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Lily enjoys being creative through drawing. She is looking forward to a summer of fun at the beach and pool. Photo taken by Jordan Ashley Photography.



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## Editor's Note



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Where did the time go? If you're a busy parent like me, it feels like this school year flew by. One minute it was Christmas break, the next our kids are performing in final school concerts and attending end-of-year award ceremonies.

As you switch into summer mode, take a peek at our feature article this June. Father's Day doesn't need to mean expensive gifts. Instead, we've got some good ideas for how your kids can celebrate the father figure in their lives in inexpensive, very Austin ways.

Also be sure to check out the YMCA's Kid Zone piece this month for a Father's Day craft your kids can easily do from home.

This month Alison Bogle, our education writer, lists some great reasons to think about signing your kids up for Girl Scouts or Boy Scouts of America. Scouting provides an opportunity for kids to be challenged in unique and exciting ways.

Make sure to check out our summer fun guide as you plan your first weeks of summer break. Let's get this summer started, Austin!

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Three Round Rock ISD schools, Chisholm Trail Middle School, Grisham Middle School and Hopewell Middle School

received CPR Anytime Kits to increase awareness and familiarity with this lifesaving skill. Nearly 3,000 students will be able to join the Nation of Lifesavers through the kits thanks to the support of Texas Children's Hospital, which recently opened in North Austin.

"The importance of cardiac safety cannot be overstated, especially in environments where students and staff spend a significant portion of their time," said Linda Hughes, nurse at Chisholm Trail Middle School. "By equipping our middle school students with the life-saving knowledge of CPR, we empower them to respond confidently and effectively in emergency situations. We are so thankful for this amazing gift presented by AHA and Texas Children's Hospital."

### UATX Summer Program

This summer, the University of Austin introduces its undergraduate curriculum to high school students through a pre-college, immersive summer program.

The program, "Life of the Mind: Summer Edition" is coming to Austin August 1-3 and will take place at the UATX Scarbrough campus.

The program's seminar courses will challenge students with college-level coursework, while evening social activities will help students become familiar with college life. Courses offered will cover topics like the 2024 election, Shakespeare and game theory.

Participants must be at least 15 years old. The program is designed for rising high school juniors and seniors.

The program is tuition-free, and participants will receive complimentary meals daily. However, they are responsible for their travel and lodging expenses as applicable, as well as the costs of assigned books and other reading materials.

All participants are required to have adult supervision outside of program hours. To register, go to: [www.uaustin.org](http://www.uaustin.org)



UATX Summer Program challenges current high school students. Photo courtesy UATX



Lucksinger with the fourth edition of Exploring Austin with Kids

### Award Winning Austin Author

Stomping Grounds Press is pleased to announce that "Exploring Austin with Kids" by local Austin author Annette Lucksinger received silver in the 36th annual IBPA Benjamin Franklin Award™ program's travel category. The latest, updated edition of Exploring Austin with Kids was published in 2023. Now in its fourth edition, the local family guidebook describes over 100 kid-friendly places to go in Austin, Texas. The guide also highlights family-friendly restaurants and annual events.

the outdoors and the importance of place. As a former instructor at St. Edward's University and a mom, her work has appeared in academic journals as well as parenting outlets such as Literary Mama, Free Fun in Austin and Austin Family Magazine. She is currently working on a collection of essays about her favorite city ... Austin.

Annette has lived in Austin for the past twenty-five years. She has raised two children who have explored every nook and cranny of the city. Annette likes to write about kids, her love of

### Summer Meals Service

Twelve Round Rock ISD campuses will provide children 18 years and younger and students with disabilities up to 21 years old with healthy, no-cost breakfast and lunch through Aug. 2nd.

Through funding made available by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's nutrition program, the Seamless Summer Option provides nutritious meals in school cafeterias from June 3 to Aug. 2. The program aims to bridge the gap left by the unavailability of free and reduced-price school meals during the summer months.

Families in the Round Rock and North Austin communities can take advantage of this service Monday through Friday, with meals to be consumed on-site. Participating families do not have to apply, register, be registered in a summer school program or provide identification.

Please call schools to confirm dates, times and on-site meal service details as schedules may be subject to change.

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# Which Essential Oils Do I Need?

## Lifelines

CATHERINE MICHALK

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About 15 years ago, fragrant little bottles and diffusers full of essential oils started making their way into our homes. If you're like me, you may have bought one of the "essential oil starter packs" with 20+ trial-size oils, then immediately felt overwhelmed by all the options. Unless you're an essential oil die-hard, you probably don't have a need for all 20 of those oils, but that doesn't mean you have to give up on including them in your domestic routines. Oils can be a helpful tool for families if you know how to use them. Here is a refresher guide to the top five most popular oils available, and how you can put them to use around your home.

### 1. Lavender

Lavender oil has a light, fresh, floral scent that may smell familiar as it

is not only one of the most popular essential oils but also a popular scent in home and body products. When diffused it can create a sense of calm and peace. Use it to refresh a musty kid's room or diffuse it in your bathroom for a spa-like atmosphere. Spray it on clean laundry for a pleasant, floral scent.

### 2. Peppermint

The unmistakable scent of peppermint oil creates an atmosphere of attentiveness and energy. While you may want to skip diffusing peppermint oil at bedtime, many parents find it useful for children with mild coughs. It can be diffused or mixed with another oil (coconut or olive) for a DIY chest rub.

### 3. Tea Tree

Tea Tree oil is a common ingredient in many cosmetics and has some antibacterial properties. You will

find this oil as the main ingredient in a lot of shampoos and soaps to address a wide range of issues, from dry scalp to acne to athlete's foot. If you have tea tree oil in your home, however, make sure you keep it out of reach of your children as it can be toxic if swallowed.

### 4. Lemon

Lemon oil does more than smell like summer fun. The citrus scent can freshen stale air around your home or be used in natural cleaning products. If you buy food-safe oil, you can add a drop to your hot tea or use it to make lemonade. Just make sure you have the right kind of oil and always dilute it.

### 5. Chamomile

If you are a fan of chamomile tea you will love chamomile essential oil. Just like the bedtime-friendly tea, chamomile oil has a calming effect and can help relieve anxiety. It can

also help soothe skin irritation like eczema when used with a carrier oil as a lotion.

While each of these oils is great on its own, they can be even more powerful when combined. Try adding a few drops each of lavender, lemon, and peppermint oils to a diffuser and enjoy the refreshing and revitalizing scent that can help relieve congestion. Or mix 3-5 drops of each oil into the bath. The warm moist air and oils can help with cold symptoms while your child plays in the water. Mix lavender and chamomile at bedtime for a relaxing atmosphere or diffuse peppermint and lemon during homework time to help with focus.

Essential oils are used frequently in cosmetics, which you can make at home. Recipes for homemade lotion, shampoo, soap and even deodorant can be found on the internet. Simply use your favorite essential oil for the scent and you have a customizable, inexpensive and natural cosmetic alternative.

DIY cleaning products using essential oils are also popular. For an inexpensive all-purpose cleaner combine equal parts white vinegar and water in a spray bottle. Add a few drops of lemon oil and the vinegar smell will be gone. If you're looking to replace dryer sheets, try investing in wool dryer balls. Add a drop or two of your favorite oil to one of the dryer balls and your clothes will come out smelling wonderful.

Today you can find essential oil diffusers to match every decor style, and they have become a mainstay in many homes, classrooms and offices. Diffusing is one of the

easiest ways to put your essential oils to use, but many people also mix them with a carrier oil and rub them on their skin. Except for lemon oil (as mentioned above), we don't recommend ingesting oils, as some

oils can be toxic. If you are pregnant or nursing, it is a good idea to check with your doctor before using any essential oils. And always keep your oils out of reach of your kids.

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# Top 4 Benefits of Scouting

## The Learning Curve



ALISON BOGLE

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**M**y youngest daughter is still going strong in her seventh year of Girl Scouts, and I've managed to land myself in the role of troop leader for the last six of those years. I've seen our troop of 11 girls grow up together, make incredible memories and learn important life lessons along the way. Scouting is more than selling Girl Scout cookies or Boy Scouts of America popcorn. It teaches our children important skills and helps them develop character traits and attitudes that will serve them well throughout life.

### Character Development

One of the main focuses of Scouting is character development. The Girl Scout pledge is: "I will do my best to be honest and fair, friendly and helpful, considerate and caring, courageous and strong, and responsible for what I say and do, and to respect myself and

others, respect authority, use resources wisely, make the world a better place and be a sister to every Girl Scout."

The Boy Scout Oath states "On my honor, I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight." The Boy Scout Law lists twelve character traits that every Scout should endeavor to embody: trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent.

Scouts earn badges through community service and other activities that help them develop an understanding of the world outside of their small circles. For example, my girls have fed the unhoused through Mobile Loaves & Fishes, provided care to animals at an animal shelter and

visited residents of an assisted living center. I have seen firsthand how they start out nervous but end up stretching themselves, making meaningful connections, and finishing the experience with a sense of confidence and pride in being able to help.

### Leadership and Teamwork

Scouting provides numerous opportunities for kids to develop leadership skills and strengthen their ability to work in a team. Girl Scout troop leaders and Boy Scout scoutmasters are instructed to pass increasing levels of responsibility for planning and organizing to their Scouts as they age. Boy Scouts of America participants can also assume several designated leadership roles while Girl Scouts develop their leadership potential by discovering their values, connecting with others, and taking action to make a difference in their world.

In addition, through service projects, outdoor adventures and other activities, Scouts learn to work as a team with their fellow Scouts, collaborating, communicating and delegating to achieve their collective goals.

## Confidence Building

Scouting challenges kids to take reasonable risks and to push their boundaries to achieve goals, all proven ways to help kids develop true self-confidence and pride. For example, year after year, one of my girls attempted to climb a rock wall at our annual campout without ever being able to make it past the three-fourths mark. Last year, that same girl shakily climbed all the way to the top and rang the bell as loud as she could. Her excitement was matched by her fellow troop members on the ground who all cheered her on. Without the opportunity to participate in this activity year after year with friends by her side, she likely would not have continued to take that risk. Now she has tangible proof that she can face her fears and persist to achieve her goals.

## Life Skills

When you see a Boy Scout selling popcorn or a Girl Scout hawking Thin Mints, they're not just earning money for their troop. They have participated in goal setting, organization and planning long before they made it to the sales table. Scouts are strengthening their math skills as they ring up purchases and make change. Even the many "nos" they receive - and there are many - play an important part in their development. To be able to get a rejection, pick your head up, and try again is a lifelong skill that many adults never master. Through a variety of experiences, Scouting helps kids develop life skills that will serve them well into adulthood.

## How to Join

Boy Scouts of America is divided into five different programs according to age and activities and both boys and girls are eligible to join. Cub Scouts, the program open to the youngest participants, is for boys and girls from kindergarten to 5th grade. Girl Scouts offers 6 different groups according to age and only girls are eligible to join. The Daisy program, open to the youngest participants, is for girls in kindergarten and first grade.

Interested families can visit the following websites to learn more and to join a program:

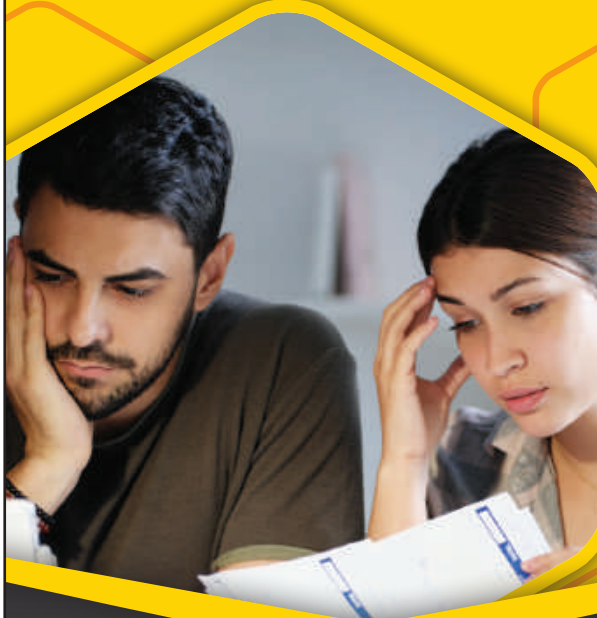
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# Celebrate Dad, Austin Style!

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**F**ather's Day rolls around every year in June just as summer is getting started. If your family needs some fresh inspiration for celebrating the dad, grandpa or uncle in your life, here are some fun ideas that are tailor-made for Austinites.

complimentary features like cleaning products and vacuums. Kids can help vacuum the automobile's interior. Or you can do it all from home. Have kids get on bathing suits to keep cool while you wash the car's exterior in your driveway. When the job is all done, add a new air freshener to the rearview mirror and leave a few homemade cards for Dad in the driver's seat.

The accompanying adult does need a fishing license to fish public waters but not to fish from the shore at a Texas state park. Remember to snap some photos before you release the fish back into the water!



## CAR WASH FOR DAD

My grandpa used to say that his car ran better when it was clean. He was in jest, but maybe a car wash is a way to show Dad some love this Father's Day. Roll up your sleeves and clean his car—both inside and out. There are dozens of car washes around Austin, some with DIY



## GONE FISHIN'

There's something paternal and old-fashioned about going fishing, and this Father's Day it might be just the way to help your kids celebrate their dad or grandpa in a new way. You don't need fancy equipment either, just poles and some bait (and maybe some snacks for kids). Austin boasts some great fishing holes, such as Mills Pond, McKinney Falls State Park and Onion Creek. You can catch bass, catfish and even some Rainbow Trout.



## MAKE A SPLASH!

Speaking of enjoying Austin water sources...if fishing seems a little too involved for your kids, why not simply rent a paddleboard or kayak and have a day of fun on Ladybird Lake? There are several companies to rent from in Austin, most of which charge about \$35 a day to use the kayaks or paddle boards. Better yet, gift Dad a paddleboard of his own and take it out for a float on Father's Day. There are eight different launching points off Ladybird Lake and plenty of room on the water for everyone.



### GRILL MASTER

Austin weather is perfect in June for a cookout. Give Dad some new grilling tools and plan to have a cookout to celebrate him. Just don't make him do all the work! Sometimes all we need are some new tools to get inspired. Plan to purchase Dad some grilling tools, such as seasoning rubs, heat resistant spatulas, outdoor kitchen towels, meat thermometer and maybe even an apron with his name on it. You can keep it local and purchase your grilling meats from Austin's iconic Salt Lick.



### SCAVENGER HUNT

Kids love participating in scavenger hunts, but they also love creating them too. So let them help plan one for Dad. Purchase some inexpensive themed gifts like car tools, BBQ tools, toiletries or favorite drinks or snacks and have the kids write up funny clues for where to find the items in the house. Then let Dad do the hunting. It's a great way to bond, and it's sure to induce lots of giggles. Plus, a scavenger hunt for little fun gifts doesn't have to break the bank.



### CAMP OUT!

Most dads love a good campout with their kids. Lucky for us, Austin has some fantastic campsites to choose from. Camping doesn't have to be complicated at a state or local park. One overnight of camping is sure to bring smiles to you and your kids. Bring the basics: sleeping bags, a tent, some hot dogs and snacks. Kids will be thrilled just to spend some quality time with their dad in nature. McKinney Falls State Park, Emma Long Metropolitan Park, Bastrop State Park, Krause Springs and Pedernales Falls State Park all boast beautiful views and campsites. You'll be sure to make special outdoor memories with Dad this Father's Day. Remember to book your campsite early.



### HIKE TO THE TOP

If you're looking for a fun thing to do on Father's Day in Austin, why not take a family hike to the highest point in the city? Mount Bonnell is 785 feet up and total of 106 steps. For most people, even with children, it takes about 10 minutes to get to the top and the view of Austin is unbeatable. There's a snow cone trailer at the base of Mount Bonnell, so after your hike, buy Dad a sweet treat on his special day.



From cool history museums to the best restaurants with playgrounds (and a few road trip destinations in between), we've got summer fun listed all in one place with our updated Summer Fun Guide. Keep it handy this June as your family makes plans for the best summer yet.

### Kid Fun Museums

**Texas Science and Natural History Museum**  
 (formerly Texas Memorial Museum)  
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[www.sciencemuseum.utexas.edu](http://www.sciencemuseum.utexas.edu)

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[www.mandolas.com/locations/cedar-park](http://www.mandolas.com/locations/cedar-park)

**SOUTH****Bouldin Acres**

[www.bouldinacres.com](http://www.bouldinacres.com)

**The Hive**

[www.hiveaustin.com](http://www.hiveaustin.com)

**Hat Creek**

[www.hatcreekburgers.com](http://www.hatcreekburgers.com)

**Easy Tiger**

[www.easytigerusa.com/location/south](http://www.easytigerusa.com/location/south)

**Waterloo Ice House**

[www.waterlooicehouse.com](http://www.waterlooicehouse.com)

**Doc's Backyard Grill**

[www.eatdrinkdocs.com](http://www.eatdrinkdocs.com)

**WEST****Hat Creek**

[www.hatcreekburgers.com](http://www.hatcreekburgers.com)

**Ski Shores Café**

[www.skishorescafe.com](http://www.skishorescafe.com)

**Kerby Lane**

[www.kerbeylanecafe.com](http://www.kerbeylanecafe.com)

**CENTRAL**

Home Slice Pizza

[www.homeslicepizza.com](http://www.homeslicepizza.com)

**Hat Creek**

[www.hatcreekburgers.com](http://www.hatcreekburgers.com)

**Central Market**

[www.centralmarket.com](http://www.centralmarket.com)

**Whole Foods**

[www.wholefoodsmarket.com](http://www.wholefoodsmarket.com)

**Splash Pads****GEORGETOWN**

Garey Park Splash Pad

6450 RM 2243

**ROUND ROCK**

Prete Main Street Plaza Splash Pad

221 Main St.

**LEANDER**

Quarry Splash Pad

3005 CO RD 175

**CEDAR PARK**

Splash Jam Milburn Park

1901 Sun Chase Blvd.

**HUTTO**

Hutto Co-op District

210 HWY 79E

**PFLUGERVILLE**

Falcon Pointe Splash Pad

1813 Tranquility Ln.

**SOUTH**

Ricky Guerrero Splash Pad

1100 Brodie St.

Easton Park Splash Pad

7604 Solari Dr.

**EAST (EAST OF IH 35)**

Chestnut Splash Pad

2205 E 16th St.

Rosewood Splash Pad

2300 Rosewood Ave.

Bartholomew Splash Pad

5201 Berkman Dr.

Lott Splash Pad

1180 Curve St.

Metz Splash Pad

2407 Canterbury St.

**CENTRAL** (west of IH35, north of MoPac to 51st St.)

Clarksville Splash Pad

1811 W 11th St.

Bailey Splash Pad

1201 W 33rd St.

Pease Splashpad

1100 Kingsbury St.

Eastwoods Splash Pad

3001 Harris Park Ave.

Liz Carpenter Splash Pad

201 Dawson Rd.

**Animal Adventures****Cameron Park Zoo**

Waco

[www.cameronparkzoo.com](http://www.cameronparkzoo.com)

**Austin Aquarium**

Austin

[www.austinaquarium.com](http://www.austinaquarium.com)

**Austin Zoo**

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[www.austinzoo.org](http://www.austinzoo.org)

**Natural Bridge Wildlife Ranch**

San Antonio

[www.wildliferanchtexas.com](http://www.wildliferanchtexas.com)

**Indian Springs Ranch**

Manchaca

[www.indianspringsranchatx.com](http://www.indianspringsranchatx.com)

**San Antonio Zoo**

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[www.sazoo.org](http://www.sazoo.org)

**San Antonio Aquarium**

San Antonio

[www.sanantoniaquarium.net](http://www.sanantoniaquarium.net)

**Animal World and Snake Farm**

New Braunfels

[www.awsfoo.com](http://www.awsfoo.com)

**The Exotic Resort Zoo**

Johnson City

[www.zooexotics.com](http://www.zooexotics.com)

**The Capital of Texas Zoo**

Cedar Creek

[www.capitaloftexaszoo.org](http://www.capitaloftexaszoo.org)



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CAMP DOUBLECREEK	4-14	<a href="http://www.campdoublecreek.com">www.campdoublecreek.com</a>	512-255-3661	PF
CAMP EAGLE	6-17	<a href="http://www.campeagle.org">www.campeagle.org</a>	830-683-3219	Rocksprings, TX
CAMP HEART O' THE HILLS FOR GIRLS	6-16	<a href="http://www.hohcamp.com">www.hohcamp.com</a>	830-238-4650	Hunt, TX
CAMP STEWART FOR BOYS	6-16	<a href="http://www.campstewart.com">www.campstewart.com</a>	830-238-4670	Hunt, TX
CAMP SWITCH WILLO	6-13	<a href="http://www.switchwillo.com">www.switchwillo.com</a>	512-920-0554	N
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CookLearnGrow	6-12	<a href="http://www.cooklearngrow.com">www.cooklearngrow.com</a>	512-672-9221	S/DS/LT/RR/NW/N
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GREATER AUSTIN YMCA	4-14	<a href="http://www.austinyymca.org">www.austinyymca.org</a>	512-322-9622	SW/C/N/ B/DS/NW
IDEA LAB	5-13	<a href="http://www.austin.idealabkids.com">www.austin.idealabkids.com</a>	512-710-9654	C/N
IKIDS U SUMMER CAMP	5-11	<a href="http://www.ikidsu.com">www.ikidsu.com</a>	512-265-7733	N/NW
JUMP! GYMNASTICS	3-10	<a href="http://www.jumpgymnastics.com">www.jumpgymnastics.com</a>	512-593-6226	S/C
KIDSACTING SUMMER CAMPS	4-18	<a href="http://www.kidsactingstudio.com">www.kidsactingstudio.com</a>	512-836-5437	16 Locations
MAD SCIENCE SUMMER CAMPS	4-12	<a href="http://www.madscience.org">www.madscience.org</a>	512-892-1143	Multiple
MASTER GOHRING TAI CHI AND KUNG FU	4-Adult	<a href="http://www.mastergohring.com">www.mastergohring.com</a>	512-879-7553	C
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STEPPING STONE SCHOOLS	5-11	<a href="http://www.steppingstoneschool.com">www.steppingstoneschool.com</a>	512-459-0258	18 locations
STICKY FINGERS COOKING SCHOOL	5-12	<a href="http://www.stickyfingerscooking.com">www.stickyfingerscooking.com</a>	512-955-7550	Multiple
SUGAR & SPICE RANCH CAMP	5 & up	<a href="http://www.texashorsecamps.com">www.texashorsecamps.com</a>	830-460-8487	Bandera, TX
SYNERGY DANCE	3-18	<a href="http://www.synergycandcestudio.com">www.synergycandcestudio.com</a>	512-327-4130	W
TEX-ARTS	5-18	<a href="http://www.tex-arts.org">www.tex-arts.org</a>	512-852-9079	LT
THINKERY	1st-5th	<a href="http://www.thinkeryaustin.org">www.thinkeryaustin.org</a>	512-469-6201	C
UT RADIO TV FILM	6-18	<a href="http://www.rf.utexas.edu">www.rf.utexas.edu</a>	512-471-6617	C
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CAMP SWITCH WILLO	6-13	www.switchwillo.com	512-920-0554	N
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CLUB Z	4-12	www.zsclubhouse.com	512-219-0700	NW/S/SW
CookLearnGrow	6-12	www.cooklearngrow.com	512-672-9221	S/DS/LT/RR/NW/N
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- Camps less than \$300 per week
- Care from 7:30 AM – 6:00 PM
- Options for kids ages 4-14
- Financial Assistance Available



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Smart initially wanted the day to be on her father's birthday on June 5, but ultimately it fell on the third Sunday in June. In 1972, President Richard Nixon officially signed Father's Day into law, making it a national holiday.

Today, celebrating Father's Day often calls to mind backyard barbecues, days at the lake or beach, or playing or watching your dad's favorite sport like golf or baseball. Because shopping for dads can often

be challenging, making a homemade Father's Day gift can be a better option. One of our favorites for families with young kids is a soda can succulent planter, which is simple to make, easy to maintain, and will remind dads of our love for months or even years to come as it sits handsomely on his desk, counter or shelf.

**Materials needed:** Soda can, can opener, hammer, nail, handful of pebbles, potting soil, small succulent.

**Step 1:** Grab an empty can of your dad's favorite soda; look for one with an especially colorful or meaningful design.

**Step 2:** Turn the can upside down and tap three or four holes into the bottom with the hammer.



**Step 3:** Use the can opener to remove the top of the can.

**Step 4:** Drop in a handful of pebbles or small rocks to aid in drainage.



**Step 5:** Fill the can with potting soil; look for soil specifically suited for succulents.

**Step 6:** Remove the succulent from its container and massage the packed soil to loosen the roots



**Step 7:** Place the succulent into the top of the can and loosely pack additional soil around the top to ensure the plant is secure.

**Step 8:** Lightly water the plant, find the best place to set it, and you're done!

The Greater Austin YMCA celebrates the fathers and caregivers every day of the year with opportunities to spend quality family time in its pools, gyms, playgrounds, fitness centers and at special events. Information on memberships is available at [www.AustinYMCA.org](http://www.AustinYMCA.org).



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# June 2024 calendar

Go to [www.austinfamily.com](http://www.austinfamily.com) for expanded listings.

Check our calendar online which is updated daily. Any family-friendly events can be posted at [www.austinfamily.com](http://www.austinfamily.com) and will be made live once approved. Certain restrictions apply.

## Sat 1

**Austin Public Safety Fair.** 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Enjoy this free and fun-for-the-whole-family event featuring impressive displays from the Austin Police Department, Austin Fire Department, Austin Travis County EMS units and more. Q2 Stadium Live Oak Park, 10414 McCalla Pl., FREE [www.austintexas.gov/event/austin-public-safety-fair](http://www.austintexas.gov/event/austin-public-safety-fair)

**Round Rock Express vs. El Paso.** 7:15 p.m. Fun for the entire family. Dell Diamond, Round Rock. \$26 and up. [www.roundrockexpress.com](http://www.roundrockexpress.com)

**Romeo and Juliet.** 8 to 10 p.m. Austin Shakespeare, in conjunction with the University of Austin, presents Shakespeare's classic love story, Romeo and Juliet. The Curtain Theatre, 7400 Coldwater Canyon Dr. FREE. [www.austinshakespeare.org](http://www.austinshakespeare.org)

## Sun 2

**H-E-B Free First Sunday: Juneteenth.** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Celebrate Juneteenth with storytelling, crafts and hands-on activities for the whole family. Enjoy FREE exhibition admission all day during Bullock Texas State History Museum, 1800 N. Congress Ave. FREE. [www.thestoryoftexas.com](http://www.thestoryoftexas.com).

**CONTINUED: Round Rock Express vs. El Paso** see Sat 1; **Romeo and Juliet**, see Sat 1.

## Mon 3

**Free Play @ Laura's.** 4 to 6:30 p.m. Meet up with your friends at the world's best play date. Laura Bush Community Library, 9411 Bee Cave Rd. [www.westbanklibrary.com](http://www.westbanklibrary.com).

## Tue 4

**Free Days - Blanton Museum of Art.** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Come enjoy art at its finest. Blanton Museum of Art, 200 E Martin Luther King Jr Blvd. FREE. [www.blantonmuseum.org](http://www.blantonmuseum.org)

**Get Crafty.** 6:15 to 7:45 p.m. Grab your family and bring your friends for Get Crafty, where local artist Rita Wang will teach us a new, cute craft every month. Howson Branch, 2500 Exposition Blvd. FREE. [www.library.austintexas.gov](http://www.library.austintexas.gov).

## Wed 5

**ASO Tuneful Tales.** 10 a.m. ASO presents Creepy Carrots/Las zanahorias maleficas. Featuring woodwind quintet of ASO musicians. English version, second show in Spanish. Austin Public Libraries, FREE. [www.austinsymphony.org](http://www.austinsymphony.org).

**Music on Main.** 7 to 9 p.m. The City of Round Rock Arts and Culture is excited to announce its Music on Main schedule of performers for the Spring/Summer 2024 seasons. Prete Main Street Plaza, 221 East Main St. FREE. [www.roundrocktexas.gov](http://www.roundrocktexas.gov).

**Frozen.** 7:30 to 9:45 p.m. Disney's FROZEN, the Tony®-nominated Best Musical, is now on tour across North America and the critics rave, "It's simply magical!" Bass Concert Hall, 2350 Robert Dedman Dr. \$35 and up. [www.austin.broadway.com/shows/disneys-frozen](http://www.austin.broadway.com/shows/disneys-frozen)

**High Noon Talk: Juneteenth Rodeo.** Discover the legacy of Juneteenth rodeos in Texas. Bullock Texas State History Museum, 1800 Congress Ave. [www.thestoryoftexas.com](http://www.thestoryoftexas.com).

## Thu 6

**CONTINUED: Romeo and Juliet**, see Sat 1; **Frozen**, see Wed 5; **ASO Tuneful Tales**, see Wed 5.

## Fri 7

**19th Annual Blanco Lavender Festival.** 6 p.m. Celebrate the sweet history of lavender. Over 100 artisans, live music and food. Downtown, 300 Main St. FREE. [www.blancolavenderfest.com](http://www.blancolavenderfest.com).

**First Friday: Ukulele Concert.** 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wells Branch Community Library, 15001 Wells Port Dr. [www.wblibrary.org](http://www.wblibrary.org).

**CONTINUED: Romeo and Juliet**, see Sat 1; **Frozen**, see Wed 5.

## Sat 8

**Saturdazed & Confused.** 2 to 5 p.m. Come celebrate the start of summer with us. The Domain Northside, Alterra Parkway. FREE. [www.domainnorthside.com](http://www.domainnorthside.com)

**Freedom + Juneteenth.** 5 to 9 p.m. Dance to the beats of our live DJ, live art by a local artist, enjoy a dance performance by Ballet Afrique and explore Black-owned vendors. Kings Commons at Pease Park, 1100 Kingsbury St. FREE. [www.peasepark.org](http://www.peasepark.org).

**CONTINUED: Romeo and Juliet**, see Sat 1; **Frozen**, see Wed 5; **19th Annual Blanco Lavender Festival**, see Fri 7.

## Sun 9

**CONTINUED: Romeo and Juliet**, see Sat 1; **Frozen**, see Wed 5; **19th Annual Blanco Lavender Festival**, see Fri 7.

## Mon 10

**Summer Movie Clubhouse.** 9:30 a.m. Four area theaters, check the schedule near you. Austin, Cedar Park, Round Rock and Pflugerville Cinemark. Check show for locations. \$1.75. [www.cinemark.com](http://www.cinemark.com).

**Wacky Science\* (ages 5+).** 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Wells Branch Community Library, 15001 Wells Port Dr. [www.wblibrary.org](http://www.wblibrary.org).

**CONTINUED: Free Play @ Laura's.** see Mon 3.

## Tue 11

**Round Rock Express vs. Tacoma.** 7:15 p.m. Fun for the entire family. Dell Diamond, Round Rock. \$26 and up. [www.roundrockexpress.com](http://www.roundrockexpress.com)

**CONTINUED: Frozen**, see Wed 5; **Free Days - Blanton Museum of Art**, see Tue 4; **Summer Movie Clubhouse**, see Mon 10.

## Wed 12

**ASO Tuneful Tales.** 10 a.m. ASO presents A Flag for Juneteenth featuring a string quartet of ASO musicians. Locations vary by date. Austin Public Libraries, FREE. [www.austinsymphony.org](http://www.austinsymphony.org).

**Mad Science @ Westbank.** 3 p.m. Come enjoy an interactive science show that will spark your children's imagination, make them laugh and get them excited about learning. Westbank Community Library, 1309 Westbank Dr. [www.westbanklibrary.com](http://www.westbanklibrary.com).

## Kids Make & Create: '90s

**Craftstravaganza.** Take a blast to the past with '90s-themed crafts and activities. Bullock Texas State History Museum, 1800 Congress Ave. \$9 - \$13. [www.thestoryoftexas.com](http://www.thestoryoftexas.com).

**CONTINUED: Frozen**, see Wed 5; **Music on Main**, see Wed 5; **Summer Movie Clubhouse**, see Mon 10; **Round Rock Express vs. Tacoma**, see Tue 11.

## Thu 13

**Movie in the Park: Jaws.** 8 p.m. When a killer shark unleashes chaos on a beach community off Cape Cod, it's up to a local sheriff, a marine biologist and an old seafarer to hunt the beast down. Join us for a special showing of Jaws...on the water. 401 Deep Eddy Ave. FREE [www.austinparks.org](http://www.austinparks.org).

**CONTINUED: Frozen**, see Wed 5; **Summer Movie Clubhouse**, see Mon 10; **Round Rock Express vs. Tacoma**, see Tue 11.

## Fri 14

**Kids Move & Groove.** 10 to 10:45 a.m. Children up to age 5 with an adult are welcome. Pflugerville Public Library, 1008 W. Pfluger St. [www.library.pflugervilletx.gov](http://www.library.pflugervilletx.gov).

**CONTINUED: Frozen**, see Wed 5; **ASO Tuneful Tales**, see Wed 5; **Round Rock Express vs. Tacoma**, see Tue 11.

## Sat 15

**Juneteenth Central Texas.** 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Parade begins at 10 am and festival at noon with food, vendors, games and more. Rosewood and Boggy Creek Park, 2300 Rosewood Ave. FREE. [www.juneteenthcentraltexas.com](http://www.juneteenthcentraltexas.com).

**Bastrop Juneteenth Celebration.** 10 a.m. Join in on the parade on Main St., 11 a.m. festival in Fisherman's Park, and 7 p.m. street dance. Fisherman's Park, 1200 Wilson St. FREE. [www.bastropjuneteenth.com](http://www.bastropjuneteenth.com).

**Juneteenth Festival Round Rock.** 4 to 11:30 p.m. Fun for the entire family. Old Settlers Park, 330 E. Palm Valley Rd. FREE [www.roundrocktexas.gov](http://www.roundrocktexas.gov).

**Juneteenth Block Party.** 5 to 9 p.m. Musical performance by Soulful Soundz Party Band, food trucks, craft vendors, Fun Zone and swimming pool/splash pad. Robin Bledsoe Park, 601 S. Bagdad. FREE. [www.leandertx.gov](http://www.leandertx.gov).

**Water Lantern Festival.** 6 to 10 p.m. Bringing people together for a celebration of light and community. McLane Stadium, 1001 S Martin Luther King Jr Blvd., Waco \$26.98 - \$55.99. [www.waterlanternfestival.com](http://www.waterlanternfestival.com).

**CONTINUED: Frozen**, see Wed 5; **Round Rock Express vs. Tacoma**, see Tue 11.

## Sun 16

**19th Fest.** 12 p.m. There will be scrumptious food choices, entertainment, artisan craft vendors and sponsor vendors. Houston Tillitson College, College and University Dr. FREE. [www.19thfest.com](http://www.19thfest.com).

**CONTINUED: Frozen**, see Wed 5; **Round Rock Express vs. Tacoma**, see Tue 11.

**Mon 17**

**Tech Warriors\* (ages 5+).** 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Wells Branch Community Library, 15001 Wells Port Dr. [www.wblibrary.org](http://www.wblibrary.org).

**CONTINUED: Free Play @ Laura's.** see Mon 3; **ASO Tuneful Tales,** see Wed 5; **Summer Movie Clubhouse,** see Mon 10.

**Tue 18**

**CONTINUED: ASO Tuneful Tales,** see Wed 12; **Free Days - Blanton Museum of Art,** see Tue 4; **Summer Movie Clubhouse,** see Mon 10.

**Wed 19**

**JUNETEENTH**

**Juneteeth Celebration.** 5 to 9 p.m. Join us to commemorate Juneteenth, a day which marks the end of slavery in the United States. There will be games, arts and crafts, food trucks, vendors, music, a Black History display and more. Timmermann Park, 12616 Skimmer Run, Manor. [www.cityofmanor.org](http://www.cityofmanor.org)

**Zine Night.** 5:30 to 7 p.m. Learn how to make and craft a zine with the Austin Public Library. Central Library, 710 W. César Chávez St. Gallery. FREE. [www.library.austintexas.gov](http://www.library.austintexas.gov).

**CONTINUED: Music on Main,** see Wed 5; **Summer Movie Clubhouse,** see Mon 10;

**Thu 20**

**CYT Austin presents Disney's Beauty and the Beast Jr.** 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Beauty and the Beast JR. tells the story of Belle, an adventurous young girl, and the Beast, her hideous captor who is actually a young prince. Brentwood Christian School, Worley-Barton Theater, 11908 N. Lamar Blvd. \$16. [www.cytaustin.org](http://www.cytaustin.org).

**Elgin Western Days.** 6 to 9 p.m. Boots, Beads, and Bling is this year's theme. Kicking off with Family Foam Hoedown, parade, carnival, kids' activities, arts and crafts and more. Elgin Memorial Park, TX95 and N. Main St. FREE. [www.elgintxchamber.com](http://www.elgintxchamber.com).

**CONTINUED: Summer Movie Clubhouse,** see Mon 10.

**Fri 21**

**Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem - Community Cinema.** 8 to 11 p.m. Grab chairs and a blanket, bring family and friends and enjoy this special screening. Come explore Community First! Village, 9301 Hog Eye Rd. FREE. [www.mf.org/community-cinema](http://www.mf.org/community-cinema).

**CONTINUED: ASO Tuneful Tales,** see Wed 12; **Elgin Western Days,** see Thu 20; **CYT Austin presents Disney's Beauty and the Beast Jr.,** see Thu 20.

**Sat 22**

**The Neill-Cochran House Museum Juneteenth Celebration.** 12 to 5 p.m. The Neill-Cochran House Museum invites you to celebrate Juneteenth and the opening of our newest exhibition, A Juneteenth Rodeo. Neill-Cochran House Museum, 2310 San Gabriel St. FREE. [www.nchmuseum.org](http://www.nchmuseum.org).

**Blippi: The Wonderful World Tour.** 2 p.m. Dance, sing and learn with Blippi and special guest Meekah as they discover what makes different cities unique and special. Will there be monster trucks, excavators and garbage trucks galore? You bet! Shake those wiggles out and OJ Twist your way through this brand-new musical party. HEB Center, 2100 Avenue of the Stars. \$30.50 and up. [www.hebcenter.com](http://www.hebcenter.com).

**CONTINUED: Elgin Western Days,** See Thu 20; **CYT Austin presents Disney's Beauty and the Beast Jr.,** see Thu 20.

**Sun 23**

**Mini Maker Market.** 2 to 5 p.m. This Mini Maker Market is perfect for your tiny entrepreneurs and future businesspeople. The Hive, 10542 Menchaca Rd. [www.hiveaustin.com](http://www.hiveaustin.com).

**Mon 24**

**Mad Math\* (ages 5+).** 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Wells Branch Community Library, 15001 Wells Port Dr. [www.wblibrary.org](http://www.wblibrary.org).

**CONTINUED: Free Play @ Laura's.** see Mon 3; **Summer Movie Clubhouse,** see Mon 10.

**Tue 25**

**Austin Reptile Show.** 4 to 5 p.m. Wells Branch Community Library, 15001 Wells Port Dr. [www.wblibrary.org](http://www.wblibrary.org).

**Round Rock Express vs. El Paso.** 7:15 p.m. Fun for the entire family. Dell Diamond, Round Rock. \$26 and up. [www.roundrockexpress.com](http://www.roundrockexpress.com)

**CONTINUED: Summer Movie Clubhouse,** see Mon 10; **ASO Tuneful Tales,** see Wed 12.; **Free Days - Blanton Museum of Art,** see Tue 4

**Wed 26**

**CONTINUED: Music on Main,** see Wed 5; **Summer Movie Clubhouse,** see Mon 10; **Preschool Play @ Laura's,** see Wed 12; **Round Rock Express vs. El Paso,** see Tue 25.

**Thu 27**

**CONTINUED: Summer Movie Clubhouse,** see Mon 10; **Round Rock Express vs. El Paso,** see Tue 25.

**Fri 28**

**Wonka (2023) - Community Cinema.** 8 to 11 p.m. Grab chairs and a blanket, bring family and friends, and enjoy this special screening. Come explore Community First! Community Cinema, 9301 Hog Eye Rd. FREE. [www.mf.org/community-cinema](http://www.mf.org/community-cinema).

**CONTINUED: Round Rock Express vs. El Paso,** see Tue 25.

**Sat 29**

**CONTINUED: Round Rock Express vs. El Paso,** see Tue 25.

**Sun 30**

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# What is Antifragile Parenting?

them. When our children grow up, we don't want to be calling their bosses on their behalf. We want our children to learn to deal with their own problems at school and later at work. Recently I heard the term "antifragile parenting." Could you tell us about this antifragile style?

**A**ntifragile parenting is a style that strives to allow kids to learn from mistakes and be bold. It means less "cushioning the blow" for your kids. It means taking a step back and letting kids do things for themselves. For example, if a toddler tries to climb up on a chair, an antifragile approach might be to watch and be ready to help but not immediately intervene out of fear.

Here are some suggestions to help you carry out the antifragile parenting style.

1. If a child falls, don't rush in with alarm. Calmly ask if your child is hurt.

This allows the child to use her own words and thoughts and to gauge her own feelings rather than taking on the parent's worries.

2. When you see a child struggling, don't offer your solution. Ask the child if she sees a solution.
3. When your child is old enough, let her hear you problem-solve out loud. If your child is in sports, resist the urge to cushion disappointments in her performance. Encourage your child to have a positive attitude and be a team player.
4. When children fight with friends, don't fix it. You can ask your child how she is going to work it out or just let her work it out.


Good luck to you as you engage in antifragile parenting to help your children develop self-reliance, social skills and the ability to cope on their own.


**Q** My wife and I are parents of a one-year-old girl and are expecting another child. We want our children to learn how to be courageous and self-reliant. We don't want to be "helicopter parents"...those who hover over their children and constantly try to smooth the way for





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
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