

Summer Camp Guide



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GENERAL CAMPS

ATX KIDS CLUB ATX Campers will explore Austin via Capital Metro to an educationally focused destination based on the theme of the week, enjoy a midday picnic lunch, and continue with an afternoon filled with more adventures. The camp aims to influence youth to expand their thinking and positively impact the world around them. Ages 4-12. May 30-Aug. 18. \$425/week. Six drop-off/pickup locations: Garrison, Pease, Mueller, Ramsey, Brentwood, and Walnut Creek parks. atxkidsclub.org

AUSTIN PARKS AND RECREATION The city's Parks & Rec Dept. offers a variety of accessible, diverse, and inclusive summer camps and therapeutic summer programs that embrace the diversity that defines Austin. They offer camps focused on visual and performing arts, culture, history, nature, recreation, and more; stay tuned for more details! Ages 5-15. Dates TBD; registration open late Feb./early March. Various locations. austintexas.gov/summercamp

CAMP BALCONIES SPRINGS Passionate and caring counselors help kids develop confidence, perseverance, leadership, and teamwork with a variety of activities that nurture body and soul. Ages 6-17. June 4-July 30. \$1,900-4,830. 104 Balconies Springs Dr., Marble Falls. campiscool.com

CAMP CHAMPIONS. This beautiful camp on Lake LBJ offers the fantastic activities and best-trained counselors that you expect from a top overnight summer camp, but a developmental focus on building strong kids differentiates Camp Champions from other top camps in Texas. Ages 6-17. June 4-Aug. 12. \$2,175. 775 Camp Road, Marble Falls. campchampions.com

CAMP CHIEF OURAY Let your child experience the wonder of camp and get the opportunity to benefit from the self-confidence, trust, friendships, fun, and memories created by the camp experience. Traditional summer camp programs, adventure/trekker programs, and leadership programs are offered, and kids are placed in a cabin with similar-aged campers and two staff members. Ages 7-17. June 4-Aug 12. \$998-1,220. 1101 CR 53, Granby, Co., campchiefouray.org

CAMP EXPLORASAUR If your kid likes nonstop adventure and lives for exploration, this is the place. Campers will spend most of the day in and around water doing activities like hiking, fishing, kayaking, rope swinging, and making a daily pool trip. Kids will also explore food through cooking and tap into creative energies with nature-inspired art projects. The safety of all children is the No. 1 priority, so this is a safe place for LGBTQIA+ youth and their families. Ages 7-12. July 17-21, Aug. 7-11. \$325. 14502 Lippincott, East Austin. instagram.com/atxplorasaaur

CAMP GAN ISRAEL Children will enjoy days filled with spirit, joy and friendship, with innovative ideas and creative activities to inspire children to try new and exciting things. Highlights include: weekly beach day, twice weekly swimming and field trips, a daily Jewish theme, and amazing spirit. Ages 1.5-12. Jun. 26-Aug. 18. \$299 and up. 3500 Hyridge Dr. cgiaustin.org

CAMP TRINITY Half-day adventure and theme camps are held in morning and afternoon sessions, and campers can attend either one or sign up for both to make a full day of fun. Ages 5-13. June 5-16. \$260-\$470. Trinity Episcopal School, 3901 Bee Caves Rd. austintrinity.org/summer



CAMP VAMONOS! Run out of a private home in the Crestview neighborhood, with a big backyard playground and lots of "loose parts," campers play, bake yummy treats, do kitchen science, watch classic movies, play Foosball and board games, make art and new friends, and have a fun, silly time. They also do outings using public transit, and the director will speak Spanish to any children who are receptive. Ages 5-11. May 29-Aug. 11. \$210/week. 6919 Reese Ln. campvamonos.com

DRAGON'S LAIR COMICS & FANTASY Young gaming enthusiasts can choose from weeklong day camps focused on Dungeons & Dragons, Pokémon, Warhammer, or Magic the Gathering. Ages 8-17. June 5-Aug. 4. \$300-375. 2438 W. Anderson Ln., Suite B-1. dlair.net/austin

EARTH NATIVE WILDERNESS SCHOOL DAY CAMPS Earth Native offers five different day camp options for kids who want to put the screens away and get out into nature. Little ones can track animals, try fishing, and explore the natural world, and older kids can learn valuable survival skills. All camps help kids build confidence and a connection to the natural world. Ages 3.5-12. May 30-Aug. 11. \$425. Three locations: Austin, Bastrop, and Georgetown. earthnativeschool.com/summer-camps

EARTH NATIVE WILDERNESS SCHOOL OVERNIGHT CAMPS Give your child the ultimate adventure with a wilderness skills camp guided by expert outdoor instructors. Campers will connect to the natural world and build confidence in the outdoors while increasing their overall self-confidence. Ages 9-16. June 5-Aug. 4. \$750. 137 Woodview Ln., Bastrop. earthnativeschool.com/summer-camps

ELITE UNIVERSITY At Elite U, choose from a bevy of day camps offering a wide range of activities, including water sports, veterinary science, culinary arts, mixed-media art, and more. Ages 5-13. June 5-Aug. 4. \$400-500. 5600 RR 620 N. elitesummercamps.com

FIGMENT CREATIVE LABS Each day, campers use their creativity, explore projects, and have fun with friends in a safe environment. Kids get a chance to interact with the furry friends on-site, including a mini pig, chickens, goats, bunnies, and more. The garden will be available for campers to dig, plant, and learn about nature's beauty. Ages 4-13. June 5-Aug. 4. \$425. 7809 Brodie Lane. figmentcreativelabs.com

KIDVENTURE DAY CAMPS An active and purposeful camp curriculum includes athletics, art, team building, rock climbing, archery, field trips, special guests, yoga, and much more, fulfilling Kidventure's mission of fostering meaningful character traits and strong values. Ages 3-11. June 5-Aug. 11. \$340. Five Austin-area locations. kidventure.com/austin-summer-camp

KIDVENTURE OVERNIGHT CAMPS Life-changing overnight camps offer fun and adventure and encourage kids to try new things and grow to know themselves better. Campers build strong relationships with counselors and fellow campers, gain valuable skills, and create lifelong memories. Ages 8-16. June 25-Aug. 7. \$1600-2175. Two Texas locations: Hunt and Rocksprings. kidventure.com/overnight-camps



LCRA PARKS SUMMER CAMP Texas youth can enjoy a summer full of fun and adventure at three locations with gorgeous scenery and nature to explore: Nightengale Archaeological Center, McKinney Roughs Nature Park, and Matagorda Bay Nature Park. Themed weeks include Survivalist Secrets, Water Wonders, and Campfire Master Chef, so there's something for everyone! Ages 5-14. June 12-Aug. 4. \$125-500. Two locations near Austin, one near Galveston. www.lcra.org/parks/summer-cam

NATUREVERSITY SUMMER CAMPS Campers get outside to explore the river, cook over fires, catch turtles, and go wild! Three different camps to choose from: Nature Explorers Camp, Wild Adventure Camp, and Outdoor Survival Camp. Climbing trees, building forts, making fires, playing games, and staying cool in the river is the day-to-day experience. Ages 5-12. June 5-Aug. 7. \$375-425. Circle Acres, 400 Grove Blvd. natureversity.org

SHALOM AUSTIN JCAMPS Shalom welcomes campers of all backgrounds and interests, and works hard to make sure there are ways for each camper to learn, grow, and have a great time. Traditions include the flagpole kickoff, song sessions, a Shabbat program, themed days, free swag, and more. From playing tennis at the Hurt Family Tennis Center to cooling off at the Rochelle and Stanley Ferdman Family Aquatic Center, there are multiple ways for your child to have fun. Ages 3-15. May 30-Aug. 17. \$450-900. 7300 Hart Ln. shalomaustin.org/camp

STEVE & KATE'S CAMP For 43 years, Steve & Kate's has put kids in charge of their own learning experience. As they try, fail, and learn on their own, they learn to trust their own judgment, and tackle the challenges of an ever-changing world with creativity and confidence. Ages 4-12. May 29-July 28. \$105/day pass, \$2,730/summer pass. St. Francis School, 300 E. Huntland; Parkside Community Montessori School, 3207 W. Slaughter Lane. steveandkatescamp.com

SUMMER WONDERS Summer Wonders has served bright and curious Central Texas students since 1999 with the support of ACE Academy and a partnership with the Renzulli Center for Creativity, Gifted Education, and Talent Development. Students who thrive in the program are naturally curious and inquisitive, love hands-on learning, enjoy the thrill that comes with learning something new, and may or may not be placed in gifted and talented programs at their school. Ages 5-13. June 5-July 21. \$300-650. ACE Academy, 3901 Shoal Creek Blvd. summerwonders.com

WET & WILD ADVENTURE CAMP With this traveling day camp, every day is a field trip day that includes swimming somewhere: pools, rivers, lakes, swimming holes, and water parks. Campers also visit amusement parks, arcades, bowling alleys, ropes courses, and more. Ages 9-15. May 30-Aug 11. \$430-570. Two drop-off/pickup locations: Patton Elementary, 6001 Westcreek (south); Westenfield Park, 2008 Enfield Road (central). wetwildcamp.com

YMCA CAMP CULLEN A week at YMCA Camp Cullen is guaranteed to be filled with fun, adventures, and memories that will last a lifetime. Campers explore new talents, take on challenges, and develop lasting friendships among the tall pines on the shores of Lake Livingston. There's something for everyone, from zip lines for thrill-seekers to horseback riding for animal lovers. The camp experience is rich in tradition and centered on core values of caring, honesty, respect, responsibility, and faith. Ages 7-17. June 4-Aug 11. \$1195-2795. 460 Cullen Lp, Trinity, Tx. ymcacampcullen.org



YMCA OF CENTRAL TEXAS The YMCA offers high-quality outdoor day and overnight camp programs designed to be more than just fun. They strive to create an inclusive camp community where campers can grow, learn, play, and build friendships. Over the week, kids can participate in a wide range of activities, including rock climbing, swimming, archery, urban gardening, creative arts, sports, and much more. Ages 5-16. May 30-Aug 15. \$235-850/week. Locations in Cedar Park, Round Rock, Georgetown. ymcactx.org

ART & MUSIC CAMPS

ACAC SUMMER ART CAMP Austin Creative Art Center offers weekly summer art camps with painting, drawing, and sculpture to ignite creativity and enhance critical thinking. Ages 5 and up. June 5-Aug. 18. \$375-765. Austin Creative Art Center, 505 W. 14th Street. austincreativeartcenter.org

AMANDA LEE JONES ART STUDIO Train with award-winning professional artist and degreed educator Amanda Jones in ongoing à la carte summer art classes designed to teach the student skills and techniques to create realistic art. Students work and learn at their own pace, moving as quickly or as slowly as needed, in classes limited to six students so that each student receives bespoke instruction. Ages 8-18. May 30-Aug. 19. \$40 per class. 607 W. St. Johns Ave., #10. amandaleejones.com

ART AMORE EXCURSION & STUDIO CAMPS Choose from studio camps where artists can choose to embrace good or evil in their creativity or see how chaotically they can create some art, or excursion camps that give young Picassos a unique chance to explore the city's best locations and experiences and create on the go. A new Extreme Excursion camp takes older students past the city limits to explore more of Texas for the ultimate art adventure. Ages 5-18. June 5-Aug. 4. \$350-850. Art Amore Studios, 6507 Jester Blvd. #107, and Austin-area excursions. artamoreaustin.com

ART FOR THE EARTH CREATIVITY CAMP Kids celebrate Mother Earth with terrarium making, music videos, acrylic pour paintings, clay work, costume design, rock gardening, chef school, messy art afternoons, performances, and more. Camp counselors have been trained in childhood education and passed a background check. Ages 6 and up. July 31-Aug. 4. \$150-175. 7105 Gentle Oak Drive. aspaciousplace.com

ART+ ACADEMY Captivating half-day, weeklong art camps cater to all ages and interests, balancing fun with expert instruction. Young artists can select from a variety of engaging and inspiring themed camps that will take their drawing and painting skills to the next level. Ages 5-17. June 5-Aug. 11. \$180-355. Four Austin-area locations. artclassesaustin.com

AUSTIN CHAMBER MUSIC WORKSHOP This multi-week camp provides opportunities for musicians from youth to adults. Activities include chamber music coaching in small ensembles, chamber orchestra, and music electives such as improvisation and composition. Workshop participants will also have masterclasses and formal performances in Bates Recital Hall, and participants of all ages will work with leading local and world-renowned visiting artists. Woodwind, brass, string, and piano players welcome! Ages 7 and up. July 7-22. \$80-1000. UT Austin Butler School of Music, 2406 Robert Dedman Dr. austinchambermusic.org/summer

BAND AID SCHOOL OF MUSIC Turn your kid into a rock star and let music make your family happier and healthier. Students will learn music in a fun environment and wrap up the camp with a showcase of the campers' talent. Ages 4-18. June 12-Aug. 18. \$290-599. 2309 Thornton; 4214 Capital of Texas Hwy. N. bandaidschoolofmusic.com



CAPITAL CITY GUITAR CAMP Amazing instructors teach young guitar students how to play and guest musicians will entertain with styles from around the world at daily concerts before pickup, which are open to friends and family. Kids also get to record themselves in a real studio setting with a pro audio engineer, play rare and exotic guitarlike instruments, do activities, play games, and have all sorts of fun. Beginner packages that include a guitar and gig bag are available. Ages 6-15. June 19-23. \$335. Community Church, 4300 Sam Bass Rd., Round Rock. capitalcityguitarcamp.com

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CORDOVAN ART SCHOOL ART CAMPS Kids will live life in color this summer at the family-owned school founded by award-winning artist John Howell. Professional art teachers guide kids on awesome art adventures in over 40 themed weekly adventures which include sessions with live animals, video game art, anime, and lots more. Kids of all skill levels will enjoy experiencing new techniques and expressing themselves in various mediums. Ages 5-16. May 30-Aug. 18. Five Austin-area locations in Austin, Round Rock, Cedar Park, and Georgetown. cordovanartschool.com

CRAFTERNOON ATX Children will experiment with diverse art materials, engage in team-building activities, and use their imaginations to create and unleash their inner artist. Hands-on projects include working with natural materials, learning from special guest artists, exploring the outdoors and observing nature, and more. The program is led by female artists of color, indigenous herbalists, and members of the Austin queer community, and by keeping a small capacity of campers, they can offer personal guidance and established relationships with families. Ages 5-13. June 19-July 7. \$275/week; \$70 for drop-in. Various locations. crafternoonatx.com

CRAYOLA IMAGINE ARTS ACADEMY Kids become junior artists at programs designed with exciting, fun, and hands-on art activities on different weeklong themes, with so many locations to choose from there's bound to be one near you. Ages 5-12. May 30-Aug 11. \$200-450. Multiple locations across Central Texas. austin.imagineartsacademy.com

CREATIVE ACTION SUMMER CAMP Multiple "Best of Austin" winner Creative Action offers campers the chance to work with professional artists through social and emotional learning and develop lifelong friendships. Themes include sci-fi, ceramics, spooky storytelling, and more. Ages 5-11. June 5-July 28. \$370-750. Four Austin-area locations: St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 14311 Wells Port; Faith Presbyterian Church, 1314 E. Oltorf; Creative Action, 1023 Springdale Bldg. 3; Ridgeway Elementary, 5005 Caswell St. creativeaction.org

DOUGHERTY ARTS CENTER SUMMER ART ESCAPE The theme this summer is "Curiosities," so instructors will lead students through fun, age-appropriate activities using a variety of art mediums exploring all kinds of curious collections. Active play is a part of the day, and kids will leave with creative art, treasured memories, and new friends. Ages 5-12. June 6-Aug. 11. \$140-220. Dougherty Arts Center, 1110 Barton Springs Rd., 512/974-4000. austintexas.gov

ESB MEXICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER COSECHA SUMMER CAMP This camp explores Latinx history through various arts techniques like animation, digital storytelling, poetry, theatre, and mixed media in a bilingual setting. Ages 5-12. June 5-Aug. 11. \$140-220. Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center, 600 River St., 512/974-3772. austintexas.gov/macedu

FANTASTIC MAGIC CAMP Creative youngsters will learn life skills and confidence through magic, juggling, and puppets at this fun and inclusive camp that's been working its magic since 1993. One and two week options available in the summer, as well as a weeklong spring break camp. Ages 5-12. May 30-Aug. 4; spring camp March 13-17. \$290-790. Two North Central Austin locations. magiccamp.com

THE ART GARAGE Art Garage has lovingly curated engaging, creative, and instructive camps for young artists. Kids will explore over 10 art mediums each week, make new friends, and create awesome artwork at this unique family-owned business that started in a garage in 2009. Ages 5-15. May 30-Aug. 11. \$239-359. Art Garage, 11190 Circle Dr., 512/852-9900. theartgarageaustin.com

ORPHEUS ACADEMY OF MUSIC Kids of all ages and abilities will experience the joy of music, build musicianship skills, and connect with others in fun, creative music activities led by experienced, degreed teachers. Students can impress their families and friends with everything they've learned at a performance at the end of the week. Ages 4-18. June 5-Aug. 11. \$385. 3918-C Far West Blvd.; 3109 Kenai Dr. #10, Cedar Park. orpheusacademy.com/summercamps

MBPT SUMMER MUSIC & RECORDING WORKSHOP FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS This unique weeklong workshop from Austin Community College, designed for high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors, will expose students to the field of music and sound production, allowing them to visit this unique world from a vocational point of view. They will learn what job opportunities are available and the responsibilities that go with them through hands-on learning, and work with high-quality recording equipment and technology. Ages 15-18. July 18-July 22. \$50; includes lunches and a T-shirt. ACC Highland, 6101 Highland Campus Dr, 512/223-4020. austincc.edu/mbpt

Theatre/Dance Camps

AUSTIN PLAYHOUSE At weeklong camps, kids will deep-dive into the creative spaces of their minds to create a collaborative production. Professional artists from Austin Playhouse will lead creation and training in different areas of the theatrical experience including playwriting, design, and performance. Ages 5-12. June 5-July 28. Austin Playhouse West Campus, 405 W. 22nd Street. austinplayhouse.com/camps

DANCERS WORKSHOP The woman-owned small business has had thousands of children dance through its doors since 1974, and its dance camps will instill the love of dance as students mature both mentally and physically. Weekly camps are themed and provide daily ballet, jazz, hip-hop, arts & crafts, and more, ending with a surprise visit from a character and a performance for family and friends. Ages 3-9 for camps; 2-18 for classes. June 5-Aug. 4th. \$260-390. 11150 Research Blvd., #205. dancersworkshopaustin.com

EXCUSED ABSENCE AT COLDTOWNE THEATER Young comedians of all experience levels will practice sketch comedy and improv at high-energy, creative, and supportive weeklong camps that emphasize finding the funny in what's already there through flexible thinking and saying yes to the unexpected. Since 2007, ExAb's experienced teaching artists have provided kids and teens with the chance to communicate, collaborate, and create as they build and share original characters and ideas. Each camp culminates in a showcase for friends and family. Ages 5-18. \$265-325. ColdTowne Theater, 1700 E. Second St. excusedabsence.com





GEORGETOWN PALACE THEATRE When school is out, the curtain goes up! Young actors will experience the rush of rehearsing and performing a fully produced show in just two weeks at camps led by performing arts professionals. Ages 5-18. June 5-Aug. 13. \$525. Georgetown Palace Theatre's Doug Smith Performance Center, 206 W. Second St., Georgetown. georgetownpalace.com/camps

KIDSACTING STUDIO Austin's favorite and longest-running theatre camp for kids offers themes from Matilda to the Addams Family to Star Wars, and more ... they've got it all. With multiple locations, there's bound to be one near your home or work. A special summer musical production of Newsies is offered as an intensive. Ages 4-19. May 29-Aug. 11. \$295-395; Newsies four-week camp, \$1445. 18 Austin-area locations. kidsactingstudio.com

SKY CAMP Does your kid want to run away and join the circus? Now they can, with Sky Candy's aerial arts camp where youngsters are invited to try silks, sling, trapeze, and more to gain strength, flexibility, coordination, and self-confidence. Each camp includes a pro photo shoot and showcase on Fridays. Ages 6-18. June 5-Aug. 11 (and March 13-17 for spring break). \$350-600. 1023 Springdale Bldg. 8-A. skycandyaustin.com

SUMMER CAMPS AT TEXARTS Over the course of each weeklong musical theatre camp, students will craft their own props, decorate their own simple set, and create costume accessories to use in their end-of-camp showing for family and friends. Previous experience is not required, and all levels are welcome! Ages 5-12. May 30-Aug. 11. \$275-375. 2300 Lohmans Spur #160, Lakeway Blvd. tex-arts.org

SYNERGY DANCE STUDIO Come dance, sing, paint, and party at preschool and school-age camps as well as dance intensives for the more experienced dancer. Themed summer dance camps are limited in size and are grouped by age and ability, and include themes like The Little Mermaid, Trolls, Harry Styles vs. Taylor Swift, TikTok, and tons more. Ages 3-18. May 22-Aug. 4. \$245-335. 3425 Bee Caves Rd. Ste. C-1. synergystudiocamp.com

INSTRUCTIONAL CAMPS

AUSTIN FILM FESTIVAL'S SUMMER FILM CAMP An exciting program centered around screenwriting, filmmaking, Claymation, and more, with virtual or in-person options. Young creatives learn everything they need to know to comfortably get behind the camera and turn their ideas into real movies, then see their films on the big screen (and walk the red carpet!) at the annual Summer Film Showcase. Ages 9-18. June 5-July 28. \$200-450. First Baptist Church of Austin, 901 Trinity St., 512/478-4795. austinfilmfestival.com

AUSTIN SCHOOL OF FILM Award-winning summer film camps empower young people with tools, education, and resources to bring their stories to life through the power of film, animation, and creative media. They lay the foundation for students to learn, connect, create, and cultivate new skills and tools for artistic expression. All levels welcome! Ages 8-18. May 29-Aug. 4. \$395-695. 2200 Tillery St. austinfilmfestival.com/2023-summer-camps

AUSTIN SPANISH ACADEMY SPANISH IMMERSION Austin Spanish Academy believes there is no better way to truly learn a language than to be immersed in an environment where that language is the natural way to communicate. Campers enjoy a summer full of fun and learning, with tons of games, cooking, outdoor activities, arts & crafts, and much more, being immersed in the Spanish language without needing a passport! Ages 5-12. June 12-July 21. \$355. Magellan International School, 7938 Great Northern Blvd. austinspanishacademy.co/camps



AUSTIN TINKERING SCHOOL Kids learn how to use real tools to build, design, create, craft, and innovate, starting with shop safety and tool training and proceeding through a fun-filled, action-packed week. Campers take on lively tinkering challenges, work on personal building projects, and collaborate on one "big build," along with other fun hands-on activities and learning experiences. Ages 5-14. May 30-July 28. \$300-\$385. Green Gate Farms, 8310 Canoga Ave. austintinkerschool.com

AUSTIN ZOO As the only area zoo accredited by the Zoological Association of America, the Austin Zoo is proud to offer kids a connection to the natural world with animal encounters, science activities, crafts, games, and zookeeper chats. Ages 6-11. June 5-Aug. 11. \$350-400. Austin Zoo, 10808 Rawhide Trl., 512/288-1490. austinzoo.org

BADGERDOG CREATIVE WRITING SUMMER CAMPS Fun and challenging writing workshops allow students to work closely with a professional writer as they explore the arts of poetry, fiction, nonfiction, and playwriting. All campers experience the joy of reading, writing, and sharing their original work during virtual or in-person camps lasting two to three weeks. Ages 7-18. June 5-July 28. \$400-550. Six locations in Austin and Round Rock. austinlibrary.org

BAKE AUSTIN Two-time "Best of Austin" winner Bake Austin offers virtual culinary camps to empower kids to learn valuable life skills in their own kitchens under the guidance of Chef Pascal, and your family gets to taste the delicious results. They've got camps focused on baking, ice cream, dinner clubs, and more, with new offerings including Unicorn Baking and Edible Fairy House Village. Ages 8-16. June 5-Aug. 4. \$45-250. Virtual.bakeaustin.com

CAMP CHEF KIDS At this culinary camp, kiddos choose from a variety of themes throughout the summer, making and then taking home their creations. Run from the home of Dianna Perez, who started Camp Chef Kids in 2006 at the Open Door Preschool. Ages 7-17. June 5-Aug. 4. \$425. 1005 Olive St. campchefkids.my.canva.site

CHINESE COOKING & ARTS CAMP Students learn to cook Chinese food in the mornings and practice arts such as calligraphy, watercolor, paper cutting, origami, and playing traditional music instruments in the afternoons. Students also get plenty of time in nature exploring the woods and finishing each day with a cool dip in the on-site creek. Ages 4-12. June 5-July 28. \$398. 6800 Spanish Oaks Club Blvd. westlakechineseacademy.org/camp

CLUB SCIKIDZ This STEM enrichment camp offers everything from veterinary medicine to robotics and virtual reality, covering all the major science disciplines with a heavy emphasis on technology and engineering. With multiple locations all across Austin, there's sure to be a spot open for your future scientist. Ages 4-15. June 12-Aug. 18. \$349-395. Multiple Austin-area locations. austin.clubscikidz.com

CREATOR CAMP Kids will be immersed in a world of creativity and technology, with the chance to make amazing films, animations, YouTube videos, Minecraft mods, Roblox games, AI machine learning models, and more! Students will learn hands-on from college-level instructors and create their very own projects in real time. Ages 6-13. June 12-Aug. 4. \$149-229. St. Gabriel's Catholic School, 2500 Wimberly Lane; Lakeway Activity Center, 105 Cross Creek, Lakeway. creatorcamp.org



ESCUELA LOS AMIGUITOS Join Los Amiguitos for fun nature and Spanish immersion camps over spring break and summer. Engaging activities are presented in a small group setting that emphasizes community and empowerment. Younger campers are mentored by older ones who'll develop leadership skills as they learn. Ages 3-13. Spring: March 13-24; summer: May 21-July 28. \$200-325/week. 3701 E. MLK BLVD. escuelaamiguitos.com/summer-camps

ESTEAM LEARNING LABS Kids get lots of hands-on, minds-on opportunities to learn about STEAM, with programs including Lego robotics, coding, engineering, technology, gaming, filmmaking, forensic science, and more. Ages 4-17. June 5-Aug. 4. \$225-845. Various Austin-area locations. esteamlearninglabs.com/camps

FILM CAMP WITH SQUISHY BANANA STUDIOS Campers can create an epic music video or an action/adventure or suspense/thriller movie completely from start to finish. Kids get the full filmmaking experience, from writing a script to acting, filming, and editing a new short film each week with small groups for maximum spotlight and creativity. Ages 5-14. June 5-July 31. \$345-375. 11800 Johnny Weismuller Ln. squishybananastudios.com

GAME WORLDS Kids learn the skills needed to make their very own video games from real-world game developers who guide kids through a crash course on how games are made and help students bring their vision to life through practical skills such as digital art, audio engineering, programming, design, testing, writing, and business presentation. Ages 8-18. June 5-Aug. 11. \$695/week. 7950 Anderson Lane, Square #109. gameworldscamp.com

GIRLSTART SUMMER CAMP With a balance of hands-on STEM activities, relevant technology, collaborative team-building, and informal camp fun, girls entering fourth through eighth grades will develop a strong conceptual understanding of STEM subjects and increased interest in STEM activities and careers. Ages 8-14. June 5-July 28. \$425. Girlstart STEM Center, 1400 W. Anderson Lane, 512/916-4775 ext. 2833. girlstart.org/our-programs/summer-camp

IDEA LAB KIDS This award-winning STEM camp offers a wide selection of high-energy day camps focusing on science, engineering, cooking, art, and technology. The gym space allows for fun games like gaga ball and micro soccer, and the tech lab is packed with computers, 3D printers, Lego robotics kits, and lots more. Idea Lab hopes to have a new location up and running this summer; stay tuned for details. They've also got ongoing afterschool programs and spring/winter break camps, and can host creative birthday parties. Ages 5-12. May 30-Aug. 11. \$445. 7938 Great Northern Blvd.; 120 W Oltorf St. austin.idealabkids.com

IKIDS CAMPS Kids get a fun, theme-based week full of engaging STEM, creative, and recreational activities including art, cooking, crafts, and academic and physical enrichment. Themes include ocean exploration, time travel, the Wild West, and more, offered at a choice of two locations. Early birds and full-time AISD employees can get a discount. Ages 5-10. June 12-July 27. \$385. Doss Elementary, 7005 Northledge; Zilker Elementary, 1900 Bluebonnet Lane. ikidsu.com

LIFE KI-DO KARATE CAMP Kids will stay active doing fun physical activities indoors over the hot Texas summer, with an obstacle course, martial arts drills and games, and more. Younger campers can attend Power Ninja camp and older kids attend Samurai camp. Ages 5-11. June 5-Aug. 4. \$175-199. Austin Westlake Dojo, 3636 Bee Caves Rd. #212. lifekido.com/karate-camp

KIDS WITH PENS Poetry, graphic novels, comedy, and other creative writing genres are explored with professional writers. Ages 8-15. June 5-July 31. \$275. Online or on-site in East Austin. kidswithpens.org

MAD SCIENCE Mad Science programs are designed with exciting, fun, and hands-on science activities so your child can become a junior scientist. There are 11 different weeklong themes available to choose from and locations all over the Austin area. Ages 5-12. June 5-Aug. 11; March 13-17 for spring break. \$176-380. Multiple locations across Central Texas. austin.madscience.org

NEURON GARAGE Neuron Garage is a summer building camp where kids have fun, make friends, and develop the tools for a growth mindset. Kids love getting hands-on repurposing their recycling to solve weekly engineering challenges while developing lifelong skills and making memories. Ages 5-12. June 5-Aug. 11. \$425; \$100/week for extended care. Four Austin-area locations: LeafSpring School, 11651 W. Parmer, Cedar Park; Magellan International School, 7938 Great Northern Blvd.; Trinity Episcopal School, 3901 Bee Caves Rd.; Headwaters Creek Campus, 9607 Brodie Lane. neurongarage.com

RIO VISTA FARM HORSE CAMP Campers learn the basics of English riding and horse care through hands-on experience, and responsibility is taught through the care and riding of "their" horse for the week. Arts & crafts, swimming, and games complement the lessons, and the week caps off with a horse show open to family and friends. Ages 7-16. May 29-Aug. 11. \$435-450. 1000 Fallwell Ln., Del Valle. riovistafarm.net

SDCT SUMMER DESIGN CAMPS Get ready for a summer of fun and creativity with the UT-Austin School of Design and Creative Technologies. These faculty-led courses will allow students from eighth grade through high school to get hands-on experience in a college classroom. From 3D animation to typography, participants will come away with new skills and assets that make great additions to any portfolio. Ages 14-18. June 5-23. \$800 and up. UT-Austin. designcreativetech.utexas.edu

SEAL TEAM CAMP Dive World Austin is looking for aspiring young scuba divers who are ready for action-packed fun. Kids will learn basic scuba skills and complete specialty AquaMissions such as wreck diving, navigation, buoyancy, and environmental awareness. No prior scuba experience is necessary, but kids should be comfortable in the water. Ages 8-11. May 30-Aug. 4. \$550-650. Dive World Austin, 12129 RR 620 N. #430. diveworldaustin.com

SNAPOLGY AUSTIN SUMMER CAMPS Snapology camps let kids engage in age-appropriate Lego-inspired engineering and robotics activities, gain social skills, and build creativity. Camps include supplemental creative building activities that tie in with a challenge or theme, and outdoor time for body movement. Ages 4-14. May 30-Aug. 4. \$225-425. Multiple Austin-area locations. austin.snapology.com



TEEN ADVANCED OPEN WATER & SPECIALTIES CAMP During this weeklong camp, teens work to achieve three certifications: Advanced Open Water, Peak Performance Buoyancy Specialty, and Nitrox Specialty. They'll spend two days at Dive World Austin for skill work in the pool and theory review in the classroom, then embark on at least six dives over three days at the lake. Ages 12-17. June 17-21. \$1,100. Dive World Austin, 12129 RR 620 N., Ste. #430. diveworldaustin.com

TEEN SCUBA CERTIFICATION CAMP Students enjoy a week of fun-filled activities as they work toward scuba certification. Instruction includes the basics of scuba diving using the PADI Open Water Diver course to achieve a certification that is valid for life. Students will also learn about conservation and becoming environmentally conscious divers. Ages 12-17. June 5-July 28. \$750. Dive World Austin, 12129 RR 620 N., Ste. #430. diveworldaustin.com

THINKERY CAMP Summers at Thinkery are all about sparking joyful learning in an adventurous, fun, and hands-on way. Camps are structured in a way that maximizes STEAM learning while letting kids be the leaders in their own summer adventures. Future creative problem solvers learn, play, and grow through collaborative games and activities and answering clever "What if?" questions like "What could we design to help keep the bats of Town Lake cozy while they sleep?" Ages 3-12. June 5-Aug. 4. \$385-425. Thinkery, Meredith Learning Lab, 1830 Simond Ave.; Pease Park, Tudor Cottage, 1100 Kingsbury Street. thinkeryaustin.org/camps

UT COMPUTER SCIENCE SUMMER ACADEMIES The UT-Austin Department of Computer Science offers a variety of very distinct summer academies for high school students, designed to intrigue students with the potential of computing and the excitement of problem-solving through unique hands-on experiences. Virtual camps are available. Ages 14-17. June 4-July 29. \$799-2500; some free options. UT-Austin, 2317 Speedway. cs.utexas.edu

UT RADIO-TELEVISION-FILM MEDIA CAMPS Are your kids curious about the process of filmmaking or writing a screenplay? Do they live for animation or love to laugh at funny movies? UT's faculty of advanced graduate students, professors, and media professionals can help develop those interests and teach your kids the skills to make the content they love, all while having fun with other creative kids. Ages 6-18. June 5-Aug. 11. \$325-1200. UT-Austin campus. rtf.utexas.edu/camps

YOUTH JEWELRY CAMP Kids will be empowered by getting in the mix with real jewelry and metalsmithing tools like torches, hammers, files, and more. With the guidance of a professional jeweler and educator, students will learn a new technique or try a new project each day. All projects are designed to be completed and worn out of the studio on the same day, and each day offers a different project. Join for one day, a few, or all! Ages 10-15. June 5-8. \$95/day. Golden Jewelry School, 321 W. Ben White Blvd., Ste. #204. bgoldenjewelryschool.com



SPORTS CAMPS

ALL-STAR SPORTS CAMP Trained coaches and mentors teach games like soccer, basketball, dodgeball, capture the flag, volleyball, wiffleball, board games, and other fun activities at two locations, with options for half or full days. The excitement never stops, as camp ends with a Friday Splash Day that sends exhausted kids home with lots of smiles. Since opening in 2010, All-Star Sports Camp has been one of the most popular sports camps in Central Texas. Ages 5-12. May 29-Aug. 18. \$45-350. SoccerZone Lakeline, 920 Old Mill Rd., Cedar Park; SoccerZone South Austin, 9501 Menchaca Road. allstarsportscamp.org

AUSTIN BOULDERING PROJECT SUMMER CAMP Youngsters get the opportunity to immerse themselves in bouldering fun, whether they're experienced climbers or brand new to bouldering. Kids will learn new aspects of climbing, connect with new friends, and gain confidence on the wall, plus enjoy crafts, yoga, games, and much more. Ages 5-12. May 29-Aug. 11. \$375-400; \$85 for extended care. ABP Westgate, 4477 S. Lamar Blvd., Ste. #600; ABP Springdale, 979 Springdale Road, Ste. #150. austinboulderingproject.com

IRON HORSE COUNTRY MOTOCROSS SUMMER CAMP It's the motorcycle summer camp for kids! This dirt bike camp caters to all riding levels, even beginners who have never even been on a motorcycle; they just have to know how to ride a bike. The focus is on teaching how to ride and having fun along the way, rather than racing. Honda dirt bikes, safety gear, and training on a genuine 100-acre Texas Hill Country ranch are included and shuttle service is provided from Cedar Park High School. Ages 8-13. June 5-July 28. \$1290-1980. 9100 E. FM 243, Bertram. ironhorsecountry.com

MAGIC BASKETBALL CAMP Camps for all skill levels will enhance the games of young players, who will learn shooting mechanics, offensive techniques, shot selection, ball-handling, and lots more. Ages 6-16. June 12-Aug. 3. Austin Sports Center, 1420 Toro Grande Blvd. Cedar Park; Round Rock Sports Center, 2400 Chisholm Trail Rd. Round Rock. magicbasketballclub.com

ROCK-ABOUT CLIMBING ADVENTURES Does your kid prefer summer activities that are somewhat on the rough and tough side? Consider this five-day rock-climbing program, where campers will learn to work as a team as they scamper up stony surfaces at the Greenbelt and Reimer's Ranch, with swimming and ice cream to cool down. Ages 9-18. June 5-Aug. 11. \$449. rock-about.com

SOCCER SHOTS Nationally recognized and multiple "Best of Austin" winner Soccer Shots offers a fun, engaging, and age-appropriate introduction to soccer. Half- and full-day camps consist of soccer-skill building, daily crafts, team-building activities, and more. Ages 3-8. May 30-Aug 17. \$150 and up. Five Austin-area locations. soccershots.com

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