# SUMMER (MPS

Greater Austin & San Antonio







#### 1. What's the camp's philosophy?

Is it one you're comfortable with as a parent? Is it a good match for your child's temperament? Is competition or cooperation emphasized? If it's a camp run by a religious organization, what religious observances or practices are part of the program?

#### 2. How does the camp recruit, screen and train its staff?

Do counselors have criminal background checks? First aid training?

#### 3. What about return rates?

How many counselors are returning this year? The ACA says at most camps, 40-60 percent of the staff returns. If the number you're given is lower, ask why. How many campers return? Fifty percent is good, and more is better.

#### 4. What's the ratio of counselors to campers?

ACA guidelines for overnight camps call for a 1:6 ratio for ages 7 and 8, 1:8 for ages 9-14; and 1:10 for ages 15-18. Day camp guidelines call for 1:8 for children ages 6-8; 1:10 for children ages 9-14; and 1:12 for ages 15-18.

#### 5. How old are the counselors?

The ACA recommends that 80 percent of the staff be 18 or older and that all staffers be at least 16 and a minimum of two years older than the campers they supervise.

## 6. What medical staff work at the camp and what backup facilities are nearby?

While most states have regulations for camps, there is no federal oversight of camps' health and safety. The ACA recommends that an overnight camp have a licensed physician or registered nurse on the site every day, and that day camps should have direct phone access. If your child takes medication, has food allergies or a chronic medical condition, be sure you are comfortable that the camp will be able to handle your child's needs.

## 7. What is the camp's approach to discipline and how does the camp handle conflicts between campers?

Find out what the camp's rules are and what breaches would result in a camper being sent home. You should be comfortable that the camp's practices are in line with your parenting practices.

#### 8. What does a typical daily schedule look like?

This will help you decide if your child will be happy with the level of physical activity or the amount of time devoted to arts and crafts. Ask how much freedom a child has to choose activities

#### 9. Will the camp be transporting the children?

What vehicles are used and how often are they inspected? Who drives them and what training do drivers have?

#### 10. Ask for references.

Finally and most important, get the names of parents with children the same age who have attended the camp.

Source: ACA - American Camp Association www.acacamps.or





# adventure / Recreation / Sports

**Aquatic Sciences Adventure Camp** Ages 9-15 512/245-2329

**Austin Nature & Science Center** Ages 3-17

512/327-8181

**Austin Rock Gym** Ages 6 & up 512/416-9299

**Brandy Perryman Basketball Camp** Ages 7-17

512/799-8891

**Camp Arrowhead** Ages 6-17 Girls

830/238-3793

**Camp Balcones Springs** Ages 7-17 830/693-2267

Ages 4-15 Camp Buckner

512/756-7540 **Camp Champions** Ages 7-17

830/598-2571

Ages 7-17 Camp Covote

800-677-CAMP

Camp Doublecreek Ages 4-14 512/255-3661

Camp La Junta Ages 6-14 Boys

830/238-4621

Camp Olympia Ages 7-16

800/735-6190

**Camp Peniel** Ages 9-18

800/848-1731

Camp Rio Vista

800/545-3233

**Camp Sierra Vista** Ages 6-16 Girls

800/545-3233 **Camp Stewart** 

830/238-4670

**Chaparral Ice Summer Camp** 

512/252-8500

Concordia Summer Baseball Camps

**Contact Football Camps** 

800/433-6060

**Crowne's Nest Farm** 

512/272-4418

830/589-7739

512/417-6127

**GSI Scuba Day Camp** 

512/288-1622

**Heart o' the Hills Camp** 

800/724-7325

**Hunters Chase Farms** 

830/895-5731

Kings Bridge Farm

512/819-0183

Love to Swim

210/492-2606

512/217-1587

**Pine Cove Summer Camps** 

Ages 6-16 Boys

Ages 6-16 Boys

Ages 5-14

512/486-1160

**Echo Hill Ranch** 

**EPIC Adventures** 

512/842-2246

Kickapoo Kamp

Middle School Summer Flag Football

512/918-3524

**Outdoor Texas Camp** 

800/474-6326

**Rocky River Ranch** 

800/863-2267

**Round Rock Express Baseball Camp** 

512/238-2205

**Rowing Dock** 

512/459-0999

**San Antonio Factory Champions** 

210/832-9429

San Antonio Zoo Adventures

210/734-7184

Father/Son

Ages 8-18

Ages 5-11

Ages 6-14

Ages 6-14

Ages 12 & Up

Ages 6-16 girls

Ages 5 & Up

Ages 7-17 girls

Ages 7-14

Ages 3 to Adult

Ages 5th-9th Grades

Ages 9-17

Ages 10-16

Ages 7-14 Girls

Ages 6-14

K-12th Grade

K-8th Grades

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Adventure / Recreation / Sports continued...

Scubaland SCUBA Camp Ages 12-18 512/891-6054 www.scubaland.com

Sea CampAges 10-18409/740-4525www.tamug.edu/seacamp

Seaworld Adventure Camp Ages 3-18 800/700-7786 www.swbgadventurecamps.com

Seguin Outdoor Learning CenterAges 5-18830/379-7652www.seguinolc.orgTennis for KidsAges 4-14

512/442-3440 www.tennisforkids.net
UT Rowing Camp Ages 13-18
512/232-2499 www.texassports.com
UT Volleyball Camp Ages 10-18 Girls

512/232-2499www.texasvolleyball.comUT Soccer CampAges 5-18512/471-3624www.texassoccer.com

UT Soccer/Lacrosse/Ultimate Disc Ages 5-17
512/471-3116 www.utrecsports.org/youthcamps

YMCA Camp Flaming Arrow Ages 6-16
800/765-9622 www.ymcacampflamingarrow.org

YMCA of Greater San Antonio
Ages 6-16
800/765-9622
www.ymcasatx.org

YMCA Sports Camps Ages 4-15 512/236-9622 www.austinymca.org

Arts / Music / Crafts

Artworks Summer Camps Ages 4-12 210/826-2787 www.artworksartstudio.com

Austin Lyric Opera Ages 5-18 512/474-2331 www.austinlyricopera.org

Austin School of Music Rock & Jazz Ages 5-19 512/476-7666 www.rockcampusa.com

Café Monet Ages 6 & Up
512/892-3200 www.cafemonet.org/camp.html
Capital Music Center Ages 5-18
512/458-1933 www.capmusic.com

Clay Ways Ages 16 & Up 512/459-6445 www.clayways.com/kidscamp.html

Arts / Music / Crafts continued....

Dougherty Arts School

512/454-9912

512/397-1458 www.austintexas.gov
Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center Camps Ages 7-17
210/271-3151 www.guadalupeculturalarts.org
Kids Sewing Camp Ages 5-10

Ages 3.5-12

512/459-3961 www.nwsewingcenter.com
Orpheus Academy of Music Ages 5 & Up

512/231-8999 www.orpheusacademy.com
SA Children Museum Camps & Classes Ages 3 & up

210/212-4453 www.sakids.org

Southwest School of Art Ages 3 & up
210/224-1848 www.swschool.org

Texas State Band Camps
512/245-3399

Middle - High School
www.txstate.edu/bobcatband/band camps.html

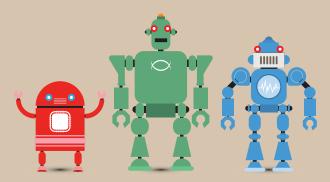
UTSA Band Camp 6th-9th Grades 210/458-5685 http://music.utsa.edu/band/camp/home.html

VSA Arts of Texas Ages 8-22

The Art Pad Ages 6-16 512/323-0802 www.artpadstudio.com

UT Longhorn Music Camp Ages 6th-12th Grade 512/232-2080 www.longhornmusiccamp.org





**Austin Children's Museum** Ages 4-10 512/472-2499 www.austinkids.org **Austin International School** Ages 3-12 512/331-7806 www.austininternationalschool.org Ages 6-14 Bits, Bytes & Bots 512/415-4120 www.bitsbytesbots.com

**Camp Invention** 1st-6th Grade 800/968-4332 www.campinvention.org **Challenger Learning Center Camp** Ages 5-16

210/531-9767 www.swschool.org **Cybercamps** Ages 7-18 888/904-2267 www.cybercamps.com

K-4th Grade **Demos Tutorials** 512/276-1980 www.dempstutorials.com

**Digital Media Academy** Ages 7-17 www.digitalmediaacademy.org 866/656-3342

**Girl Start Camp** 4th-8th Gr. Girls 512/916-4775 www.girlstartcamp.org

**Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center Camps** Ages 7-17 210/271-3151 www.guadalupeculturalarts.org

**ID Tech Computer Camp** Ages 7-17 888/709-8984 www.internaldrive.com/texas

**Mad Science Austin** Ages 6-12 512/892-1143 www.madscienceaustin.com

**Mad Science San Antonio** Ages 5-12 210/651-1143 www.clcsa.org **My Time Kids** Ages 3-9 www.mytimekids.com 512/925-5915

**Odyssey School Summer Camp** 4th-9th Grade 512/472-2262 www.odysseyschool.com

Wild Basin Wilderness All Ages 512/327-7622 www.wildbasin.org

# **Austin Dance Arts**

Ages 3-9 512/442-2300 www.austindancearts.com Alisa's Dance Academy Ages 2 & Up

512/327-2150 www.alisasdanceacademy.com

**Capital Gymnastics Summer Camp** Ages 3-11 512/251-2439 www.capgym.com

**Cynergy Dance Camp** Ages 3-adult 210/363-3363 www.cynergydance.com

**Dance International** Ages 8-18 512/323-2623 www.dance-international.net

**Dancers Workshop** Ages 3 & Up 512/349-7197 www.dancersworkshopaustin.com

**Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center Camps** Ages 7-17 210/271-3151 www.guadalupeculturalarts.org

**HUGS Gymnastics** Ages 5 & Up 210/695-1008 www.hugsgym.com

My Time Kids Ages 3-9 www.mytimekids.com 512/925-5915

**National Elite Gymnastics** Ages 3-12 512/288-9722 www.neg-usa.com

Slavin Nadal School of Ballet Ages 7-11 www.slavinnadalballet.com 512/371-1213

Star Center Gymnastics Camp Ages 5-15 512/775-8414 www.austinstarcenter.com

Star Center Cheer Camp & Star Center Dance Camp Ages 5-15 512/775-8414 www.austinstarcenter.com

**Tapestry Dance** Ages 9-12 512/474-9846

www.tapestry.org Ages 3 & Up The Little Gym

512/918-9876 www.thelittlegym.com

**United Gymnastics Academy** Ages 3 & Up 210/764-7482 www.unitedgymnasticsacademy.net taith Camps

**Barshop Jewish Community Center Camps** 210/302-6820

Camp Young Judaea 713/723-8354

Pine Cove Christian Camps 877/4PineCove

Slumber Falls Camp 830/625-2212

Summer at the Hall 210/483-9124

T Bar M Camps - Centered Adventure 830/620-4263

Central Market Cooking Camp

512/458-3068

Hearts and Paws Club Pup Kids Camp

512/585-0733

**Kent Cummins Magic Camp** 

512/288-1596

My Time Kids

512/925-5915

The Party Image Camp Confidence

512/218-9390

Young Chef's Academy

512/227-5999

Grades K-12 www.jccsanantonio.org

Ages 8-15

www.campyoungjudaea.com

Grades 1-12

www.pinecove.com

Ages 6-18

www.slumberfalls.com

Ages 3-adult

www.smhall.org/summer

Grades K-12

www.tbarmcamps.org

Ages 5 & Up www.centralmarket.com 6 Months (Dog) www.heartsandpaws.com Ages 6-12 www.magiccamp.com Ages 3-9 www.mytimekids.com Girls 17 & Under

www.thepartyimage.com Ages 4 & Up

www.youngchefsacademy.com

Horseback Riding

**Austin Tri-Star** 512/244-6117 **Bear Creek Stables** 512/282-0250 **Cornerstone Farm** 512/914-8407

512/243-3500

Golden Vista Equestrian Center

Ages 6-14 www.austintristar.com Ages 7-16 www.bearcreekstables.com Ages 6 & Up www.cornerstonefarmaustin.com

www.goldenvistaeguestriancenter.com

Ages 7-18

Horseback Riding continued....

**Hunters Chase Farms** 512/842-2246

**Lonehollow Camp** 830/966-3300

Manor Equestrian Center

512/272-4663

Rancho Cortez

830/796-9339

**Rio Vista Farm Summer Camp** 

512/247-2303

**Rocky River Ranch** 

512/847-2513

Sugar & Spice Ranch Camp

781/937-4988

**Switch Willow Stables** 

512/997-7779

Turkey Creek Stables

210/494-3080

Ages 6 & Up www.hunterschasefarms.com Ages 7-14

www.lonehollow.com

Ages 8-15 www.manorequestrian.com

Ages 8-16 www.ranchocortez.com

> Ages 7-16 www.riovistafarm.net

Ages 7-16 Girls www.rrrcamp.com Mother/Daughter

www.texashorsecamps.com

Ages 6-16

www.switchwillow.com Basic to Advanced

www.turkeycreekstablessa.com

# Theatre arts / actino

**Acting Up Creative Drama Academy** 210/508-5894

Austin School of Film

512/236-8877

**Boerne Community Theatre Camp** 

830/249-9166

**Georgetown Palace Theatre** 

512/868-3643

**Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center Camps** 

210/271-3151

**Kids Acting Studio** 

512/836-5437

Kids Make TV Camp 512/478-8600 x10

Ages 4-17 www.actingupcda.com Ages 10-19

www.austinschooloffilm.org

Ages 8-14 www.boernetheatre.org

Ages 5-17

www.thegeorgetownpalace.org Ages 7-17

www.guadalupeculturalarts.org Ages 4-18

www.kidsactingstudio.com

Ages 10-18

www.kidsmaketvcamp.com





Theatre Arts / Acting continued....

Magik Theatre Camp 210/227-2751

RTF Filmmaking Camps (UT Austin) 512/471-4071

Salvage Vanguard Theater 512/474-7886

Stunt Ranch 512/796-4723

Theatre Arts Workshop 512/386-8292

UT/US Performing Arts Theatre 888/497-3553

Zachary Scott Theatre Camp 512/476-0594 x236

## Martial Arts

AIKIDO Camp 512/703-8942

Austin Martial Arts 512/327-2900

Kuk Sool Won of Oak Hill 512/899-8710

Mongoose Karate 210/736-3656

Shaolin Do Kung Fu 512/218-8081



Ages 5-17 www.magiktheatre.org

7th-12th Grade http://rtf.utexas.edu/camps

Ages 6-16 www.salvagevanguard.org

Ages 8 & Up www.stuntranch.com

Ages 6-16 www.secondyouth.com

9th-12th Grade www.usperformingarts.com

Ages 7-15 www.zachscott.com

Ages 6-12 www.stillpointaikido.com

Ages 2 & Up

www.austinmartialarts.com

Ages 3+up www.kswoakhill.com

Ages 3 & Up www.mongoosekarate.com

Ages Varies www.texaskungfu.com

Variety Camps

ACC Continuing Ed. Summer Youth 512/223-7030

Austin Waldorf 512/288-5942

Camp on The Move 512/266-9930

Club Z 512/219-0700

Dr. John's Sports Center 512/259-7545

Extend-a-Care Summer Day Camp 512/472-9402

Future Leaders & Inventors Adventure 512/459-0258

Game Camp - Search engine 888/663-9633

Spicewood Country Day Camp 512/346-2992

Tutor Time Adventure Camp 512/335-6553

West Austin Athletic Club 512/263-4282

Wet & Wild Adventure Camp 512/983-6100



Ages 3 & Up www.austinwaldorf.org

Ages 7-14 www.camponthemove.com

Ages 5-12 www.zsclubhouse.com

K-6th Grade www.drjohnssportscenter.com

Ages 5-12 www.eackids.org

Ages 1.5-17 www.steppingstoneschool.com

Ages Vary www.gamecamp.com

Ages 3.5-10 Ages 3.5-10

K-5th Grade

Ages 3 & Up www.wflv.com

Ages 8-15 www.wetwildcamp.com

# Special Needs Camps

Houston Area

Ages 7+ 281/259-5789

Camp Blessing Texas welcomes persons 7-years and older with a primary diagnosis of a physical or mental disability. Camp Blessing Texas also invites all siblings, ages 7-13, of our campers to be a camper themselves. Older siblings (age 14+) have the opportunity to volunteer at camp.

www.campblessing.org

Camp C.a.M.P. Center Point, Texas

Ages 5-45 210/671-5411

Camp C.A.M.P. provides a wide range of recreational, rehabilitative, educational, and respite services for children with developmental disabilities and their families. Located near San Antonio.

www.CampCAMP.org

Camp Periwinkle Brenham, TX

Ages 7-15 713/807-0191

Camp Periwinkle is a week-long summer camp filled with joy for children with cancer and blood disorders and their siblings from Texas Children's Cancer Center.

http://periwinklefoundation.org/events/camp-periwinkle

Camp Summit

Dallas, Texas

Ages 6 - Adult 972/484-8900

Camp Summit is for children with developmentally delays (Down syndrome. Autism, mental retardation, etc.); physically challenges (Cerebral Palsy, Spina Bifida, paralysis, etc.); are deaf, blind, multi-handicapped; or have multiple disabilities ranging from mild to severe.

www.CampSummitTX.org

Ages 8-21 979/289-3752

Camp Summit is for young people with physical disabilities such as spinal cord injury, spina bifida, lower extremity amputations, and other spinal disorders are invited to attend Camp Xtreme.

www.campxtreme.com

# Charis Hills Sunset, Texas

Ages 7-18 888/681-2173

Charis Hills is a Christian Summer Camp for kids with learning differences and social difficulties such as ADD, ADHD, High-Functioning Autism, Asperger's disorder, and other special needs.

www.CharisHills.org

## Down Home Ranch

Ages 13+

Elgin, Texas

888/926-2253

Down Home Ranch campers are 13 or older, have mild to moderate intellectual disabilities and are physically and emotionally healthy. They are capable of basic self-care but sometimes need a helping hand.

www.downhomeranch.org/prgsummercamp.shtml

#### Peaceable Kingdom Retreat for Children Ages 3-22 Killeen, Texas

The Summer Camp Program encourages children with chronic illness to participate in one of twelve week-long, diagnosis-specific camps by arrangement with their hospital or professional organization.

www.PeaceableKingdomRetreat.com

Ages 3-12

Spark Learning - Austin, Texas 512/900-1425 Spark Summer Camp welcomes children with autism, Asperger's, PDD, ADHD, and their siblings or friends. Our camp will use age appropriate play activities and community based learning to help develop your child's communication, social, academic, self-help, and play skills.

www.spark-learning.com

## Texas Elle Camp

Ages 7-15

Gonzales, Texas

830/875-2425

Texas Elk Camp is for children with orthopedic impairments, learning disabilities, mental retardation, auditory impairments, visual impairments Located between San Antonio and Houston.

www.TexasElksCamp.org

Ages 7-16

Kerrville, Texas

830/896-8500

Texas Lions Camp is a residential camping facility for children with physical disabilities, type I diabetes and cancer. The Camp is located on over 500 acres in the beautiful Texas Hill Country, and is designed to introduce the "Can Do" philosophy to children dealing with special medical conditions.

www.LionsCamp.com



**Austin Children's Museum** 

- Austin

201 Colorado Street 512/472-2499

www.austinkids.org

#### **Austin Zoo**

- Austin

10807 Rawhide Trail 512/288-1490

www.austinzoo.org

#### **Barton Springs Swimming Pool**

- Austin

Zilker Park, off Barton Springs Rd 512/867-3080

www.texasoutside.com/bartonpool.htm

www.ripleys.com/phillips

#### **Great Wolf Lodge - Indoor Waterpark**

- Grapevine (DFW)

100 Great Wolf Drive, Grapevine

800/693-9653 www.greatwolf.com/grapevine

### **Guinness Book of Records Museum, Ripley's Haunted Adventure**

- San Antonio 329 Alamo Plaza 210/226-2828

and Tomb Rider 3D

#### **NASA Space Center Houston**

- Houston

1601 NASA Parkway

210/651-6101

www.spacecenter.org

#### **Natural Bridge Caverns**

- New Braunfels

26495 Natural Bridge Caverns Rd

www.naturalbridgecaverns.com 210/651-6101

#### Natural Bridge Wildlife Ranch

- New Braunfels

26495 Natural Bridge Caverns Rd

830/438-7400 www.wildliferanchtexas.com

#### Ripley's Believe it or not! & Plaza Wax Museum

- San Antonio

301 Alamo Plaza

210/224-9299 www.plazawaxmuseum.com

#### **Round Rock Express Baseball**

- Round Rock

3400 East Palm Valley Blvd.

www.roundrockexpress.com 512/255-2255

#### San Antonio Children's Museum

- San Antonio

305 East Houston Street

210/212-4453 www.sakids.org

#### San Antonio Missions Baseball

- San Antonio

5757 W US Highway 90

210/675-7275 www.samissions.com

#### San Antonio Zoological Gardens & Aquarium

- San Antonio

3903 North St. Mary's St.

210/734-7291 www.sazoo-aq.org

#### Sea World Adventure Park

- San Antonio

10500 SeaWorld Drive. San Antonio 800/700-7786

www.seaworld.com/sanantonio

#### Schlitterbahn Water Park

- New Braunfels

381 East Austin Street

830/625-2351 www.schlitterbahn.com

#### Schlitterbahn Beach

- South Padre Island

33261 State Park Road 100

956/772-7873 www.schlitterbahn.com

#### **Six Flags Fiesta Texas**

- San Antonio

17000 IH-10 West

210/697-5050 www.sixflags.com/fiestaTexas

#### **Six Flags Over Texas**

- Arlington

2201 Road to Six Flags

www.sixflags.com/overtexas 817/640-8900

#### Splashtown USA

- San Antonio

3600 North IH-35

210/227-1400 www.splashtownsa.com

#### **Texas State Aquarium**

- Corpus Christi

2710 N Shoreline Blvd

361/881-1200 www.texasstateaguarium.org

#### **Volente Beach Shore Club**

- Leander

16107 FM Road 2769

512/258-5110 www.shoreclubtx.com



## Suntan Lotion:

Not only are sunburns painful, but too much exposure to sunlight can increase the risk of skin cancer. A sunscreen of SPF 15 or higher can make spending summer days outside a safer proposition.

Bug Spray: Camps can be havens for mosquitoes, bees, and other pests. Bug spray can make a big difference, but you'd be surprised how easy it is to forget that.

Bathing Suit: Here's another item that ought to be a no-brainer, but it can be left out in the shuffle of packing. Swimming and water activities are a big part of many summer camp experiences. Also pack Aquasox or flip-flops for kids, to protect their feet in and around the waterhole.

## Disposable Camera:

You wouldn't want to risk sending your child to camp with an expensive and fragile digital camera. A cheap disposable is a great way to ensure that summer camp memories can last a lifetime.

## Flashlight:

While many camps provide flashlights for nighttime activities, it's a good idea for your child to take along his own flashlight, along with fresh batteries. You never know when one might come in handy.

#### Toothbrush:

You can't guarantee that your child will remember to brush at camp, but don't let it be for lack of trying on your part. Consider buying an electric toothbrush -- the novelty may appeal to your child.

## Sun Hat:

During sports and other outdoor activities, wearing a hat is a great way to keep the glare out of young eyes. Sun hats can also be stylish, and useful for simply lounging around.

#### Water Bottle:

A durable water bottle can be crucial for hikes and other long daytime activities. Keeping kids hydrated during the hot summer months is important for their overall health.

#### Raincoat or Poncho:

The ideal camp session would feature only sunny days, but Mother Nature has a funny sense of humor sometimes. Wet weather gear is a must.

Personal Notebook or Journal:
Encourage your child to keep a journal of her camp experiences. She may not realize it now, but later in life those memories will be meaningful.

# Locally Grown. Locally Committed.



