

# SUMMER CAMPS

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# SPORTS & OUTDOORS CAMPS

## **HYDROUS WAKE PARK**

Little Elm | [hydrouswakeparks.com](http://hydrouswakeparks.com)

## **THE BEDFORD CENTER YMCA**

Bedford | [ymcafw.org](http://ymcafw.org)

## **CITY FUTSAL**

Dallas | [CityFutsal.com](http://CityFutsal.com)

## **COLLEYVILLE SOCCER ASSOCIATION SUMMER CAMP**

Colleyville | [colleyvillesoccer.org](http://colleyvillesoccer.org)

## **CAMP AT THE RANCH YMCA SUMMER CAMP**

Coppell | [CoppellYMCA.org](http://CoppellYMCA.org)

## **AUDUBON ADVENTURE CAMPS**

Dallas | [TrinityRiverAudubon.org](http://TrinityRiverAudubon.org)

## **DALLAS MAVERICKS BASKETBALL CAMPS**

Dallas | [mavs.com](http://mavs.com)

## **DALLAS YMCA**

Dallas | [YMCAdallas.org](http://YMCAdallas.org)

## **WILSON COLLEGIATE TENNIS CAMPS (SMU)**

Dallas | [WilsonTennisCamps.com](http://WilsonTennisCamps.com)

## **SINCLAIR'S GOLF TRAINING CENTER**

Euless | [SinclairGolf.com](http://SinclairGolf.com)

## **NATURE SCHOOL OF FAIRVIEW**

Fairview | [natureschooloffairview.com](http://natureschooloffairview.com)

## **GAME ON ARENA SPORTS' SOCCER CAMPS**

Fort Worth | [gameonfw.com](http://gameonfw.com)

## **LAKE WORTH YOUTH ASSOCIATION CAMPS**

Fort Worth | [lwyasports.org](http://lwyasports.org)

## **NIKE SPORTS CAMPS**

Locations throughout the metroplex  
[USSportsCamps.com](http://USSportsCamps.com)

## **TEXAS BRAHMAS HOCKEY CLUB**

North Richland Hills | [Brahmas.com](http://Brahmas.com)

## **PSA SUMMER CAMPS**

Plano | [PSAPlano.org](http://PSAPlano.org)

## **FCBARCELONA SOCCER CAMP DALLAS**

Richardson  
[FCBarcelonaSoccerCamps.com](http://FCBarcelonaSoccerCamps.com)

## **RICHARDSON FAMILY YMCA**

Richardson  
[RichardsonFamilyYMCA.org](http://RichardsonFamilyYMCA.org)

## **CAMP HUAWNI**

Timpson | [camphuawni.com](http://camphuawni.com)

## **TEXAS ADVANTAGE VOLLEYBALL CLUB**

Carrollton | [ascvb.com](http://ascvb.com)

## **YMCA CAMP CARTER**

Fort Worth | [YMCAfw.org](http://YMCAfw.org)

## **EMLER SWIM SCHOOL**

Frisco | [EmlerSwimSchool.com](http://EmlerSwimSchool.com)

## **SUMMIT ROCK GYM**

Grapevine | [summitgyms.com](http://summitgyms.com)

## **D-BAT**

Locations throughout the metroplex  
[dbat.com](http://dbat.com)

## **EQUESTRIAN**

### **BENBROOK STABLES HORSEBACK RIDING**

Fort Worth | [BenbrookStables.com](http://BenbrookStables.com)

### **NORTH TEXAS EQUESTRIAN CENTER**

Wylie | [ntecdfw.com](http://ntecdfw.com)

## **MARTIAL ARTS**

### **POWERKENPO**

Carrollton | [powerkenpo.com](http://powerkenpo.com)

### **ROCKSTAR MARTIAL ARTS KIDS SUMMER CAMP**

Multiple Locations in DFW  
[rockstarmartialarts.com](http://rockstarmartialarts.com)

### **TX BLACKBELT ACADEMY**

Multiple Locations in DFW  
[txblackbeltacademy.com](http://txblackbeltacademy.com)

### **KIM'S WHITE TIGER TAE KWON DO**

Flower Mound | [kimswhitetiger.com](http://kimswhitetiger.com)

### **ADRENALINE TAE KWON DO**

Fort Worth | [facebook.com/AdrenalineTKD](http://facebook.com/AdrenalineTKD)

### **PRO MARTIAL ARTS**

Lakewood | [promartialarts.com/lakewood](http://promartialarts.com/lakewood)

### **MASTER CHANG'S MARTIAL ARTS**

Plano | [masterchangsdallas.com](http://masterchangsdallas.com)





# SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

## CAMPS

### UTA ENGINEERING CAMPS

Arlington | [UTA.edu](http://UTA.edu)

### ICODE COMPUTER CAMP BY FROG TUTORING

Arlington & Fort Worth  
[FrogTutoring.com](http://FrogTutoring.com)

### CAMP INVENTION

Dallas, Coppell, Fort Worth  
[CampInvention.org](http://CampInvention.org)

### DESIGN CONNECT CREATE! PHYSICS CAMPS FOR YOUNG WOMEN

Dallas | [DesignConnectCreate.org](http://DesignConnectCreate.org)

### FRONTIERS OF FLIGHT MUSEUM SUMMER CAMPS

Dallas | [FlightMuseum.com](http://FlightMuseum.com)

### ID TECH SUMMER PROGRAMS

Dallas & Fort Worth | [iDTech.com](http://iDTech.com)

### BEST BRAINS

Flower Mound  
[bestbrains.com/flower-mound](http://bestbrains.com/flower-mound)

### CAMP BRIT

Fort Worth | [BRIT.org](http://BRIT.org)

### FORT WORTH MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND HISTORY

Fort Worth | [fwMuseum.org](http://fwMuseum.org)

### FORT WORTH NATURE

Center and Refuge  
Fort Worth | [fwNatureCenter.org](http://fwNatureCenter.org)

### LEWISVILLE LAKE ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING AREA

Lewisville | [llela.org](http://llela.org)

### CLUB SCIKIDZ DALLAS

Locations throughout the Metroplex  
[ClubSciKidzDallas.com](http://ClubSciKidzDallas.com)

### DESTINATION SCIENCE

Locations throughout the Metroplex  
[DestinationScience.org](http://DestinationScience.org)

### HEARD NATURAL SCIENCE MUSEUM & WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

McKinney | [HeardMuseum.org](http://HeardMuseum.org)

### UT DALLAS COMPUTER PROGRAMMING CAMPS

Richardson | [UTDallas.edu/k12/summer](http://UTDallas.edu/k12/summer)

### BOB JONES NATURE CENTER'S SUMMER CAMP

Southlake  
[experiencesouthlaketexas.com](http://experiencesouthlaketexas.com)

# ART, MUSIC & DRAMA CAMPS



## ENCORE KIDS

Carrollton | [encorekidstx.com](http://encorekidstx.com)

## COLOR ME EMPOWERED

Dallas | [ColorMeEmpowered.org](http://ColorMeEmpowered.org)

## DALLAS MUSEUM OF ART

Dallas | [DallasMuseumofArt.org](http://DallasMuseumofArt.org)

## J'S ART STUDIO

Dallas | [JsArtStudio.com](http://JsArtStudio.com)

## KAMP HOLLYWOOD

Dallas | [MovieInstitute.org](http://MovieInstitute.org)

## ARTS FIFTH AVENUE

Fort Worth | [ArtsFifthAvenue.org](http://ArtsFifthAvenue.org)

## KIMBELL ART MUSEUM

Fort Worth | [KimbellArt.org](http://KimbellArt.org)

## MODERN ART MUSEUM OF FORT WORTH

Fort Worth | [TheModern.org](http://TheModern.org)

## ROCK CAMP USA

Fort Worth | [RockCampUSA.com](http://RockCampUSA.com)

## CAMP CASA MAÑANA THEATRE

Fort Worth | [CasaManana.org](http://CasaManana.org)

## FRISCO SCHOOL OF MUSIC

Frisco | [FriscoSchoolofMusic.com](http://FriscoSchoolofMusic.com)

## ARTCASTLE SCHOOL OF ART AND CLAY

Hurst | [artcastlestudio.com](http://artcastlestudio.com)

## ARTFUL MAYHEM STUDIO

Keller | [ArtfulMayhemStudio.com](http://ArtfulMayhemStudio.com)

## SCHOOL OF ROCK

Locations throughout the metroplex  
[SchoolofRock.com](http://SchoolofRock.com)

## GENESIS CHILDREN'S THEATRE

Plano | [genesischildrenstheatre.org](http://genesischildrenstheatre.org)

## PLANO CHILDREN'S THEATRE

Plano | [ntpa.org/plano](http://ntpa.org/plano)





## DANCE & GYMNASTICS

### CLASSIC GYMNASTICS SUMMER CAMP

Bedford | [ClassicGymnastics.com](http://ClassicGymnastics.com)

### THE DALLAS CONSERVATORY

Dallas | [thedallasconservatory.org](http://thedallasconservatory.org)

### DALLAS BALLET CENTER

Dallas | [dallasballetcenter.com](http://dallasballetcenter.com)

### SCHOOL OF CONTEMPORARY BALLET

Dallas | [SchoolofCBD.com](http://SchoolofCBD.com)

### OAK CLIFF DANCE AND GYMNASTICS

Dallas | [studiooakcliff.com](http://studiooakcliff.com)

### SOKOL FORT WORTH GYMNASTICS

Fort Worth | [sokolFW.org](http://sokolFW.org)

### TEXAS BALLET THEATER SCHOOL

Fort Worth | [texasballettheater.org](http://texasballettheater.org)

### WORLD OLYMPIC GYMNASTICS ACADEMY

Frisco & Plano | [WOGA.net](http://WOGA.net)

### NATIONAL CHEERLEADERS ASSOCIATION CAMP

Garland | [NCA.varsity.com](http://NCA.varsity.com)

### SPIRALS GYMNASTICS

Mansfield | [SpiralsGym.com](http://SpiralsGym.com)

### GOTTA DANCE

Plano | [GottaDancePlano.com](http://GottaDancePlano.com)

### KJ DANCE

Plano | [kjdance.com](http://kjdance.com)

### TEXAS DYNAMIC GYMNASTICS

Plano | [texasdynamixgymnastics.com](http://texasdynamixgymnastics.com)

### SWAY DANCE CENTER

Richardson | [SwayDanceCenter.com](http://SwayDanceCenter.com)

### FANTASIA DANCE COMPANY

Rockwall | [fantasiadanceandarts.com](http://fantasiadanceandarts.com)

## FAITH CAMPS

### CAMP THURMAN

Arlington | [CampThurman.org](http://CampThurman.org)

### CAMP COPASS

Denton | [CampCopass.com](http://CampCopass.com)

### CAMP GILMONT

Gilmer | [gilmont.org](http://gilmont.org)

### FRONTIER CAMP

Grapeland | [FrontierCamp.org](http://FrontierCamp.org)

### CAMP ANOTHEN

Mansfield | [campanothen.org](http://campanothen.org)

### PINE COVE

Tyler | [pinecove.com](http://pinecove.com)

### SKY RANCH

Van | [skyranch.org](http://skyranch.org)

## VARIETY CAMPS

### TUTOR TIME SUMMER CAMP

Colleyville | [TutorTime.com](http://TutorTime.com)

### CAMP SOAR

Dallas | [FlyNAEC.org](http://FlyNAEC.org)

### DALLAS ARBORETUM SUMMER CAMPS

Dallas | [DallasArboretum.org](http://DallasArboretum.org)

### DALLAS ZOO

Dallas | [DallasZoo.com](http://DallasZoo.com)

### GIRLS INC. OF METROPOLITAN DALLAS

Dallas | [GirlsIncDallas.org](http://GirlsIncDallas.org)

### MODELING CAMP

Dallas | [modelingcamp.com](http://modelingcamp.com)

### FORT WORTH BOTANIC GARDENS

Fort Worth | [fwbg.org](http://fwbg.org)

### CAMP PURSUIT

Frisco | [CampPursuit.com](http://CampPursuit.com)

### MATHNASIUM

Keller | [Mathnasium.com/Keller](http://Mathnasium.com/Keller)

### SPANISH SCHOOLHOUSE

Locations throughout the Metroplex  
[SpanishSchoolhouse.com](http://SpanishSchoolhouse.com)

### YOUNG CHEF'S ACADEMY

Locations throughout the Metroplex  
[YoungChefsAcademy.com](http://YoungChefsAcademy.com)

### BRIGHT HORIZONS X-TREME

Summer Camps  
Plano | [brighthorizons.com](http://brighthorizons.com)

### GRADE POWER LEARNING

Plano | [GradePowerLearning.com](http://GradePowerLearning.com)

### THE HANDWRITING CLINIC

Plano | [TheHandwritingClinic.com](http://TheHandwritingClinic.com)

### HERITAGE FARMSTEAD MUSEUM

Plano | [HeritageFarmstead.org](http://HeritageFarmstead.org)

### KIDVENTURE CAMP

Plano | [KidVenture.com](http://KidVenture.com)

### UTD SUMMER CHESS

Richardson | [ChessWeb.UTDallas.edu](http://ChessWeb.UTDallas.edu)

## SPECIAL NEEDS CAMPS

### CAMP SUMMIT

Dallas | [campsummittx.org](http://campsummittx.org)

### IT'S A SENSORY WORLD

Farmers Branch | [itsasensoryworld.org](http://itsasensoryworld.org)

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

Richardson | [heroesdfw.org](http://heroesdfw.org)

### CHARIS HILLS

Sunset | [charishills.org](http://charishills.org)



# SUMMER FAMILY FUN THROUGHOUT THE STATE

## NORTH TEXAS

### SIX FLAGS OVER TEXAS

Arlington  
(817) 640-8900  
[sixflags.com](http://sixflags.com)

### DALLAS WORLD AQUARIUM

Dallas  
(214) 720-2224  
[dwazoo.com](http://dwazoo.com)

### NOBLE PLANETARIUM

Fort Worth  
(817) 255-9300  
[fwmuseum.org](http://fwmuseum.org)

### DINOSAUR VALLEY STATE PARK

Glen Rose  
(254) 897-4588  
[tpwd.texas.gov](http://tpwd.texas.gov)

### GRAPEVINE VINTAGE RAILROAD

Grapevine  
(817) 410-3185  
[grapevinetexasusa.com](http://grapevinetexasusa.com)

### GREAT WOLF LODGE

Grapevine  
(800) 693-9653  
[greatwolf.com](http://greatwolf.com)

## CENTRAL TEXAS & SAN ANTONIO

### AUSTIN ZOO

Austin  
(512) 288-1490  
[austinzoo.org](http://austinzoo.org)

### BARTON SPRINGS SWIMMING POOL

Austin  
(512) 867-3080  
[austintexas.gov](http://austintexas.gov)

### THE THINKERY

Austin  
(512) 469-6200  
[thinkeryaustin.org](http://thinkeryaustin.org)

### ENCHANTED ROCK

Fredericksburg  
(830) 685-3636  
[tpwd.state.tx.us](http://tpwd.state.tx.us)

### VOLENTE BEACH

Leander  
(512) 258-5110  
[beachsidebillys.com](http://beachsidebillys.com)

### NATURAL BRIDGE CAVERNS

New Braunfels  
(210) 651-6101  
[naturalbridgecaverns.com](http://naturalbridgecaverns.com)

### NATURAL BRIDGE WILDLIFE RANCH

New Braunfels  
(830) 438-7400  
[wildliferanchtexas.com](http://wildliferanchtexas.com)

### SCHLITTERBAHN WATER PARK

New Braunfels  
(830) 625-2351  
[schlitterbahn.com](http://schlitterbahn.com)

### ROUND ROCK EXPRESS BASEBALL

Round Rock  
(512) 255-2255  
[roundrockexpress.com](http://roundrockexpress.com)



*Photo courtesy of Monahans Sandhills State Park | [tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/monahans-sandhills](http://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



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Source: ACA - American Camp Association