

SUMMER CAMPS

IN THE DFW AREA



Independence
Title

SPORTS & OUTDOORS CAMPS

HYDROUS WAKE PARK

Little Elm | hydrouswakeparks.com

THE BEDFORD CENTER YMCA

Bedford | ymcafw.org

CITY FUTSAL

Dallas | CityFutsal.com

COLLEYVILLE SOCCER ASSOCIATION SUMMER CAMP

Colleyville | colleyvillesoccer.org

CAMP AT THE RANCH YMCA SUMMER CAMP

Coppell | CoppellYMCA.org

AUDUBON ADVENTURE CAMPS

Dallas | TrinityRiverAudubon.org

DALLAS MAVERICKS BASKETBALL CAMPS

Dallas | mavs.com

DALLAS YMCA

Dallas | YMCAdallas.org

WILSON COLLEGIATE TENNIS CAMPS (SMU)

Dallas | WilsonTennisCamps.com

SINCLAIR'S GOLF TRAINING CENTER

Eules | SinclairGolf.com

GAME ON ARENA SPORTS' SOCCER CAMPS

Fort Worth | gameonfw.com

LAKE WORTH YOUTH ASSOCIATION CAMPS

Fort Worth | lwyasports.org

NIKE SPORTS CAMPS

Locations throughout the metroplex
USSportsCamps.com

TEXAS BRAHMAS HOCKEY CLUB

North Richland Hills | Brahmas.com

PSA SUMMER CAMPS

Plano | PSAPlano.org

FCBARCELONA SOCCER CAMP DALLAS

Richardson
FCBarcelonaSoccerCamps.com

RICHARDSON FAMILY YMCA

Richardson
RichardsonFamilyYMCA.org

CAMP HUAWNI

Timpson | camphuawni.com

TEXAS ADVANTAGE VOLLEYBALL CLUB

Carrollton | ascvb.com

YMCA CAMP CARTER

Fort Worth | YMCAfw.org

EMLER SWIM SCHOOL

Frisco | EmlerSwimSchool.com

SUMMIT ROCK GYM

Grapevine | summitgyms.com

D-BAT

Locations throughout the metroplex
dbat.com

EQUESTRIAN

BENBROOK STABLES HORSEBACK RIDING

Fort Worth | BenbrookStables.com

NORTH TEXAS EQUESTRIAN CENTER

Wylie | ntecdfw.com

MARTIAL ARTS

POWERKENPO

Carrollton | powerkenpo.com

ROCKSTAR MARTIAL ARTS KIDS SUMMER CAMP

Multiple Locations in DFW
rockstarmartialarts.com

TX BLACKBELT ACADEMY

Multiple Locations in DFW
txblackbeltacademy.com

KIM'S WHITE TIGER TAE KWON DO

Flower Mound | kimswhitetiger.com

ADRENALINE TAE KWON DO

Fort Worth | facebook.com/AdrenalineTKD

PRO MARTIAL ARTS

Lakewood | promartialarts.com/lakewood

MASTER CHANG'S MARTIAL ARTS

Plano | masterchangsdallas.com



SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY CAMPS

UTA ENGINEERING CAMPS

Arlington | UTA.edu

ICODE COMPUTER CAMP BY FROG TUTORING

Arlington & Fort Worth
FrogTutoring.com

CAMP INVENTION

Dallas, Coppell, Fort Worth
CampInvention.org

DESIGN CONNECT CREATE! PHYSICS CAMPS FOR YOUNG WOMEN

Dallas | DesignConnectCreate.org

FRONTIERS OF FLIGHT MUSEUM SUMMER CAMPS

Dallas | FlightMuseum.com

ID TECH SUMMER PROGRAMS

Dallas & Fort Worth | iDTech.com

BEST BRAINS

Flower Mound
bestbrains.com/flower-mound

CAMP BRIT

Fort Worth | BRIT.org

FORT WORTH MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND HISTORY

Fort Worth | fwMuseum.org

FORT WORTH NATURE

Center and Refuge
Fort Worth | fwNatureCenter.org

LEWISVILLE LAKE ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING AREA

Lewisville | llela.org

CLUB SCIKIDZ DALLAS

Locations throughout the Metroplex
ClubSciKidzDallas.com

DESTINATION SCIENCE

Locations throughout the Metroplex
DestinationScience.org

HEARD NATURAL SCIENCE MUSEUM & WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

McKinney | HeardMuseum.org

UT DALLAS COMPUTER PROGRAMMING CAMPS

Richardson | UTDallas.edu/k12/summer

BOB JONES NATURE CENTER'S SUMMER CAMP

Southlake
experiencesouthlaketexas.com

ART, MUSIC & DRAMA CAMPS



ENCORE KIDS

Carrollton | encorekidstx.com

COLOR ME EMPOWERED

Dallas | ColorMeEmpowered.org

DALLAS MUSEUM OF ART

Dallas | DallasMuseumofArt.org

J'S ART STUDIO

Dallas | JsArtStudio.com

KAMP HOLLYWOOD

Dallas | MovieInstitute.org

ARTS FIFTH AVENUE

Fort Worth | ArtsFifthAvenue.org

KIMBELL ART MUSEUM

Fort Worth | KimbellArt.org

MODERN ART MUSEUM OF FORT WORTH

Fort Worth | TheModern.org

ROCK CAMP USA

Fort Worth | RockCampUSA.com

CAMP CASA MAÑANA THEATRE

Fort Worth | CasaManana.org

FRISCO SCHOOL OF MUSIC

Frisco | FriscoSchoolofMusic.com

ARTCASTLE SCHOOL OF ART AND CLAY

Hurst | artcastlestudio.com

ARTFUL MAYHEM STUDIO

Keller | ArtfulMayhemStudio.com

SCHOOL OF ROCK

Locations throughout the metroplex
SchoolofRock.com

GENESIS CHILDREN'S THEATRE

Plano | genesischildrenstheatre.org

PLANO CHILDREN'S THEATRE

Plano | ntpa.org/plano



DANCE & GYMNASTICS

CLASSIC GYMNASTICS SUMMER CAMP

Bedford | ClassicGymnastics.com

THE DALLAS CONSERVATORY

Dallas | thedallasconservatory.org

DALLAS BALLET CENTER

Dallas | dallasballetcenter.com

SCHOOL OF CONTEMPORARY BALLET

Dallas | SchoolofCBD.com

OAK CLIFF DANCE AND GYMNASTICS

Dallas | studiooakcliff.com

SOKOL FORT WORTH GYMNASTICS

Fort Worth | sokolFW.org

TEXAS BALLET THEATER SCHOOL

Fort Worth | texasballettheater.org

WORLD OLYMPIC GYMNASTICS ACADEMY

Frisco & Plano | WOGA.net

NATIONAL CHEERLEADERS ASSOCIATION CAMP

Garland | NCA.varsity.com

SPIRALS GYMNASTICS

Mansfield | SpiralsGym.com

GOTTA DANCE

Plano | GottaDancePlano.com

KJ DANCE

Plano | kjdance.com

TEXAS DYNAMIC GYMNASTICS

Plano | texasdynamixgymnastics.com

SWAY DANCE CENTER

Richardson | SwayDanceCenter.com

FANTASIA DANCE COMPANY

Rockwall | fantasiadanceandarts.com

FAITH CAMPS

CAMP THURMAN

Arlington | CampThurman.org

CAMP COPASS

Denton | CampCopass.com

CAMP GILMONT

Gilmer | gilmont.org

FRONTIER CAMP

Grapeland | FrontierCamp.org

CAMP ANOTHEN

Mansfield | campanothen.org

PINE COVE

Tyler | pinecove.com

SKY RANCH

Van | skyranch.org

VARIETY CAMPS

TUTOR TIME SUMMER CAMP

Colleyville | TutorTime.com

CAMP SOAR

Dallas | FlyNAEC.org

DALLAS ARBORETUM SUMMER CAMPS

Dallas | DallasArboretum.org

DALLAS ZOO

Dallas | DallasZoo.com

GIRLS INC. OF METROPOLITAN DALLAS

Dallas | GirlsIncDallas.org

MODELING CAMP

Dallas | modelingcamp.com

FORT WORTH BOTANIC GARDENS

Fort Worth | fwbg.org

CAMP PURSUIT

Frisco | CampPursuit.com

MATHNASIUM

Keller | Mathnasium.com/Keller

SPANISH SCHOOLHOUSE

Locations throughout the Metroplex
SpanishSchoolhouse.com

YOUNG CHEF'S ACADEMY

Locations throughout the Metroplex
YoungChefsAcademy.com

BRIGHT HORIZONS X-TREME

Summer Camps
Plano | brighthorizons.com

GRADE POWER LEARNING

Plano | GradePowerLearning.com

THE HANDWRITING CLINIC

Plano | TheHandwritingClinic.com

HERITAGE FARMSTEAD MUSEUM

Plano | HeritageFarmstead.org

KIDVENTURE CAMP

Plano | KidVenture.com

UTD SUMMER CHESS

Richardson | ChessWeb.UTDallas.edu

SPECIAL NEEDS CAMPS

CAMP SUMMIT

Dallas | campsummittx.org

IT'S A SENSORY WORLD

Farmers Branch | itsasensoryworld.org

H.E.R.O.E.S. CAMP

Richardson | heroesdfw.org

CHARIS HILLS

Sunset | charishills.org

SUMMER FAMILY FUN THROUGHOUT THE STATE

NORTH TEXAS

SIX FLAGS OVER TEXAS

Arlington
(817) 640-8900
sixflags.com

DALLAS WORLD AQUARIUM

Dallas
(214) 720-2224
dwazoo.com

NOBLE PLANETARIUM

Fort Worth
(817) 255-9300
fwmuseum.org

DINOSAUR VALLEY STATE PARK

Glen Rose
(254) 897-4588
tpwd.texas.gov

GRAPEVINE VINTAGE RAILROAD

Grapevine
(817) 410-3185
grapevinetexasusa.com

GREAT WOLF LODGE

Grapevine
(800) 693-9653
greatwolf.com

CENTRAL TEXAS & SAN ANTONIO

AUSTIN ZOO

Austin
(512) 288-1490
austinzoo.org

BARTON SPRINGS SWIMMING POOL

Austin
(512) 867-3080
austintexas.gov

THE THINKERY

Austin
(512) 469-6200
thinkeryaustin.org

ENCHANTED ROCK

Fredericksburg
(830) 685-3636
tpwd.state.tx.us

VOLENTE BEACH

Leander
(512) 258-5110
beachsidebillys.com

NATURAL BRIDGE CAVERNS

New Braunfels
(210) 651-6101
naturalbridgecaverns.com

NATURAL BRIDGE WILDLIFE RANCH

New Braunfels
(830) 438-7400
wildliferanchtexas.com

SCHLITTERBAHN WATER PARK

New Braunfels
(830) 625-2351
schlitterbahn.com

ROUND ROCK EXPRESS BASEBALL

Round Rock
(512) 255-2255
roundrockexpress.com



Photo courtesy of Monahans Sandhills State Park | tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/monahans-sandhills

The Monahans Sandhills boast 70-foot dunes dotted with Shinoak, a local shrub. There are no marked trails, but visitors can explore on foot or horseback. Kids can enjoy sliding down the dunes on sand disks, which can be rented at the headquarters daily!

**RIPLEY'S BELIEVE IT OR NOT!
& PLAZA WAX MUSEUM**

San Antonio
(210) 224-9299
ripleys.com

THE DOSEUM

San Antonio
(210) 212-4453
thedoseum.org

SAN ANTONIO MISSIONS BASEBALL

San Antonio
(210) 675-7275
samissions.com

SAN ANTONIO ZOO

San Antonio
(210) 734-7184
sazoo.org

RIPLEY'S HAUNTED ADVENTURE

San Antonio
(210) 226-2828
ripleys.com

SEA WORLD ADVENTURE PARK

San Antonio
(800) 700-7786
seaworld.com

SIX FLAGS FIESTA TEXAS

San Antonio
(210) 697-5050
sixflags.com

WONDER WORLD PARK

San Marcos
(512) 392-3760
wonderworldpark.com

**EAST TEXAS &
THE COAST**

PADRE ISLAND NATIONAL SEASHORE

Corpus Christi
(361) 949-8173
nps.gov

TEXAS STATE AQUARIUM

Corpus Christi
(800) 477-GULF
texasstateaquarium.org



Enchanted Rock is a massive pink granite dome rising 425 feet above the surrounding Texas Hill Country landscape, forming part of a 640-acre state natural area located near Fredericksburg. The distinctive geological formation attracts thousands of visitors annually for hiking, rock climbing, and stargazing in one of Texas's most pristine dark sky areas.

USS LEXINGTON

Corpus Christi
(800) LADY LEX
usslexington.com

MOODY GARDENS

Galveston
(409) 744-4673
moodygardens.com

NASA SPACE CENTER

Houston
(281) 244-2100
spacecenter.org

SCHLITTEBAHN BEACH

South Padre Island
(956) 772-7873
schlitterbahn.com

**WEST TEXAS &
THE PANHANDLE**

CADILLAC RANCH AMARILLO

roadsideamerica.com

PALO DURO CANYON CANYON

(806) 488-2227
tpwd.texas.gov

BIG BEND NATIONAL PARK

(432) 477-2251
nps.gov

MONAHANS SANDHILLS STATE PARK

Monahans
(432) 943-2092

TOP 10 QUESTIONS YOU SHOULD ASK WHEN CHOOSING A CAMP

When selecting a camp, it's essential to ask the right questions to ensure it's a good fit for your child and your family's expectations. Here are ten key questions to guide your decision:

WHAT IS THE CAMP'S PHILOSOPHY?

Does the camp's mission and values align with your parenting style and your child's temperament? Consider whether the camp emphasizes competition or cooperation. If the camp is faith-based, ask about the religious practices or observances included in the program.

HOW ARE STAFF RECRUITED, SCREENED, AND TRAINED?

Understanding the camp's hiring process is crucial. Do counselors undergo criminal background checks? Is first aid or other safety training required to ensure the well-being of campers?

WHAT ARE THE RETURN RATES FOR STAFF AND CAMPERS?

Inquire about how many counselors return each year. The American Camp Association (ACA) states that 40-60% staff retention is typical, so if the number is lower, ask for an explanation. Additionally, ask about camper return rates; 50% is considered good, and higher rates are even better.

WHAT IS THE COUNSELOR-TO-CAMPER RATIO?

Ask about the ratio of counselors to campers to ensure your child will receive adequate attention. For overnight camps, the ACA recommends a ratio of 1:6 for ages 7-8, 1:8 for ages 9-14, and 1:10 for ages 15-18. For day camps, the recommended ratios are 1:8 for ages 6-8, 1:10 for ages 9-14, and 1:12 for ages 15-18.

WHAT ARE THE COUNSELORS' AGES?

Find out how old the counselors are. The ACA suggests that 80% of staff should be 18 or older, with all counselors being at least 16 and at least two years older than the campers they supervise.

WHAT MEDICAL SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE?

Ask about the medical staff onsite and the backup facilities nearby. For overnight camps, the ACA recommends having a licensed physician or registered nurse present every day. If your child has specific medical needs, such as medication management, food allergies, or chronic conditions, confirm that the camp can accommodate these needs.

HOW DOES THE CAMP HANDLE DISCIPLINE AND CONFLICTS?

Understanding the camp's approach to discipline is vital. Ask about the camp's rules and how they are enforced. Find out what behaviors might result in a camper being sent home, and ensure the camp's practices align with your parenting philosophy.

WHAT DOES A TYPICAL DAY LOOK LIKE?

Request details about the camp's daily schedule. This will help you determine whether the level of physical activity or time spent on arts and crafts matches your child's interests. Also, ask how much freedom campers have to choose their activities.

WILL THE CAMP TRANSPORT THE CHILDREN?

If the camp involves transportation, ask what vehicles are used and how often they are inspected. Find out who the drivers are and what training they have received to ensure your child's safety during transit.

CAN I SPEAK WITH REFERENCES?

Finally, ask for references from parents of children around your child's age who have attended the camp. Speaking with other parents can provide valuable insight into their experience and help you make an informed decision.

CAMP ESSENTIALS CHECKLIST

- SUNSCREEN (SPF 30 OR HIGHER)
- BUG SPRAY
- BATHING SUIT + POOL FOOTWEAR
- TRUNK OR SUITCASE
- TWIN SHEETS + MATTRESS PAD
- PILLOW & PILLOWCASE
- BLANKET/SLEEPING BAG
- TOWELS & WASHCLOTHS
- SWEATER OR LIGHT JACKET
- FLASHLIGHT
- TOOTHBRUSH & TOOTHPASTE
- SOAP, SHAMPOO & CONDITIONER
- HAT
- TWO PAIRS OF JEANS
- SHORTS, SHIRTS & SOCKS
- TENNIS SHOES
- LAUNDRY BAG
- STAMPS & WRITING MATERIALS
- WATER BOTTLE
- RAINCOAT/PONCHO
- PERSONAL NOTEBOOK/JOURNAL



Independence
Title

IndependenceTitle.com

Source: ACA - American Camp Association