



2018 Summer Camp: Parents FAQs

1. How much does the camp cost?

Through the generous support of the Young Men's Business League, Austin Sunshine Camps provides **FREE** fun-filled overnight summer camp programs for low income children of the greater Austin Area. All summer camp programs are provided **FREE of charge** to campers that meet the camp enrollment qualification (please see questions 2).

2. What are the summer camp enrollment qualifications?

Each child must meet one (1) of the three (3) camp enrollment qualifications:

- Qualify for the school free & reduce meals income guidelines

Max Income must be below any of the following:

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
2	\$30,044	\$2,504	\$1,252	\$1,156	\$578
3	\$37,777	\$3,149	\$1,575	\$1,453	\$727
4	\$45,510	\$3,793	\$1,897	\$1,751	\$876
5	\$53,243	\$4,437	\$2,219	\$2,048	\$1,024
6	\$60,976	\$5,082	\$2,541	\$2,346	\$1,173
7	\$68,709	\$5,726	\$2,863	\$2,643	\$1,322
8	\$76,442	\$6,371	\$3,186	\$2,941	\$1,471
For each additional family member.	\$7,733	\$645	\$323	\$298	\$149

Reference: <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-04-10/pdf/2017-07043.pdf>

OR

- Qualify for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

OR

- Foster Child - please contact our office before applying: 512-472-8107 ext. 200 (Attention: we currently accept children at a basic level only)

3. Is Austin YMBL Sunshine Camps a day or overnight summer camp?

Austin YMBL Sunshine Camps is a fun-filled **overnight summer camp program** for children of the greater Austin area. Each camp session brings campers together for **5 days & 4 nights**. Each session is not Monday through Friday. Please compare the summer camp dates to a calendar before choosing your 1st and 2nd choice sessions.

4. How old does my child have to be to attend Sunshine Camps?

Zilker Park Camp- child must be 8 years old before attending camp and must not turn 12 years old until after they attend camp or later.

OR

Lake Travis Camp- child must be 12 years old on or during their camp session and must not turn 16 years old until after they attend camp or later.

5. What activities do you provide?

Austin Sunshine Camps provides a variety of activities for campers to participate in including swimming, arts and crafts, science, and sports. Additional activities include canoeing, cooking, and ropes course activities. Each camp also offers specific activities that are age appropriate for campers. For example, archery is offered to older campers that attend our Lake Travis camp while younger campers at Zilker Park go on field trips to the Austin Nature and Science Center.

6. When is the camper application deadline?

Enrollment is limited and is first come, first serve. **Priority** is given to applications received on or before **Friday, April 20th, 2018**. However we will continue to accept applications throughout the summer and waitlist once we reach capacity.

7. Can my child attend more than one session?

Each camper is only allowed to attend **ONE (1)** session per summer. However, campers are allowed to attend the Weekend Camp and another session during the summer. Weekend Camp spots are limited and a first come, first serve.

8. What is weekend camp?

Austin Sunshine Camps provides a 3 day, 2 nights weekend session. This session is also known as “Summer Kick-Off Weekend”. This year our summer weekend kick-off will be held May 25-27. Weekend Camp spots are limited and a first come, first serve. Campers are allowed to attend the Weekend Camp and another session during the summer.

9. Does Austin YMBL Sunshine Camps provide transportation?

If you can't check-in at the Sunshine Camps (Zilker Park), you can choose from the list of check-in schools below. Transportation is limited and will be provided by Austin YMBL Sunshine Camp Volunteers to Zilker Park from each of the listed locations. Parents/guardians must reserve a spot for transportation, however transportation reservation is a first come, first serve.

Bertha Sadler/ Pearce M.S. (78723)- 6401 N. Hampton Dr., Austin, TX

Cook (78758) - 1511 Cripple Creek Dr, Austin, TX

Linder (78741) - 2800 Metcalfe Rd., Austin, TX

Widen (78744)- 5605 Nuckols Crossing, Austin, TX

10. What time do I pick-up/drop off my child?

The check in process for both camps begins at 8am on the first day of the session your child is enrolled in at our Zilker Park location: 2225 Andrew Zilker Rd Austin, TX 78746. Please arrive on time and be prepared to wait in line while the staff checks in all the campers.

Pick up will also take place at our Zilker Park location for both camps on the last day of each session. Pick up begins at 12:30pm and ends at 2pm on the final day of the session. No transportation is provided for pick up, parent/ guardians must pick up their child at Zilker Park.

11. Where do I mail my camp application or the camper waiver and summer food form?

You can mail your forms to:

Austin YMBL Sunshine Camps

P.O. Box 161270

Austin, TX 78716

12. How long does it take for my application to process?

The camp application process will take 10 business days after the camper waiver and summer food forms have been received via postal mail, between January 31st- April 20th. If you have submitted an application after April 20th application process will take an estimate of 15 business days.

13. Can my child take electronics to camp?

Electronics will not be allowed, including cell phones. Austin YMBL Sunshine Camps staff will conduct a bag check at check-in. If any electronics are brought to camp they will be returned to guardians if they are still at check in, if not, they will be held until the last day of camp.

14. How do I contact my child while they are at camp?

During camper check-in each parent/guardian will be provided the camp director number and main office number. Parents/guardians can call and check up on the child or request to speak to the child. Please keep in mind that the camp directors are involved in the camp daily activities, therefore they might not answer when you call. You can leave a message and they will return your call. Due to the high number of responsibilities for the camp directors, they may not return calls that do not have an accompanying voicemail.

15. What should my child bring to camp?

Campers are REQUIRED to bring the following items:

- Clothes for 5 days (Shorts & T-shirts)
- Undergarments
- Sleepwear (Pajamas)
- Sandals (for shower)
- Tennis Shoes (NO FLIPFLOPS)
- Bathing Suit
- Hat or Ball Cap
- Blanket or Sleeping Bag
- Pillow
- Tooth Brush
- Tooth Paste
- Hair Brush
- Deodorant
- Traveling Soap
- Traveling Shampoo

These are the only items that will be allowed at camp.

16. What items does Austin YMBL Sunshine Camps provide?

We provide sunscreen, bug spray, towels, T-shirts for Zilker campers, and sheets for each bed.

17. What if my child takes medication?

Austin YMBL Sunshine Camps does not have a trained nurse onsite, however the assistant directors are trained to administer medications. All parents/guardians must check-in all medication on the first day of camp. Over the counter medications, such as ibuprofen, Advil, and vitamins must be in the original bottles and preferably in a zip-log bag. Prescription medications must be in the original prescription bottle with pharmacy label included.

18. What if my child cannot swim?

Each day of camp, we have swim time for around two hours. We require all of our camp counselors to be lifeguard certified and create a designated swimming area that all campers must stay inside of at both camps to ensure high levels of monitoring at all times. At our Zilker location, we do not swim in water that is deeper than 3.5 feet deep so that all campers can stand at all times. At our Lake Travis location, we require all of our campers to wear lifejackets at all times when in the water. Though we encourage all of our campers to swim, even if they do not know how, we also provide an area at both camps for campers who do not want to swim to relax while being supervised.

If you have additional questions please call us at 512-472-8107.