy:

ANSC regularly takes photos of participants in our camps. 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.

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.

Parks and Recreation Department Mission Statement

The purpose of the Austin Parks and Recreation Department is to inspire Austin to learn, play, protect, and connect by creating diverse programs and experiences in sustainable natural spaces and public places.

Children's programs ages 5-12 supervised by Parks and Recreation Department and requiring enrollment/registration in order to participate are not licensed by the state, but follow local standards of care as adopted by the City of Austin

Ordinance No. 020131-65. A copy of the ordinance is available and posted at each site.

Nature's Way Preschool is licensed by the State of Texas as a child care facility for ages 3-5.

Persons with Disabilities - 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.

2022 Weekly Summer Camp Themes

	June 6-10	June 13-17	*June 21-24	June 27- July 1	*July 5-8	July 11-15	July 18-22	July 25-22	August 1-5	August 8-12
Tadpole (age 4-5, am)	Art in Nature 202821 1A	Awesome Animals 202821 1B	Rad Scientists 202821 1C	Sense-ational 202821 1D	Wonderful Water 202821 1E	Art in Nature 202821 1F	Awesome Animals 202821 1G	Rad Scientists 202821 1H	Sense-ational 202821 1I	Wonderful Water 202821 1J
Tadpole (age 4-5, pm)	Art in Nature 202822 1A	Awesome Animals 202822 1B	Rad Scientists 202822 1C	Sense-ational 202822 1D	Wonderful Water 202822 1E	Art in Nature 202822 1F	Awesome Animals 202822 1G	Rad Scientists 202822 1H	Sense-ational 202822 1I	Wonderful Water 202822 1J
Frog (ages 5-6)	Wild & Wooly 203830 01	Tinker Time 203830 02	In the Dark 203830 03	Wild & Wooly 203830 04	Water Wiggles 203830 05	Tinker Time 203830 06	Water Wiggles 203830 07	Wild & Wooly 203830 08	Water Wiggles 203830 09	In the Dark 203830 10
Salamander (age 7-8)	Wild About Wildlife 203840 01	Blast from the Past 203840 02	Wild about Wildlife 203840 03	Blast from the Past 203840 04	Survival Skills 203840 05	H 2 Oh! 203840 06	Survival Skills 203840 07	Blast from the Past 203840 08	Wild About Wildlife 203840 09	H 2 Oh! 203840 10
Pathfinder (ages 9-10)	Water Wise 203850 01	Get Around Austin 203850 02	Dream Team 203850 03	The Great Outdoors 203850 04	Get Around Austin 203850 05	Water Wise 203850 06	The Great Outdoors 203850 07	Dream Team 203850 08	Get Around Austin 203850 09	Water Wise 203850 10
Explorer (ages 11-12)	Animal Enthusiasts 203860 01	Nature Photography 203860 02	Climbing 203860 03	Nature Photography 203860 04	Water-We Doing Here? 203860 09	Animal Enthusiasts 203860 06	Water-We Doing Here? 203860 09	Nature Photography 203860 08	Climbing 203860 03	Animal Enthusiasts 203860 10
Trailblazer (ages 13-14)	Bike-tastic 203870 01	Eco-Austin 203870 02	No Camp	Eco-Austin 203870 04	No Camp	Bike-tastic 203870 06	No Camp	Eco-Austin 203870 08	No Camp	Bike-tastic 203870 10
CIT (ages 14-17)	CIT Session 1 204820 1A		CIT Session 2 204820 1B		CIT Session 3 204820 1C		CIT Session 4 204820 1D		CIT Session 5 204820 1E	

Look inside brochure for camp prices and descriptions.

*No Camp Mondays June 20 and July 5

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