



**Austin
Sunshine
Camps**
Grow. Connect. Explore.



Founded in 1928, Austin Sunshine Camps provides FREE overnight camp adventures for youth who receive free/reduced lunch and youth in foster care. We believe in the power of summer camp, and we believe that your ability to go to camp shouldn't be determined by how much money your family makes. Beginning in 2022, camp is held for 10 days and 9 nights. Summer staff have training and cleaning on day 11, and days 12-14 are off! ASC has two beautiful, unique camp locations:

Located in beautiful Turkey Bend Recreation Area, Lake Travis offers a rustic setting for up to 50 campers, aged 12-15, each session. Campers have the opportunity to swim in the lake, explore the hill country, mountain bike, participate in archery, play a variety of sports, experience our challenge course and more.

Zilker Lodge provides an amazing urban oasis for up to 75 participants, aged 8-11, each session. 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 challenge course and more.

Decisions about placement for camp staff are made based on staff interest and camp needs. For more information about each unique camp location, please visit our website!

Camp Counselor

About The Role

The camp counselor is the reason a camper will have the time of their life at camp. The counselors strive to bring the best versions of themselves to camp every single day, creating a sense of awe amongst their campers with their energy, joy, and a sense of belonging. Camp counselors are the guiding force for our camper's time at summer camp, and at Austin Sunshine Camps they are passionate about fulfilling our vision for each one of the kids in their cabin. In short, Camp Counselors bring the **magic** to ASC!

Counselors are key players in ensuring campers aged 8-15 have the absolute best camp experience possible. Our typical counselor-to-camper ratio is 1 counselor for every 5 campers, with a Counselor-in-Training providing support in several cabins each session. The main role of our counselors, with a co-counselor, is to be in charge of the experience, well-being, and needs of 10 campers, 23 hours a day, for ten days and nine nights. The best counselors build relationships with younger children effortlessly, and ensure they feel safe, supported and empowered. They help campers resolve conflict with each other restoratively, support campers in building skills in emotional regulation, and give campers intentional freedom and choice.

Counselors may also use their work during the summer for college internship credit (and will still be paid at the counselor rate), and will work with their supervisor to ensure they receive college credit.

Option 1: Ages 8-15
(Full Summer: \$3,000)

In-Person Training: May 23 - June 3
Term: June 10 - August 5

Option 2: Ages 8-15
(Half Summer: \$1,500)

In-Person Training: May 23 - June 3
Term: June 10 - July 1

Option 3: Ages 8-15
(Half Summer: \$1,500)

In-Person Training: July 5 - 8
Term: July 11 - August 5

We're Excited About You Because

- You are 18 years or older AND have a GED or High School Diploma
- You have strong communication, interpersonal, and leadership skills
- You have at least 1 year of experience with camp, youth development, and/or outdoor programs
- You are able to swim and get a lifeguard certification
- You are able to pass a national criminal background check
- After initial screening, you are able to come to the lodge and lead an activity for campers (or submit a video if you aren't within driving distance of Austin)

You're Excited About Us Because

- Our summer stipend is \$1,500 or \$3,000 USD, plus all meals and snacks are provided while camp is in session
- We have free lodging (either at Zilker Lodge or our Lake Travis location), including weekends and holidays
- You have days off! June 17-19, July 2-10 (unless you're working the second half of the summer), and July 22-24

To apply, visit <https://www.sunshinecamps.org/seasonalstaff/> and click **Apply Today!**

Just so you know: We at ASC committed to creating a culture of inclusion and connection. We are able to grow and learn better together with a diverse community of families, campers, staff members, volunteers, and other stakeholders. The collective sum of the individual differences, life experiences, and knowledge we all bring makes us better as an organization. We respect and welcome the unique contributions that you bring in terms of education, opinions, culture, ethnicity, race, sex, gender identity and expression, nation of origin, age, languages spoken, veteran's status, color, religion, disability, sexual orientation and beliefs.