

City of Austin Parks and Recreation Nature Programs Unit





Austin Nature & Science Center

- Open 7 days per week
- 15-acre campus
- 5 buildings including the historic Ashford McGill Trailhouse
- USDA permitted Wildlife Collection: 76 exhibit & ambassador animals
- 22,000 Nature Trades at the Naturalist Workshop
- ~165,000 Drop-in Visitors to the Austin Nature and Science Center

Nature's Way Preschool Program

- 9 class weekly
- 553 classes meetings
- 2044 program hours
- 1 parent workday
- 72 unique participants



Lorraine “Grandma” Camacho Activity Center

- Open 5 days per week
- 1 ADA accessible boat dock
- 1 Traveling Competitive National Interscholastic Cycling Association Bike Team



Beverly S. Sheffield Education Center

- Closed for renovation: Open 7 days per week
- Splash! Exhibit: located in the historic Barton Springs Bathhouse
- Splash! fulfills education requirement of the US Fish and Wildlife Permit and Barton Springs Pool Habitat Conservation Plan

School Programs

- 269 Class Field Trips to Austin Nature and Science Center
- 85 Homeschool Meet-ups & Science Club at ANSC
- 39 Recreation Center Outreach Programs

Field Trips

- 16,184 participants
- Homeschool Meet-up & Science Club = 665 participants

Total participant hours = 26,518

Education Outreach

- At Your School Instructor-led Programs = 571 participants
- Outreach to Community Recreation & Senior Centers = 1,046 participants





Public Programs

- 2 Special Events
- 3 Break Camp Programs
- 2 Half-day Summer Camps
- 1 Counselor in Training Program
- 5 Home School Adventure Programs
- 9 Full-day Summer Camps
- 7 Out of School Time Programs

Camps

Break Camps

- 36 program meetings
- 378 program hours

Summer Camps 10 Weeks

- Total participants = 828
- Total participant hours = 51,888

SOLAR ECLIPSE 2024



APRIL 5-8, 2024

AUSTIN NATURE & SCIENCE CENTER
2389 STRATFORD DRIVE
AUSTIN, TX 78746

Special Events & Citywide Initiatives

Total Solar Eclipse 2024

- 10 city park watch locations
- Eclipse safety and citizen science education staff training across divisions
- Providing accessible eclipse experience with Light-Sound Devices
- Eclipse glasses recycling program
- NASA Sun Spot Collaboration