

AUSTIN NATURE & SCIENCE CENTER



SUMMER CAMP 2025



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Summer Camp Registration

Participants that have been awarded financial assistance may register in person, over the phone or online starting at 10AM on February 1st until 6pm on February 7th.

General Registration for ANSC opens on February 22nd.
12:00 PM for Austin residents & 2:00 PM for non-residents of Austin.

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 and Science Center” in the location dropdown menu. Scroll down to see Summer Camp offerings.

Step By Step Guide: Online Registration

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. Camp details will be sent out the Thursday before your child’s start date. Please check your spam folder.
6. Should you need to cancel your camp, 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.

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. A confirmation receipt will be emailed to you following registration. A parent letter with more detailed information will be sent by email the week before each session your camper is enrolled in. **Participants may register for up to 3 camp sessions.**

Age:	5-6 years old	Field Trips:	Destinations will change from week to week.
Fee:	\$225 for Austin residents \$300 for Austin non-residents	Bring:	A lunch, two snacks, and water bottle every day.
Time:	Monday-Friday, 7:30 AM-6:00 PM One week sessions	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.
Sign-in/out:	In camper's assigned classroom	Swim:	Campers will walk to and swim at Deep Eddy Pool and have splash days at the ANSC creek.
Location:	Austin Nature and Science Center Check in at the Breezeway by the Visitor Pavilion on the first morning of each session to receive classroom assignment.		
Ratio:	Maximum 12 campers/1 counselor A completed waiver is required for your child to attend camp.		

FROG CAMPS WEEKLY THEMES

FLORA & FAUNA

June 9-13 | June 30-July 4* | July 21-25 | August 11-13**

Explore the wonderful worlds of plants and animals – and how they work together in harmony. We'll observe how plants and pollinators support each other at Zilker Botanical Garden and meet some of ANSC's resident animals up close and personal.

EARTH-WATER-SKY

June 16-20* | July 7-11 | July 28-August 1

From the ground beneath our feet to the sky soaring overhead, our world around us is filled with natural wonders. A visit to our planetarium will transport us to the night sky and outer space. Local fossil hunting will show us the remains of creatures that lived

underwater long ago right here in Austin. Join us as we explore what lives above, below, and all around us!

WAYBACK WONDERS

June 23-27 | July 14-18 | August 4-8

Which prehistoric creatures once called Texas their home, and how do scientists study them all these years later? How did humans survive before modern day technology? This week we'll learn how the past and present converge and what lessons we can take with us into the future.

***No camp Thursday, June 19 & Friday, July 4.**

****August 11-13 is a short week.**

See back cover for week-by-week schedule.

THEME	DATE	CODE	COST resident/non-resident
Flora & Fauna	June 9-13	203830 01	\$225/\$300
Earth-Water-Sky	June 16-20*	203830 02	\$225/\$300
Wayback Wonders	June 23-27	203830 03	\$225/\$300
Flora & Fauna	June 30-July 4*	203830 04	\$225/\$300
Earth-Water-Sky	July 7-11	203830 05	\$225/\$300
Wayback Wonders	July 14-18	203830 06	\$225/\$300
Flora & Fauna	July 21-25	203830 07	\$225/\$300
Earth-Water-Sky	July 28-August 1	203830 08	\$225/\$300
Wayback Wonders	August 4-8	203830 09	\$225/\$300
Flora & Fauna	August 11-13**	203830 10	\$225/\$300



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. A confirmation receipt will be emailed to you following registration. A parent letter with more detailed information will be sent by email the week before each section your camper is enrolled in. **Participants may register for up to 3 camp sessions.**

Age:	7-8 years old	Ratio:	Maximum 12 campers/1 counselor
Fee:	\$225 for Austin residents \$300 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 is required for your child to attend camp.
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:	Austin Nature and Science Center Check in at the Breezeway by the Visitor Pavilion 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 CAMPS WEEKLY THEMES

WILD ABOUT WILDLIFE

June 9-13 | June 30-July 4* | July 21-25 | August 11-13**

Learn about ANSC’s resident animals from our animal keepers. Scout for wildlife all around us – from the earth beneath our feet to the sky overhead and everything in between! Visit with animals who call Texas their home as well as those that live far away.

PLANT POWER

June 16-20* | July 7-11 | July 28-August 1

Have you ever stopped to think about all the ways plants contribute to our daily lives? Food, shelter, clothing, and medicine are just a

few of the ways that plants benefit us. Join us as we examine seeds, dissect flowers, climb trees, visit a local farm and more!

MAD SCIENCE

June 23-27 | July 14-18 | August 4-8

Calling all junior chemists, physicists, astronomers, paleontologists, and more! This week we’re taking a deep dive into the wonderful world of science. Visit outer space in our planetarium, excavate fossils, create chemical reactions, and visit a local science museum.

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THEME	DATE / CODE	COST resident/non-resident
Wild About Wildlife	June 9-13 / 203840 01	\$225/\$300
Plant Power	June 16-20* / 203840 02	\$225/\$300
Mad Science	June 23-27/ 203840 03	\$225/\$300
Wild About Wildlife	June 30-July 4* / 203840 04	\$225/\$300
Plant Power	July 7-11* / 203840 05	\$225/\$300
Mad Science	July 14-18 /203840 06	\$225/\$300
Wild About Wildlife	July 21-25 / 203840 07	\$225/\$300
Plant Power	July 28-August 1 / 203840 08	\$225/\$300
Mad Science	August 4-8 /203840 09	\$225/\$300
Wild About Wildlife	August 11-13** / 203840 10	\$225/\$300



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 and biking. A confirmation receipt will be emailed to you following registration. A parent letter with more detailed information will be sent by email the week before each section your camper is enrolled in. **Participants may register for up to 3 camp sessions.**

Age:	9-10 years old	Field Trips:	Destinations will change from week to week.
Fee:	Pricing varies depending on session. See table below.		Groups will leave ANSC by 9:30am each day with a few exceptions.
Time:	Monday-Friday, 7:30 AM-6:00 PM Session lengths vary.	Bring:	A lunch, two snacks and water bottle every day. A completed waiver is required for your child to attend camp.
Sign-in/out:	In camper’s assigned classroom		
Location:	Austin Nature and Science Center Check in at the Breezeway by the Visitor Pavilion on the first morning of each session to receive classroom assignment.	Wear:	Play clothes & sneakers that can get dirty & damp. Must wear water shoes (not flip-flops) when wading or swimming in natural areas.
Ratio:	Maximum 12 campers/1 counselor	Swim:	Swimming at various City of Austin Pools. More info on swimming times and locations will be provided at sign in on the first day of camp.

PATHFINDER CAMPS WEEKLY THEMES

THE GREAT OUTDOORS

June 9-20* | June 23-July 4*

Outdoor adventure is calling! Bike around Lady Bird Lake, swim the San Marcos River and crawl through a local cave. We’ll adventure our way through the great outdoors!
 Δ These weeks include an overnight camping trip. Tents and food provided. Trips are scheduled for June 17th or July 2nd.
 Campers must be able to ride a bike for 3 miles unassisted.

AQUATIC ADVENTURES

July 7-11 | July 28-August 1| August 4-8

Texas summers call for *water*! We’ll kayak across Lady Bird Lake, snorkel the San Marcos River, visit a local swimming hole, and find

out how Whirlpool Cave earned its name.
 *Whirlpool Cave is a crawling cave with some tight squeezes. All caving gear provided.

AUSTIN FAVORITES

July 14-18 | July 21-25 | August 11-13**
 Join us for a week of the very best of Austin! We’ll hike and bike our way through local parks and preserves and take a dip in the water at Emma Long Metro Park.
 Campers must be able to ride a bike for 3 miles unassisted.

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THEME	DATE / CODE	COST resident/non-resident
The Great Outdoors (2 Week Session w/Campout)	June 9-20*/203850 01	\$585/\$740
The Great Outdoors (2 Week Session w/Campout)	June 23-July 4*/203850 03	\$585/\$740
Aquatic Adventures	July 7-11/203850 05	\$225/\$300
Austin Favorites	July 14-18/203850 06	\$225/\$300
Austin Favorites	July 21-25/203850 07	\$225/\$300
Aquatic Adventures	July 28-August 1/203850 08	\$225/\$300
Aquatic Adventures	August 4-8/203850 09	\$225/\$300
Austin Favorites	August 11-13**/203850 10	\$225/\$300



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. A confirmation receipt will be emailed to you following registration. A parent letter with more detailed information will be sent by email the week before each session your camper is enrolled in. **Participants may register for up to 3 camp sessions.**

Age:	11-12 years old	Bring:	few exceptions. A lunch, two snacks, and water bottle every day. A completed waiver is required for your child to attend camp.
Fee:	Pricing varies depending on session. See table below.	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:	Swimming at various City of Austin Pools. More information on swimming times and locations will be provided at sign in on the first day of camp.
Sign-in/out:	In camper's assigned classroom		
Location:	Austin Nature and Science Center Check in at the Breezeway by the Visitor Pavilion on the first morning of each session to receive classroom assignment.		
Ratio:	Maximum 12 campers/1 counselor		
Field Trips:	Varies based on themes, destinations may change. Groups will leave ANSC by 9:30am each day with a		

EXPLORER CAMPS WEEKLY THEMES

OUTDOOR EXPLORERS

June 9-20* | June 23-July 4*

These camps pack all the outdoor adventure you could want! We'll explore on foot, by bike, and kayak as well as hone survival skills of the past like archery and flint knapping. Utilize the principles of Leave No Trace on an overnight campout at a local state park.

Δ Tents & food provided. Trips are scheduled for June 17 or July 2.

Campers must be able to ride a bike for 3 miles unassisted.

WATER WAYS

July 7-11 | July 28-August 1 | August 4-8

Aquatic adventures await as we explore local bodies of water. We'll take a dip at Blue Hole Regional Park, hike the falls of McKinney

Falls State Park, and cool off in Lake Austin at Emma Long Metropolitan Park.

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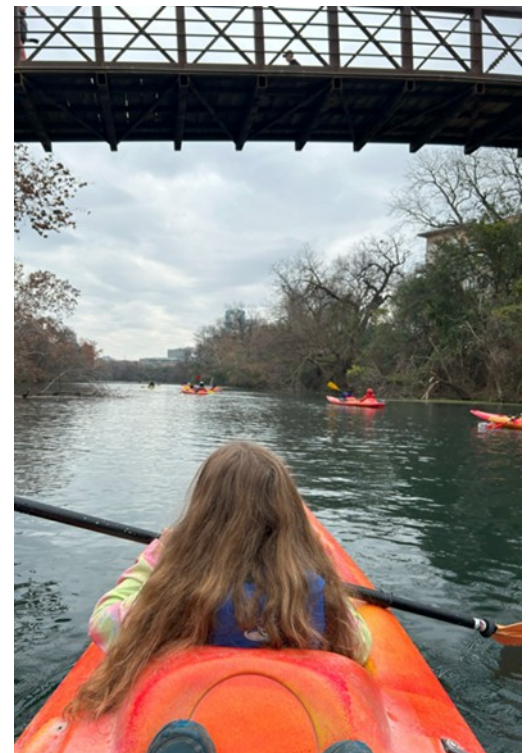
July 14-18 | July 21-July 25 | August 11-13**

How can we minimize our carbon footprint while enjoying the natural beauty of our city? This week we'll utilize our biking skills as well as learn how to perform basic bike maintenance. We will practice the principles of Leave No Trace on hikes and learn about some of the work that is being done to restore and maintain Austin's parks and preserves.

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THEME	DATE / CODE	COST resident/non- resident
Outdoor Explorers (2 Week Session w/Campout)	June 9-20* / 203860 01	\$585/\$740
Outdoor Explorers (2 Week Session w/Campout)	June 23-July 4* / 203860 03	\$585/\$740
Water Ways	July 7-11 / 203860 05	\$225/\$300
Eco Austin	July 14-18 / 203860 06	\$225/\$300
Eco Austin	July 21-25 / 203860 07	\$225/\$300
Water Ways	July 28-August 1 / 203860 08	\$225/\$300
Water Ways	August 4-8 / 203860 09	\$225/\$300
Eco Austin	August 11-13** / 203860 10	\$225/\$300



Specialty Camps (Ages 9-14)

These camps are perfect for older campers who are excited about the outdoors and science! Activities may include caving, hiking or biking. A confirmation receipt will be emailed to you following registration. A parent letter with more detailed information will be sent by email the week before each section your camper is enrolled in. **Participants may register for up to 3 camp sessions.**

Age:	9-14 years old	Groups will leave ANSC by 9:30am each day with a few exceptions.
Fee:	\$225 for Austin residents \$300 for non-Austin residents	Bring:
Time:	Monday-Friday, 7:30 AM-6:00 PM	A lunch, two snacks and water bottle every day.
Sign-in/out:	In camper's assigned classroom	A completed <u>waiver</u> is required for your child to attend camp.
Location:	Austin Nature and Science Center Check in at the Breezeway by the Visitor Pavilion on the first morning of each session to receive classroom assignment.	Wear:
Ratio:	Maximum 12 campers/1 counselor	Play clothes and sneakers that can get dirty and damp. Must wear water shoes (not flip-flops) when wading or swimming in natural areas.
Field Trips:	Varies based on themes, destinations may change.	Swim:
		Swimming at various City of Austin Pools. More information on swimming times and locations will be provided at sign in on the first day of camp.

SPECIALTY CAMPS WEEKLY THEMES

TEXAS STATE PARKS (Ages 13-14)

June 9-13

This week we're celebrating our amazing state parks! Each day will include a visit to a different destination, so dust off your hiking shoes as we explore the different landscapes and natural features of some of our nearby state parks.

ADVANCED CAVING (Ages 13-14)

June 16-20 *

Underground exploration is the name of the game this week! We'll get our hands dirty as we crawl through local caves and learn about the geology and wildlife of Austin underground.

***Campers will be visiting crawling caves with tight squeezes. Caves will increase in difficulty throughout the week.**

BIKETASTIC (ages 13-14)

June 23-27

Cycling enthusiasts, this week is for you! Each day will take us on a new cycling journey, gradually increasing in difficulty as we make our way through some of the best bike trails in Austin.

***Campers must be able to ride a bike for 3 miles unassisted.**

YOUTH CLIMBING (ages 13-14)

June 30-July 4*

Test your climbing skills and push to new heights as we visit some of Austin's most popular climbing destinations. After brushing up on your climbing skills indoors, visit the Barton Creek Greenbelt and Reimers Ranch to see just how high you can go.

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PRESERVE OUR WORLD (ages 11-12)

July 7-11 | July 28-August 1

We'll utilize the principles of Leave No Trace as we explore some of Austin's amazing nature preserves. We'll look and listen for wildlife, identify plants around us, and learn how to help protect the natural world.

H2O Haven (ages 11-12)

August 4-8

Beat the Texas heat by cooling off in local springs, rivers, lakes and more! Our water quest will take us across Lady Bird Lake by kayak and into the San Marcos River in search of aquatic life.



Specialty Camps

Continued (Ages 9-14)

PARK IT HERE (Ages 9-10)

July 14-18 | July 21-25

Did you know Austin is home to over 350 parks? This week we'll explore our local parkland as we hit the trails, search for fossils, and dip our toes in the water.

ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS (Ages 9-10)

August 11-13**

Furry or feathered, scaly or spotted, large or small – we're encountering all kinds of animals this week! We'll learn about animal care and explore some of the roles that animals play in our world.

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Ages	THEME	DATE / CODE	COST resident/non-resident
13-14	Texas State Parks	June 9-13 / 203870 11	\$225/\$300
13-14	Advanced Caving*	June 16-20* / 203870 12	\$225/\$300
13-14	Biketastic	June 23-27 / 203870 13	\$225/\$300
13-14	Youth Climbing*	June 30-July 4* / 203870 14	\$225/\$300
11-12	Preserve Our World	July 7-11 / 203860 11	\$225/\$300
9-10	Park It Here	July 14-18 / 203850 11	\$225/\$300
9-10	Park It Here	July 21-25 / 203850 12	\$225/\$300
11-12	Preserve Our World	July 28-Aug. 1 / 203860 12	\$225/\$300
11-12	H2O Haven	August 4-8 / 203860 13	\$225/\$300
9-10	Animal Encounters**	August 11-13** / 203850 13	\$225/\$300



Counselor in Training (Ages 14-15)

The Counselor in Training (CIT) program is an opportunity that prepares teens to assist camp counselors in leading activities. There is a two-day training that equips CITs with the skills to become camp helpers. Placement is determined by Austin Nature and Science Center staff. A confirmation receipt will be emailed to you following registration. A parent letter with more detailed information will be sent by email the week before each section your camper is enrolled in. **Participants may register for a maximum of 2 CIT camp sessions.**

Age:	14-15 years old	Swim:	Varies based on volunteer assignment.
Fee:	\$200/2-week session for Austin residents \$300/2-week session for non-Austin residents Session 3 is a 1-wk session; \$100 Res/\$150 Non Res Fees include 2 days of training and 2 weeks of supervised volunteer work.	Prerequisites:	MUST attend training prior to volunteer session. Must enjoy the outdoors and serving as a role model for younger children.
Time:	Monday-Friday, 7:30 AM-6:00 PM	Please Note: CIT Training is mandatory, even for returning CITs. If your camper is not able to attend their training, please do not enroll. CITs who do not complete the mandatory training will be unenrolled. Any funds paid will be credited to the household account, minus the \$40 deposit.	
Field Trips:	Varies based on volunteer assignment; may include an over night campout at a nearby campground.	Training for Sessions 1, 2 & 3: June 11th & 12th. Training for Sessions 4 & 5: July 16th & 17th. Training Information will be sent out mid-May.	
Bring:	A lunch, two snacks and water bottle every day. A completed waiver is required for your child to attend camp.		
Wear:	Appropriate clothes and sneakers that can get dirty and damp. No flip-flops.		

DATES	SESSION / CODE	COST resident/non-resident
June 16-27*	CIT 1 / 204820 1A	\$200/\$300
June 30-July 11*	CIT 2 / 204820 1B	\$200/\$300
July 14-18	CIT 3 / 204820 1C	\$100/\$150
July 21-August 1	CIT 4 / 204820 1D	\$200/\$300
August 4-13**	CIT 5 / 204820 1E	\$200/\$300

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Frequently Asked Questions

When does registration begin?

Online, over-the phone and walk-in registration begins for the Austin Nature & Science Center (ANSC) on February 1st at 10AM for participants that have been awarded financial aid and concludes at 6pm on February 7th. **General registration will open to city of Austin residents at 12:00 PM and non-Austin residents at 2:00 PM on February 22nd. Due to high demand, participants may be registered for a maximum of 3 camp sessions or 2 CIT sessions.**

While over-the-phone and walk-in registrations are accepted for general registration, 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?

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.

Are scholarships available?

For financial aid and scholarship information, visit www.austintexas.gov/financialaid 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 next on the waiting list, we will notify you by phone and let you know how much time you have 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 for GENERAL registration?

No. Please participate in registration as usual. Reasonable modifications and equal access will be provided upon request. Call 512-974-3914. See first FAQ above for info regarding early registration.

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.

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 [here](#). 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).

Will my child swim at camp?

Campers, ages 5-15 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 Field Trip Days (Frog and Salamander Camps), or Friday (Youth Adventure & Specialty 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?

No. However, if the community transmission level is medium or high, all individuals may be required to wear a properly fitted mask while participating in PARD programs or while in PARD facilities, regardless of vaccination status. Guidance on masking will be issued by Austin Public Health and the City of Austin and communicated to the public accordingly.

What happens if I cannot bring my child to camp before the field trip departure time?

Most of our camps begin loading vans at 9:30AM on field trip days. Older campers may travel further for field trips, requiring them to depart our site earlier. When those field trips occur, parents/guardians will be notified at sign-out the day before. We do not offer alternative care for campers that miss their field trip departure time.

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. Funds will be applied to outstanding balances before funds are released.

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 as a household credit. All checks sent to ANSC must be processed. There is a \$25 cash fee on all returned checks.

Deposits:

All deposits are non-refundable. A \$40 deposit per session will secure a place until three weeks (21 days) prior to the first day of camp. 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.

City Holidays:

Please be advised that camp does not take place on observed City of Austin holidays. Scheduled city holidays during the summer season include Juneteenth (June 19th) and the Fourth of July.

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 5-15 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.

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.

Look for information about Winter and Spring camps in the **Fall!**

2025 Weekly Summer Camp Themes

	June 9-13	June 16-20*	June 23-27	June 30-July 4*	July 7-11	July 14-18	July 21-25	July 28-August 1	August 4-8	August 11-13*
Frog (ages 5-6)	Flora & Fauna 203830 01	Earth-Water-Sky 203830 02	Wayback Wonders 203830 03	Flora & Fauna 203830 04	Earth-Water-Sky 203830 05	Wayback Wonders 203830 06	Flora & Fauna 203830 07	Earth-Water-Sky 203830 08	Wayback Wonders 203830 09	Flora & Fauna 203830 10
Salamander (age 7-8)	Wild About Wildlife 203840 01	Plant Power 203840 02	Mad Science 203840 03	Wild About Wildlife 203840 04	Plant Power 203840 05	Mad Science 203840 06	Wild About Wildlife 203840 07	Plant Power 203840 08	Mad Science 203840 09	Wild About Wildlife 203840 10
Pathfinder (ages 9-10)	The Great Outdoors w/campout 203850 01		The Great Outdoors w/campout 203850 03		Aquatic Adventures 203850 05	Austin Favorites 203850 06	Austin Favorites 203850 07	Aquatic Adventures 203850 08	Aquatic Adventures 203850 09	Austin Favorites 203850 10
Explorer (ages 11-12)	Outdoor Explorers w/campout 203860 01		Outdoor Explorers w/campout 203860 03		Water Ways 203860 05	Eco Austin 203860 06	Eco Austin 203860 07	Water Ways 203860 08	Water Ways 203860 09	Eco Austin 203860 10
Specialty (ages 9-14)	TX State Parks (Ages 13-14) 203870 11	Advanced Caving (Ages 13-14) 203870 12	Biketastic (Ages 13-14) 203870 13	Youth Climbing (Ages 13-14) 203870 14	Preserve Our World (Ages 11-12) 203860 11	Park It Here (Ages 9-10) 203850 11	Park It Here (Ages 9-10) 203850 12	Preserve Our World (Ages 11-12) 203860 12	H2O Haven (Ages 11-12) 203860 13	Animal Encounters (Ages 9-10) 203850 13
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***No camp Thursday, June 19 & Friday, July 4.**

****August 11-13 is a short week.**

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