Summer 2020 Resource Guide

# **Summer Camps (listed by cost lowest to highest)**

* **Summer Playgrounds Program**
  + **Dates and times:** M-F 9am-1pm, June 8 – July 31
    - All sites closed on Friday, July 3, 2020.
  + **Cost:** Free!
* **Program Overview**: (Ages 5– 12) Free drop-in program for children to participate in fun, supervised, outdoor activities during the summer months. All students required to wear closed toed shoes and bring a plastic water bottle.
  + **Register:** Registration is required onsite on your child's first day of attendance.
  + **Location:** multiple locations
  + **Contact:** 512-974-3922, [SummerPlaygroundsProgram@austintexas.gov](mailto:SummerPlaygroundsProgram@austintexas.gov)
    - <https://www.austintexas.gov/department/summer-playgrounds-program>
* **Sunshine Camps**
  + **Dates and times:** 8 weekly overnight sessions June 8th through Aug 8th
  + **Cost:** Free based on income/foster care involvement (all meals provided)
  + **Program Overview**: (ages 8-11; Spanish/English) Campers have the opportunity to swim in Barton Springs, canoe on Lady Bird Lake, hike on the Barton Creek Greenbelt, play a variety of sports, experience our high and low ropes course and much more.
  + **Register:** online; open now until full
  + **Location:** Zilker Park, Zilker Lodge
  + **Contact:** Sarah, 512.472.8107, [programs@sunshinecamps.org](mailto:programs@sunshinecamps.org)
    - **Se habla español**
    - <https://www.sunshinecamps.org/summer-camp/>
* **Camp Brave Heart**
  + **Dates and times:** mid-June and ending the first week of August
    - overnight optional
  + **Cost:** Free! (meals are provided at no extra charge)
    - **Transportation:** Camp Glimmer arranges for bus transportation with each attending organization
  + **Program Overview**: Camp Brave Heart is a free bereavement camp for children and teens (in 1st through 12th grade) who are grieving the death of someone they love. It is a traditional, fun, high-energy camp combined with grief education, peer bonding, and emotional support led by grief support professionals and trained volunteers.
  + **Register:** online until full
  + **Location:** John Knox Ranch
  + **Contact:** Maggie Cochran, 512-342-4784
    - **Se habla español**
    - <https://www.hospiceaustin.org/our-services/grief-support/camp-brave-heart/>
* **Camp Glimmer**
  + **Dates and times:** Wednesday, June 10 – Saturday, June 13
    - 4 day/3 night
  + **Cost:** Free! (meals are provided at no extra charge)
  + **Program Overview**: Through sports, arts and music, team building and leadership activities, we create a safe place that allows children to be themselves and learn in a supportive environment.
  + **Register:** participation through program partners
    - http://glimmeraustin.org/camp-glimmer-program-partners/
  + **Location:** Candlelight Ranch
  + **Contact:** (512) 328-9944, austin@glimmer.org
    - **Se habla español**
    - <http://glimmeraustin.org/camp-glimmer/>
* **Leap of Joy Summer Camps**
  + **Dates and times:** M-F 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM July 15, 2019 – July 19th
  + **Cost:** Free! Snacks and water will be provided. Campers must bring their own lunch except for “Pizza Friday.”
  + **Program Overview**: Our organization Leap of Joy, a 501(c)3 nonprofit since 2010 offers dance and theater arts after school and summer camp enrichment programs to at-risk youth in underserved schools in Austin, TX.
  + **Register:** call or email (until full)
  + **Location:** Multiple AISD schools
  + **Contact:** (512) 507-3310, info@leapofjoy.org
    - <https://www.leapofjoy.org/summer-camp/>
* **Urban University Summer Camp**
  + **Dates and times**: June 1st– July 10th, 10am-4pm
  + **Cost**: $30 per person
    - lunch & snack provided
    - ages 8-17
  + **Program Overview**: Health/Wellness; Leadership; STEM; Entrepreneurship; College/Career Readiness; Arts/Humanities
  + **Register**: online, call, or email application March 2nd-April 6th
  + **Location**: 7424 E. Highway 290. Austin, TX 78723
  + **Contact**: Karen Duffie, 512-428-4480 x200, [lhernandez@aayhf.org](mailto:lhernandez@aayhf.org)
    - <https://aayhf.org/urban-university/>
* **Beat Buckets Music Camp**
  + **Dates and times**: M-F 9am-12pm with after care options
    - Weekly session from June1st-July 30th
  + **Cost**: $146/week
    - Food **NOT** provided
  + **Program Overview**: (grades 1-6) Want to learn easy, fun drumming? In BEAT BUCKETS, campers will develop their inner rhythm by learning different beats and playing along with popular songs of different genres. As a bonus, students will learn the DJ scratch technique and some beat boxing. This camp will help your child to learn various instruments in the future especially all kinds of percussion. This is a great step in preparing for middle school band. Campers will be divided into levels based on grade. No supplies required for class.
  + **Register**: online until full
  + **Location**: multiple locations at various RRISD schools
  + **Contact**: <https://roundrockisd.ce.eleyo.com/course/70/summer-2020/music-dance-beat-buckets-gr-1-6-by-let-s-rock-music-school>
* **Chaparral Ice: Learn to Skate Class**
  + **Dates and times**: May 5-June 27, 2020
    - 8 classes
  + **Cost**: Regular Registration (closes 24 hrs prior to 1st class); $165 Late Registration (on first class day or later)
    - Food available for purchaseon site; free parking; near cap metro station
  + **Program Overview**: (all ages; beginners) One 30-min. class lesson per week (25 min. instruction); 5 free public session admission passes and unlimited $5 public session admissions; Free skate rental for classes; Annual Learn to Skate USA membership including skills booklet, testing, level badges, accident insurance, and more.
  + **Register**: online or in person until full
  + **Location**: 2525 W Anderson Ln, Austin, TX 78757
  + **Contact**: KATHY GOEKE, 512-252-8500, ext. 125, Kathy@Chaparralice.com
    - <https://www.chaparralice.com/>
* **Zach Theatre Summer Camps**
  + **Dates and times:** M-F7:30am-6pm
    - Extended Care available from 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. for all full day camps
    - weekly beginning June 1st and ending Aug 12th
  + **Cost:** $200-305/week with scholarship options
    - http://zachtheatre.org/education/performing-arts-school/scholarships/
  + **Program Overview**: (ages 3.5 through 12th grade) Students will bring stories to life while learning simple acting skills, playing focused acting games, and developing stage presence. Recreating the story through their own unique talents and styles, students will use their newfound techniques and skills to explore tales together.
  + **Register:** online from March 1st until full
  + **Location:** 1510 Toomey Road & 14010 US183 Suite 540
  + **Contact:** Shannon Fox, 512-476-0594 x 236, sfox@zachtheatre.org
    - <http://zachtheatre.org/education/performing-arts-school/camps/>
* **Switch Willo Stable Summer Camps**
  + **Dates and times:** Mon. – 8:30am – 4:00pm, Tue.-Fri. – 9:00am – 4:00pm
    - Options for morning/afternoon care (8 am-5 pm)
    - 12 weekly sessions; May 25th-August 10th
  + **Cost:** $410 for 12 weeks
    - Equipment and meals **NOT** provided
  + **Program Overview**: Ages 6 - 13 years old; (No Experience to Intermediate Riders) Each group concludes with a horse show and ribbon ceremony on Friday. Our adorable ponies and horses would love for your child to come and join Team Switch Willo to learn horseback riding and horse care; barn and animal safety; cool off with swimming and enjoy themed arts and crafts.
  + **Register:** online or mail in; open now until full
  + **Location:** 4829 SWITCH WILLO, AUSTIN, TX 78727
  + **Contact:** Guen Holden, 512-920-0554, CAMP@SWITCHWILLO.COM
    - <https://switchwillostable.com/camp>
* **Camp Riverbend**
  + **Dates and times:** 2 session; 2 months
    - Session 1: June 16-July 2 - Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays
    - Session 2: July 13-23 - Monday through Thursday; 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m
  + **Cost:** $510 for both; $255 for one
  + **Program Overview**: Teachers will provide creative age-appropriate activities in a loving, Christian environment for ages 12 months (by June 1, 2020) through 8 years (children currently attending 2nd grade. Activities will include indoor center play, outdoor play and recreation, story time, creative movement and music, which will include simple tumbling, imaginative play, obstacle courses, non-competitive games, songs, body movement and an introduction to rhythm instruments. Special activities will be planned for the children including splash days, petting zoo, picnics, special guests and a pizza & popsicle party at the end of each session.
  + **Register:** online until full
  + **Location:** 4214 N CAPITAL OF TEXAS HWY, AUSTIN, TX, 78746
  + **Contact:** 512 327-4067, RBCSCHOOLATX@GMAIL.COM
    - <http://www.rbcschool.com/summercamp>
* **My Time Kids Academy Summer Camps**
  + **Dates and times:** M-F 8am-5:30pm June 1st-August 14th
    - 11 weeks with half and full day as well as 2,3, or 5-day options
  + **Cost:** $515 **-**$1525 for all 11 weeks or $310/week per camper
    - 10% sibling discount
  + **Program Overview**: Weekly themes, special guests and events each week along with
  + Splash Days, Animal Visitors, Princess, Pirates, and Superhero visits, Glow in the Dark Parties, Bounce Houses and so much more! Bring a nut-free snack, lunch, and sport bottle.
  + **Register:** online until full
  + **Location:** 3698 Ranch Rd 620 South, Suite 103 Bee Cave, TX 78738
  + **Contact:** 512-291-7730, [info@mytimekids.com](mailto:info@mytimekids.com) 
    - <https://www.mytimekids.com/summer-camps>

# **Ongoing/Drop-In Events (listed by cost lowest to highest)**

* **Victory Tutoring Program**
  + **Dates and times**: Monday-Thursday (late afternoon/early evening)
  + **Cost**: Free!
    - Grades 1st-12th
    - Length: 1 hour
  + **Program Overview**: Designated branches of the Austin Public Library are opening their doors to 1st-12th graders for tutoring services.
  + **Location**: 78702, 78741, 78723, 78758, 78744, 78704
  + **Contact**: Corrina Noriega, 512-797-3098, [corrina.noriega@austintexas.gov](mailto:corrina.noriega@austintexas.gov)
    - https://www.austinisd.org/victory
* **Annual Student Art Exhibit**
  + **Dates and times:** Thursday April 23rd - Sunday September 27th Tuesday-Sunday 12:00 - 5:00 pm
  + **Cost**: Free!
  + **Program Overview**: Sarofim School of Fine Arts’ Studio Art and Art History Department is pleased to present the Annual Student Art Exhibit featuring various student works.
    - Closed for Holidays
  + **Location**: Southwestern University’s Alma Thomas Fine Arts Center, Sarofim Fine Arts Gallery. E. Rutersville Rd, Georgetown, TX 78626
  + **Contact**:
    - http://family.do512.com/events/2020/4/23/annual-student-art-exhibit-tickets
* **Book People Storytime**
  + **Dates and times:** Every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday beginning at 10:30 am
  + **Cost**: Free!
  + **Program Overview**: BookPeople holds story times and other kid-friendly events!
    - View Calendar: https://www.bookpeople.com/event/2020-03
  + **Location**: 603 N. Lamar Blvd Austin, TX 78703
  + **Contact**: 512-472-5050
    - https://www.bookpeople.com/category/event-types/storytimes
* **Apple Store Workshops**
  + **Dates and times:** Daily 6pm to 7:30 pm May Thru August
  + **Cost:** Free!
  + **Program Overview**: Age 8-12. kids will learn to make movies, shoot videos, and create an original soundtrack. Explore and create new techniques on Apple equipment!
  + **Register:** call or email (until full)
  + **Location:** Apple @ The Domain & Barton Creek Square.
  + **Contact:** <https://www.apple.com/retail/learn/youth>
* **Microsoft Store Workshops**
  + **Dates and times:** Daily 6pm to 7:30 pm May Thru August
  + **Cost:** Free!
  + **Program Overview**: Age 8-12. kids will learn to make movies, shoot videos, and create an original soundtrack. Explore and create new techniques on Microsoft equipment!
  + **Register:** call or email (until full)
  + **Location:** Microsoft @ The Domain
  + **Contact:** https://www.microsoftstore.com/education
* **Dinosaur Adventure Park**
  + **Dates and times:** Daily 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
  + **Cost:** $9/adults $8/kids
    - Free parking
    - Bring food
  + **Overview:** The Dinosaur Park features a unique outdoor museum setting. As you walk through a tree-lined nature trail the dinosaurs sit back from the trail, situated among plants, trees and rocks, making it easy to imagine real dinosaurs in a natural environment. Other activities include a fossil-dig, playground, picnic area and a wonderful Dinosaur Store stocked with a variety of gifts sure to please any dinosaur fan!
  + **Location:** 893 Union Chapel Road, Cedar Creek, Texas 78612
  + **Contact:** 512-321-6262, Info@TheDinoPark.com
    - <https://www.thedinopark.com/>
* **Drop-In WorkLAB Studio Blanton Museum of Art**
  + **Dates and times**: Wednesdays June-July (10:00 am – 2:00 pm)
  + **Cost**: $12/adults; Free for 12 years old & younger
    - Parking: onsite parking comped by museum
  + **Program Overview**: After exploring the galleries with your kiddos, come across the plaza to the WorkLAB Studio to create art in response to specific works on view, discovering more about the themes and materials that the artists used. Each week will feature a new work of art!
  + **Location**: 200 E Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Austin, TX 78712
  + **Contact**: 512-471-5482, [familyprograms@blantonmuseum.org](mailto:familyprograms@blantonmuseum.org)
    - https://blantonmuseum.org/university-programs/family-programs/
* **Bullock Museum**
  + **Dates and times**: Monday-Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. & Sunday 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.
  + **Cost**: $13/adults; $9/youth (regular admission)
  + **Program Overview**: Visit the Bullock Museum for community days, cool summer nights, free first Sundays, science Thursdays and weekly workshops.
    - Some programs include snacks (refer to website)
    - Free parking
  + **Donate**: https://www.thestoryoftexas.com/get-involved/make-a-gift
  + **Location**: 1800 Congress Ave, Austin, TX 78701
  + **Contact**: [ContactUs@TheStoryofTexas.com](mailto:ContactUs@TheStoryofTexas.com)
    - <https://www.thestoryoftexas.com/>
* **The Little Gym**
  + **Dates and times**: Monday - Friday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
  + **Cost**: $30/Session
  + **Program Overview**: Your child will spend three adventure-filled hours a day on a unique, exciting quest with their friends. Each week revolves around an interactive learning theme with different, creative lesson plans that will keep your child engaged. Thrill seekers wanted! Your child will take their gymnastics skills to the next level through a special three-hour program, focusing on specific beginner, intermediate or advanced moves. By the end of the summer they’ll stick the landing when they handspring back to school.
    - Registration: Online (until full)
    - Length: 3 hour sessions
    - Ages: 3-12 years old
  + **Location**: 14010 N, US-183 Suite 445, Austin, TX 78717
  + **Contact**: (512) 918-9876
    - https://www.thelittlegym.com/AustinatLakelineTX/parties-camps/camps#schedules

# **One-time Events**

* **Brentwood Social House**
  + **Date and time:** Every first Saturday of the month. 10am-12pm
  + **Cost:** Free!
  + **Overview:** Sing-a-longs, puppets, arts and crafts, ukuleles and more! (food sold onsite)
  + **Location:** 1601 WEST KOENIG LANE, AUSTIN, TEXAS 78756
  + **Contact:** (512) 362-8656, [info@brentwoodsocial.com](mailto:info@brentwoodsocial.com)
    - <https://www.brentwoodsocial.com/events>
* **Austin Nature and Science Center**
* **Date and time:** Monday-Saturday 9am-5pm
* **Cost:** Free!
* **Overview:** Indoor and outdoor exhibits and provides environmental science education programs to schools and the community.
* **Location:** 2389 Stratford Drive, Austin, TX, 78746
* **Contact**: (512)974-3888
* <http://austintexas.gov/page/plan-visit>
* **South Congress Bridge Bats**
* **Date and time:** Everyday bats come out at sunset
* **Cost:** Free!
* **Overview:** Austin is home to the largest bat colony in North America. Children will love learning about the natural world by watching the bats fly out from under the South Congress Bridge. From March to November, nearly 1.5 million Mexican free-tailed bats live under this Austin bridge. They take flight at night to feast on bugs, therefore dusk is the best time to see droves of them in the sky.
* **Location:** Congress Ave, Austin, TX, 78704
* **Reimers Ranch**
* **Date and time:** Everyday 7am-twilight
* **Cost:** $5 adults, Kids free!
* **Overview:** Nature walks; Reimers Observatory; Mountain bike trails
* **Location:** 23610 Hamilton Road, Dripping Springs, TX, 78620
* **Contact:** (512)264-1923
* <https://parks.traviscountytx.gov/parks/reimers-ranch>
* **Texas Parks and Wildlife**
* **Date and time**: May 23rd. 9-12pm
* **Cost**: $6 adults. Kids free!
* **Overview:** Youth and adults can learn the basics of fishing. Equipment and bait provided. No fishing license necessary.
* **Location**: McKinney Falls Park
* **Contact:** (512) 243-1643
* [mckinneyfallssp@tpwd.texas.gov](mailto:mckinneyfallssp@tpwd.texas.gov)
* **Austin Zoo**
* **Date and time:** Monday-Friday 9:30- 5:00pm. Saturday-Sunday 9:30-6:00pm
* **Cost:** $11.95 adults. $8.95 kids
* **Overview:** The mission of Austin Zoo is to assist animals in need through rescue, rehabilitation and education. Visitors can come to learn about animals’ close-up spend some time outdoors, getting exercise, and have fun
* **Location:** 10808 Rawhide Trail, Austin, TX, 78736
* **Contact:** (512)288-1490
* Austinzoo.org