



**SOUTH TEXAS
BOTANICAL
GARDENS
& NATURE CENTER**

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Registration open for Botanical Gardens' *Summer Nature Camps*; with need-based scholarships from Texas Parks & Wildlife grant!

CORPUS CHRISTI—Registration opened February 1 for seven different week-long, half-day KIDS SUMMER NATURE CAMPS in June and July. Several need-based scholarships from a two-year Texas Parks & Wildlife Department CO-OP grant (Community Outdoor Outreach Program) received in 2022 are available to qualified applicants. The grant also assists with equipment, supplies and extra staffing.

Camp sessions, for ages 6-8, and 9-13, are designed with exciting animal interactions & engaging nature activities in a safe environment. Led by Education and Animal Care staff and trained volunteers, the varied-theme summer camps are limited to 20 campers per session. Activities include daily investigations with science lab tools, nature models and journaling. Camp shirt, snacks and drinks are provided.



Life's better outside.[®]
PROUD PARTNER

Roughly half the educational activities are in outdoor exhibit or trail areas. Campers should *BRING* a water bottle, hat and extra snack; and *WEAR* sunscreen, comfortable cool clothing and close-toed shoes. Camp fee most sessions is \$125 members, \$150 others. **For both registration and scholarship forms**, contact brendae@stxbot.org, 361-852-2100 x 223.

June 5-9

FEATHERS & SCALES

9 am-Noon

Campers **Ages 6-8** explore the world of birds including our parrots and interact with our reptile friends. Learn about bird eggs, habitats and animal coverings. Go on trail walks, make science models...

June 12-16

SNAKES & FRIENDS

9 am-Noon

Youth **Ages 9-13** interact with non-venomous snakes, lizards & turtles supervised by Animal Care staff. Learn about reptile characteristics, diets, habitats and Q/A session, Guest Speaker.

June 19-23

TINY CRITTERS

9 am-Noon

Campers **Ages 6-8** explore digging, crawling & flying insects & other tiny creatures, using science lab tools. Make science models, nature crafts, use cameras and microscopes...

June 26-June 30

NATURE BUDDIES & NEW FRIENDS

9 am-Noon

Campers **Ages 6-8** explore birds, reptiles, tiny critters & plants. Meet our New Animal Friends! Fun nature investigations using binoculars, cameras & other science tools.

July 10-14

NATURE SHUTTERBUGS

9 am-Noon

(\$150 all campers)

Youth **Ages 9-13** use cameras & various artistic techniques to express nature. Cameras available, or use yours.

July 10-14

MAMMAL CAMP

1-4 pm

(\$150 all campers)

Campers **Ages 9-13** investigate the world of mammals through habitat walks, rescue animal interaction, hands-on models, outdoor art & guest speakers.

July 17-21

GIRL SCOUT ADVENTURES

9 am-Noon

Scouts at **Daisy/Brownie/Junior** levels explore trails, birds, reptiles, gardens & butterflies! Nature Adventure patch for each topic.

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