Local Summer Programs

This Local Summer Programs Guide contains summer program information for children of all ages with varying interests within and around the Region 20 area.

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Early and sustained summer learning opportunities lead to higher graduation rates, better preparation for college, and positive effects on children's self-esteem, confidence, and motivation. High-quality summer programs keep students engaged in learning, teach them new skills, allow them to develop previously unseen talents, and foster creativity and innovation.

Taken from National Summer Learning Association
www.summerlearning.org
Finding a Great Summer Program: A Checklist for Parents

The best programs focus on developing the whole child — intellectually, socially, physically, and emotionally — so that he or she is prepared for both the present and the future.

http://www.readingrockets.org/article/finding-great-summer-program-checklist-parents
What Should Parents Look for in a High-Quality Summer Program?

• Balanced programming with daily opportunities for reading, math, cultural enrichment, and recreation;

• High-interest, engaging activities;

• Positive interaction between kids and caring adults;

• A safe, structured learning environment;

• Personalized attention / Low student-to-staff ratios;

• Bilingual staff to support English language learners; and

• In specialized camps, such as those for students with learning disabilities, trained staff that includes psychologists, social workers, occupational therapists, teachers, or speech and language pathologists.

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Parents sometimes have to choose a summer program months before having the chance to visit. What questions can parents or guardians ask ahead of time to help discern the quality of a summer program, and the appropriateness for their child's needs and interests?

- What is the program's mission? How long has the program been in existence?
- How is a typical day/week organized? How will children spend their time?
- What are the program hours and dates? Is before or after care available?
- Will my child be able to get physical exercise, opportunities for cultural enrichment, and practice reading, math, and other skills? Will my child have an opportunity to choose some of his/her activities?
- How does the program assess or track each child's progress? What evidence does the program have to show past results?
- How does the program promote positive interaction between youth and staff?
- What is the typical experience of the staff members who will work with my child? What training does the staff receive?
- What does the program do to ensure a safe and healthy environment?
- Does the program provide healthy food or snacks?
- How does the program involve families? What type of communication can families expect?
- How does the program accommodate children with special needs (learning or physical disabilities, those with allergies)
- Does the program offer scholarships or financial aid? How do I know if I qualify?

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There are SO many great summer camps available. Check out the various websites where you can search by age, topic, cost, etc…
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Guide to Summer Camps in the San Antonio, TX area

KidsOutAndAbout's San Antonio area 2019 summer camp guide for kids! Pick the dates you want to explore on our calendar and see what summer camps are available. Hundreds of local summer camps: day camps, overnight camps, sports, drama, music, theatre, arts & crafts, technology, robotics, horseback riding, preschool, & more!

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http://fun4alamokids.com/Camps/STEM-Camps//
2019 San Antonio Summer Camps

http://sanantoniosummercamps.org/

Summer Tech Camps Held at The University of Texas at San Antonio
Coding, game development, robotics, and design for kids and teens

https://www.idtech.com/locations/texas-summer-camps/the-university-of-texas-at-san-antonio
Search for camps in your area!

www.mysummercamps.com
The Parks and Recreation Department offers a quality, affordable Summer Youth Program, where youth find sports, craft projects, active games, art exploration, fitness and nutrition, reading opportunities, and math and science enrichment activities. Something for every child's special interest! **Community center sites are open to participants ages six to 14 and school sites to children ages six to 12.** Swimming opportunities will also be offered for program participants at limited community center sites.

The program runs Monday through Friday. Lunch and an afternoon snack are included. (School Sites may offer breakfast and lunch instead of lunch and afternoon snack.)

Fees are based on a sliding scale, according to income and family size. Program hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The school sites utilize school gymnasiums and outdoor enclosed areas. The program follows self-monitored guidelines, which will limit the number of participants per site.

The Summer Youth Program maintains a 1:25 staff to participant ratio. Participants will be grouped according to age, and staff will conduct age-appropriate recreation activities.
Summer Camps at UTSA

https://www.utsa.edu/camps/

2019 Summer At The Academy

https://www.sa-academy.org/enrichment-summer-programs/summer-at-the-academy
Summer School 2019

Math • Language Arts • Reading Intervention
High School Courses for Credit
Sports Programs • Art
Winston Summer Fun

Open to the Public

http://www.winston-sa.org/academics/summer-program.cfm
Check out these local publications for more Summer program ideas!

http://www.ourkidsmagazine.com/
http://www.sakidsdirectory.com/
http://www.kidsoutandabout.com
http://www.littledailyplanner.com