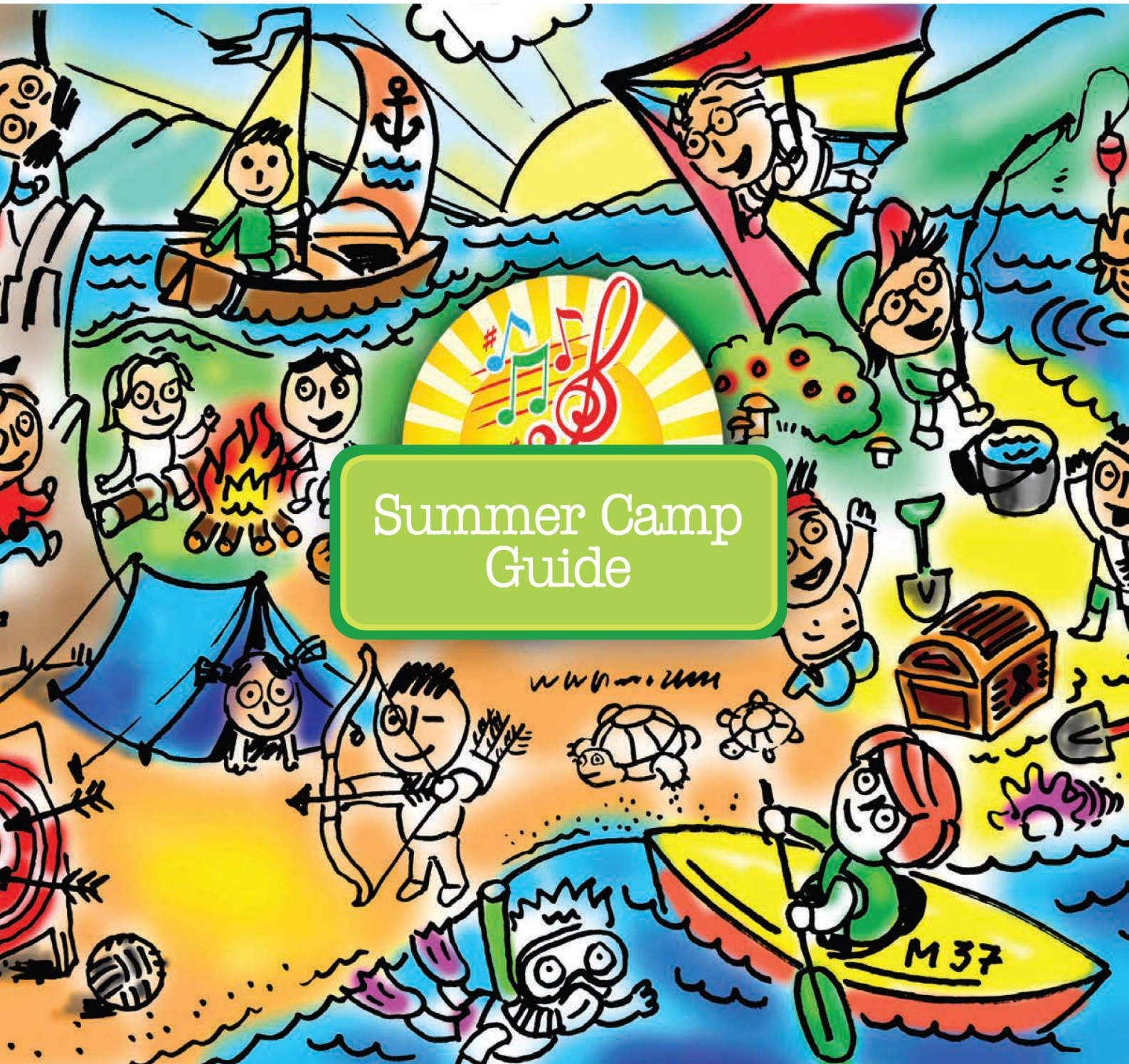


LONE STAR LUXURY



WHICH CAMP?

There are a lot of camps out there ... so how do you know which camp is right for your children?

Here are some things to consider:

Word of mouth. It's a powerful thing. Seek out parents who have children either your own kids' age or slightly older to pick their brains about what camps they've tried. Talk to the parents, and if you can, also the kids. A parent might think the camp was one thing, but the kids usually have a different view.

Talk to teachers and school counselors. Often they know where other kids have gone. Sometimes they might be working at a camp in the summer. They also know your child and might have thoughts on whether a camp is a good fit.

Consider your schedule and your location. You might have heard of the most wonderful camp in North Austin, but if you live in South Austin, are you going to want to do the drive every day? Or you might have heard of the best half-day camp, but if you need a full-day camp, can you really consider it? Your convenience is just as important as your child's desires.

Consider the price. Can you really spend \$1,000 a week for the most super, awesome camp on Earth? No, dear child, you can't. Set the budget before you start looking. Or if there really is a camp that your child has her heart set on, ask about scholarship possibilities or make your child a partner in raising the funds.

Go for tried and true. If a camp has been in business for decades, there probably is a good reason. Also if it's backed by a known organization such as a city parks and recreation department, your church, scouts or a known after-school program, it can be a little less stressful. Don't be complacent about tried and true. Sometimes programs get stale. Ask camps if they are planning anything new this year. And don't forget to ask the same questions of a veteran camp that you would ask of a first-year camp.

Ask questions. Camps should be able to tell you a basic schedule for the day as well as the ratio of campers to counselors. Ask how they get their counselors and what kinds of background checks are done. What is the level of supervision the director has over the camp? Is he or she on-site? Is he or she walking around the venue where the camp is held or sitting behind a desk all day? Ask to talk to parents of campers who have been there. Of course, you'll get nothing but glowing reviews, but ask a question like: "If you could change one thing about the camp, what would it be?" or "Was there anything you didn't like or your child didn't like about the camp?"

What does your child like to do? If your child loves science but hates to run around, a soccer camp might not be a good fit. If your child hates to draw, an art camp might be torture. Fit the camp to your child's interest, which can be tricky when there's more than one child involved. If that's the case, you might need to find a general camp that's good for everyone.

Camp is also a time to try something new. Maybe your child has been asking to take karate or gymnastics during the school year. A camp is a way to test the waters. Your kiddo might discover she really doesn't like dance, and then you're not stuck with paying for a semester before you can get her out of it.

What are your child's limitations? If you have a kid who hates loud noises, rock camp isn't for him. Or if you have a kid who has some physical difficulties, talk to a potential camp about whether it can accommodate your child.

Who attends the camp? Often a camp will say it's for kids ages 5-12, but how many 12-year-olds are really in the program? Make sure it's not too young or too old for your child. Also, what's the boy-girl ratio? Knowing that your son might be one of only a handful of boys or your daughter will contend with mostly boys is helpful information.

What's the mix of camps? Look at each week and figure out if your child is getting enough variety of experiences. Is there enough hands-on activities? Is there enough physical activity? Is there too much outside, not enough inside?

If you need multiple camp sessions all summer long, it might work to have your kid in one camp that offers a variety of different activities each week. Or it might be that your child will be bored after the second week.

Ask camps how many kids stay for all the sessions. If you think your child is going to pop in for a session mid-summer, but all the kids have been going for weeks already, it can be hard to be the new kid for a week. Or if your child is the only one who is in the camp all summer long, it can be hard to sit through the same instructions and activities each week.

No plan is perfect. Be ready with the backup plan. Sometimes you've done your homework, but the camp was not as it appeared or the staff changes or your child decides he hates karate after all. Can he stick it out, or do you need to have a backup option?

Consult your child. Make them partners in this process. The worst summer we had was the summer I decided what everyone was doing. My young engineer should love engineer camp, right? He didn't. And the animal-themed camp for the future marine biologist? Disastrous. Lesson learned, kids.



GENERAL CAMPS



CAMP FIRE ADVENTURE CAMP

Kids get out of the house and into the great outdoors as they hike, swim, pitch tents, and generally commune with nature. *Ages 5-12.*

6/9/14 - 8/24/14. Asbury United Methodist Church, 1605 E. 38 1/2, 512-349-2111. \$250.

www.camp-fire.org

CAMP ON THE MOVE

Every day's a field trip, not a week goes by without Schlitterbahn and Fiesta Texas, and other stops for go-karts, zip-lining, and more. Charter buses wired to screen movies ensure minimal fidgeting en route. *Ages 7-14. 6/9/14 - 8/8/14. \$295-365.*

www.camponthemove.com

FANTASTIC MAGIC CAMP

Each day there will be a magic, juggling and puppetry classes, and other activities that vary each session, such as balloon twisting and clown classes. 512-850-4677. One week: \$275, two week: \$550. *6/9/14 - 8/22/14.*

<http://www.magiccamp.com>

CAMP FIRE SUMMER CAMP

Offers 7 individual weeks with various themes, such as Modern Dinosaurs and Farm to Table, with a focus of connecting students with nature. 512-349-2111. *6/9/14 - 8/22/14.*

\$250 per session, and \$15 one-time registration fee per family. <http://www.camp-fire.org>

STEPPING STONE SCHOOL

Stepping Stone School is dedicated to preventing summer 'brain drain' with a wide variety of activities and themed summer sessions to keep children active and learning while having fun. Full S.T.E.A.M. Ahead units include Technology and Engineering.

Program also features sports, the acclaimed Young Entrepreneurs & Philanthropists project, great field trips, chess and more. 512-459-0258.

<http://steppingstoneschool.com>

ST. ANDREW'S

St. Andrew's Episcopal School in Austin offers a full slate of summer fun with sessions on everything from musical theater to athletics and chess to culinary skills. There is even a program, FunCru, that blends games and sports just for younger children.

<http://sasaustin.org/summer>

EARTH NATIVE WILDERNESS SCHOOL

Learn all about the natural world of Central Texas through exploration and games. The older kids get into some survival techniques at the overnight camp in Bastrop. *Ages 6-17. June 9-Aug. 1. 512-299-8870. \$245 - \$595.*

www.earthnativeschool.com

YMCA OF GREATER WILLIAMSON COUNTY

From Outdoor Adventure Camps to Excursion, Specialty and Kinder Camps - the Y has what your kids want this summer! And each of our Summer Camps is designed to make summer fun, exciting and safe. We offer convenient locations throughout Williamson County. *Ages 3-8th grade. 512-615-5563. <http://ymcagwc.org>*

MCKINNEY ROUGHS NATURE CAMP

Campers ages 5 to 15 explore the outdoors at beautiful McKinney Roughs Nature Park and learn about wilderness skills and native plants and animals. Older campers enjoy swimming, a challenge course and raft trips. Located just east of Austin, the camp offers full-day camp. 512-303-5073. *Ages 5-15.*

lcra.org/naturecamp

GIRL SCOUTS

We are proud to offer multiple day and resident camps with a wide variety of programming and camping options. Campers may attend sessions that cater to their special interests, or try something completely new! Choose from making a movie, building a robot, exploring myths and legends, horseback riding, and much more. *Ages 3-8th grade. 800-733-0011. www.gsctx.org*

BOY SCOUTS

Cub and Boy Scouts learn new skills outside and indoors plus make lifelong friends. Starting this year, boys don't have to be Scout members to join in the fun in the Summer STEM Discovery day camps. Kids explore how the world works and the science behind it, all while having fun. 13 different locations and times. 512-926-6363. *Boys ages 7 and up. <http://www.bsacac.org>*

AUSTIN OUTDOOR KIDS

Austin Outdoor Kids explore the outdoors during daily trips to the best swimming holes, trails, pools, water parks, rivers, playgrounds, splash pads, jump houses, lakes, and amusement parks in Central Texas! Every week includes a trip to an amusement or water park and some weeks include 2 trips to Schlitterbahn! 512-487-5122. *Ages 5-13. \$310-\$325 per week. 6/16/14 - 8/15/14. sites.google.com/site/austinoutdoorkids/*

CAMP DOUBLECREEK

Come catch the vision at Camp Doublecreek as we celebrate over 40 years of making memories and lifelong friendships. We offer activities that are creative and age appropriate, including: horseback riding, archery, swimming, arts & crafts, mini golf, gun safety, climbing wall and more. Free transportation is provided from 13 different pickup points. *Ages 4-14. 512-255-3661. campdoublecreek.com*

AUSTIN PARKS & RECREATION

Active play, outdoor adventure, strategic games, or cultural activities — we have it all! Our goal is to provide your child with exciting experiences through structured recreation in a safe, welcoming environment. Our trained staff will guide your child through activities such as golf, tennis, swimming, hiking, geocaching, painting and more! <http://www.austintexas.gov/summercamp>

GENERAL/EDUCATIONAL CAMPS

General Camps Cont.

EXTEND-A-CARE FOR KIDS Keep your kids mentally and physically active all summer with a well-rounded, diverse program including drama, cooking, soccer, reading, nature walks, and more. *Ages 3-12. 6/9/14 - 8/15/14. 512-472-9402. Up to \$170. www.eackids.org*

GROWIN' TOGETHER HANDS-ON CAMP Choose your camp and put on a play, build something cool, or save the planet. *Ages 5-12. 6/16/14 - 7/25/14. 512-447-8516. \$249. www.growintotogether.org*

SPILLED MILK SOCIAL CLUB Your kid's creativity will be fostered with theater, music, dance, visual art, creative writing, fashion, crafting, video, gardening, cooking, and graphic design. *Ages 5-12. 6/9/14-8/22/14. \$225. 512-317-6408. www.spilledmilkssocialclub.com*

HUMAN PATH Forest Ninja Nature Camp. Wilderness Scout Camp. Camping 101. Bow-making and Woodlands Archery camp. These are just a few of the exciting outdoor nature themed camps that The Human Path offers. *800-733-0011. www.thehumanpath.com*

WET & WILD ADVENTURE CAMP Every day is a new adventure: kayaking, tubing, biking, bowling, rope-swinging, laser tag, rock climbing, and more. Most weeks feature a trip to a nearby premier water park. *Ages 6-15. 6/9/14-8/22/14. 512-983-6100. \$310. www.wetwildcamp.com*

CAMP WILDERNESS RIDGE Camp Wilderness Ridge is a non-denominational, wilderness-oriented Christian leadership camp for young men located on 215 beautiful acres in the Lost Pines. *For boys 7-17. 512-237-4442. wildernessridge.com*

Education Camps

CURIOUS EINSTEIN An academic enrichment camp. Weekly themes include awesome authors, game development, and nature. *6/2/14 - 8/22/14. \$210-\$230. <http://www.curouseinstein.com>*

EXTEND-A-CARE All-day Licensed Child Care for children 3-12 years old: Extend-A-Care for Kids Summer Day Camp offers curriculum based on weekly themes from literature books our students read, and the curriculum offers children a constant source of new and interesting material and activities such as arts & crafts, cooking, painting, science, math and more! *512-472-9402. 3-12 years old. <http://eackids.org>*

CAPITOL SCHOOL OF AUSTIN SUMMER CAMP For children identified as having speech, language, or learning differences. Camps grouped by language ability, academic level, social skills and age. *512-467-7006. 6/9/14 - 7/3/14. 2 years old through 4th grade. \$1090 - \$1820. <http://capitalschool.com/>*

AUSTIN ZOOCADEMY SUMMER CAMP Offers Zooper Trooper Kangaroos (ages 5-7), Zoovivor Squirrel Monkeys (8-12), Zoonique Teen Bearcats (13-16). *512-288-1490. 6/9/14 - 8/1/14. \$160-\$300. www.austinzoo.org*

YOUNG WRITERS CAMP Taught by Central Texas Writing Project writing teachers, camps are separated by age groups, select from Texas State Round Rock or San Marcos campus. *512-245-3680. 6/23/14 - 7/26/14. \$250. <http://www.worklife.txstate.edu/SummerCamps.html>*



THE THINKERY

Program a robot, solve a design challenge or make a messy masterpiece at the Thinkery, the new Austin Children's Museum. Choose from a variety of innovative, collaborative camps that explore science, technology, engineering, art, math and more. Available during spring break and the summer. *512-469-6200. Pre-K through 5th grade. <http://thinkeryaustin.org>*

GAME WORLDS CAMP

Students don't just learn what goes into a game, they create their own, and spend a week surrounded by counselors and students who share their passion. *\$500-\$600. 6/2/14 - 8/15/14. www.gameworldscamp.com*

CAMP INDIGO

A week-long camp that promotes increased confidence, communication and respect for the self and others. Music-making and gardening. *6/16/14 - 7/27/14. 512-476-8884. \$300. <http://www.amalafoundation.org/youth-programs/camp-indigo/>*

NORTHWEST SEWING CENTER

Northwest Sewing Center offers camps for the crafty child, focusing on different projects each session. Each project allows for creative freedom, giving each camper the chance to shine. *512-459-3961. Ages 8 and up. <http://nwsewingcenter.com>*

ART AND MUSIC CAMPS



LONE STAR SCHOOL OF MUSIC puts the twang and bang into the summer with week-long sessions for future superstars. Guitarists, keyboardists, vocalists, and drummers are placed in bands based on their ages and abilities. Young rockers between the ages of 6 and 10 have morning sessions (\$239 p/week) and older kids up to 16 rock all day. (\$395 p/week). 6/9/14-7/21/14. 512-712-5187. www.lonestarschoolofmusic.com

ORPHEUS ACADEMY OF MUSIC Singers, violinists, percussionists, guitar amateurs and prodigies, and other young instrumentalists can begin their musical journey or hone their craft at one of several half-day camps this academy offers. *Ages 5-16. 6/9/14 - 8/22/14. 512-231-8999. \$275.* www.orpheusacademy.com

ZACH THEATRE PERFORMING ARTS SCHOOL Children can develop their creativity in a number of half-day or full-day summer camps that focus on everything from theater basics and advanced training to fully produced productions. *Ages 3.5-Grade 12. <http://zachtheatre.org/education>*

SYNERGY DANCE

We offer five-hour themed day camps for ages 4.5-11 and four-hour preschool camps for ages 3-5. And we also offer special camps for boys that include hip-hop, tumbling, karate, music and lots more. Each session concludes with a performance for parents. *Ages 4-16. 512-327-4130. <http://synergydancestudio.com>*

SHERWOOD FOREST FAIRE

Young lords and ladies spend a week unplugging from the modern world and learning about life in medieval times. They will learn things like leatherworking, blacksmithing, swordplay, theater, pottery and candle-making, plus they get to sleep in a castle! Only 80 campers per session. *Ages 7 and up. 512-222-6680. <http://sherwoodforestfaire.com>*

SCHOOL OF ROCK AUSTIN The School of Rock is the nation's premier performance based music school. Whether you are already a Rock Star or never picked up an instrument, we have a Summer Camp that is right for you! We offer Beginner Camps as well as Performance Camps featuring Classic Rock. We even have a special Heavy Metal camp for the shredders! 512-670-2360. <http://austin.schoolofrock.com>

PARAMOUNT PERFORMING ARTS

Make lifelong memories at the Paramount and Stateside Theatres! We offer a variety of camps for kids from 4 years old to 12th grade. Half-day and full-day options, including acting, singing, dancing and even stand-up comedy. Camps culminate in either a performance or sharing on one of our historic stages. *Pre-K through 12th grade. 512-472-5470. <http://AustinTheatre.org>*

FANTASTIC MAGIC CAMP One and two-week sessions give kids magic instruction from the pros. What could be better to satisfy the bug for trickery and illusion? Prepare for puppetry, ventriloquism, storytelling, and, of course, magic. *Ages 5-12. 6/9/14 - 8/22/14. 512-850-4677. \$275 (\$550, two-week camps). www.magiccamp.com*

THE CONTEMPORARY AUSTIN ART SCHOOL

The Contemporary Austin Art School at beautiful Laguna Gloria provides almost 300 exceptional young artists' classes June - August with art skills, vocabulary, cool materials, and projects to take home. 512-323-6380. <http://thecontemporaryaustin.org/artschool>

AUSTIN SCHOOL OF MUSIC

Young rockers can get a summer full of experience in one session at Rock Camp USA. Campers will record a CD in a studio, perform live at a real venue and receive a multitracked and professionally edited DVD of the show. Three sessions available. *Ages 8-19. <http://rockcampusa.com>*

GIRLS ROCK AUSTIN

A weeklong nonprofit camp dedicated to empowering girls and women of all backgrounds and abilities through musical education and performance. 6/9/14, 7/21/14 8/4/14. (512)677-4722. <http://www.girlsrock-austin.org/girls-rock-camp>

STITCH LABS

Sewing and Fashion Camps for Kids, Tweens and Teens! Give your aspiring young fashionistas and crafty kids a well-rounded experience in all the sewing, fashion and needle arts in a fun and nurturing space. Teens and kids love our instructors and awesome fabric selection! 512-440-0712. *Age Range: 7-16. \$250-\$270 per week-long camp. <http://www.stitchlab.biz/>*

MARMALADE SKIES

No more "Mom I'm bored days" when your young artists create with us! Each week's activities are INSPIRED by a new theme! Daily we will explore fine arts with KidzArt Art Austin and Marmalade Skies amazing arts and crafts projects. Full and half-day camps. 512-695-1694. 6/16/14 - 8/15/14. *Grades K-5. \$180-\$360/week. <http://www.marmaladeskiesaustin.com>*

CREATIVE ACTION SUMMER CAMP

Various locations and varied themes (including fairytale magic, Broadway, and film creation), but all the full-day camps promise to be fun, educational, and character building. *Ages 5-13. June 9-Aug. 8. 512-442-8773. \$275 (\$495, two-week camps). www.creativeaction.org*

THEATRE, DANCE & INSTRUCTIONAL CAMPS

D'ETTE & CO. DANCERS

D'Ette & Co. Dancers has been teaching dance since 1993 in Austin, and has since expanded to Bastrop and most recently to Buda. This summer, D'Ette will offer a full schedule of camps and classes for all ages at all three locations. *Preschool and up.*

512-292-3772. <http://dettedancers.com>

KIDSACTING

12 Austin area locations that give kids an opportunity to try musicals, comedy, improv, show choir, stage combat and more. They will have week-long classes and multi-week sessions that will culminate in a full production. *Ages 4-18.* 512-836-KIDS. kidsactingstudio.com

HIDEOUT IMPROV CAMP This Austin troupe has been entertaining kids with its improv for a while. Spend a week gaining confidence onstage before you have to be off-the-cuff funny in a show at the end of the week. *Ages 5-17.* 6/16/14 - 8/8/14. 512-443-3688. \$280. www.hideouttheatre.com

MOVE YOUR TALE Learn to use theatre, dance, creative movement, and more to help create and perform a story. The folks from ColdTowne Theater offer a different focus for different age groups each week. *Ages 4-17.* 6/9/14-8/15/14. 512-809-0017. \$165-210. www.moveyourtale.com

PAIYH DANCE STUDIOS CAMPS Choose a theme from hip-hop to Jedi Knights to beach party and dance and play your way through it. *Ages 3-10. Drama and movie camp for kids up to 18.* 6/2/14 - 8/22/14. 512-291-2179. \$250. www.putartinyourheart.com

SYNERGY DANCE STUDIO CAMPS The focus is going to be on getting the kids to move to the music, but there will be various art projects for when the feet get tired. Studio's intensives available. *Ages 4-16.* 6/9/14 - 8/15/14. 512/327-4130. \$195-270. www.synergydancestudio.com

Instructional Camps

AUSTIN FILM SUMMER CAMP

Summer at Austin Studios offers a unique opportunity to work with local filmmakers and experience the magic of film and filmmaking. Whether it's developing a script idea or producing an animation project, AFS programs provide a fun, nurturing space for exploration and collaboration. \$335. 512- 322-0145. 6/9/14- 8/1/14. *Age Range: 9-18.* <https://www.austinfilm.org/summercamp>

AFF FILM CAMP The Austin Film Festival's summer camp season has classes for the aspiring screenwriter, filmmaker, or animator. Kids receive hands-on instruction from industry professionals. *Ages 9-18.* 6/9/14 -8/1/14. 512-478-4795. \$195-390. www.austinfilmfestival.com

BADGERDOG CREATIVE WRITING CAMP

Badgerdog provides three-week writing workshops led by some of Austin's finest authors. Hone poetry, prose, and playwriting skills and add work to the anthology, which is released at a camp-concluding party. *Ages 9-18.* 6/9/14 -8/8/14. 512-542-0076. \$450. www.austinlibrary.org

CAMP VAMONOS Themed camps throughout the summer have all the fun kids could want including field trips and tons of hands-on play and learning, only it's in Spanish and English. *Ages 5-11.* 6/9/14-8/22/14. 512-453-8382. \$155. www.campvamonos.com

CURIOUS EINSTEIN

Kids will become little geniuses over the course of a week (or more) as they explore computers math, science, and creative writing. And it wouldn't be camp without play time. *Ages 6-12.* 6/2/14 - 8/22/14. 512-808-0103. \$230. www.curioseinstein.com



FRENCH IMMERSION CAMPS If you can't get your kids all the way to France, at least get them immersed in the language. Courses for beginners and intermediate available. *Ages 2-12.* 6/2/14 - 7/24/14. 512-339-6000. \$250. www.austinfrenchforkids.org

LIVE THE LANGUAGE SPANISH IMMERSION

These two-week, half-day camps are for the 5-year-old to the 13-year-old intermediate Spanish speaker. Draw, sing, act, and learn just like other camps, but do it in Spanish. 6/9/14-8/15/14. 512-762-4907. \$550. www.livethelanguage.org

MOOLAH U Why not give your kid a dose of fiscal reality this summer? The kids keep any money they earn over the course of the week. Campers develop a business plan, weigh the costs, execute the plan, and keep the excess dough. *Ages 8-15.* 512-443-8851. \$300. www.moolahu.com

NEW FARM INSTITUTE AT GREEN GATE

FARM Five themed sessions cover farm life from the animals to building small structures and getting handy with cooking and crafts. *Ages 5-12.* 6/9/14-7/11/14. 512-484-2746. \$375. www.newfarminstitute.org

RTF MEDIA CAMPS Learn film from the opening credits to "The End" this summer as they write, edit, direct, and shoot animated or live action shorts with the guidance of UT's acclaimed Radio-Television-Film faculty. *Ages 9-19.* 6/9/14-8/8/14. 512-471-6617. \$345-\$1,100. rtf.utexas.edu

SPORTS CAMPS



LIFE KI-DO KARATE CAMP Participate in either of two series of classes that put the "kid" back in "ki-do." Participants learn more than just self-defense; they learn interpersonal skills and how to react to strangers and bullies. *Ages 5-13. 6/9/14-8/22/14. \$165-200. 512-327-2900. www.lifekido.com*

AUSTIN FENCERS CLUB

The modern sport of fencing, descended from the ancient art of the duel, uniquely blends the mental and the physical. Fencing develops fitness, agility, critical thinking, sportsmanship, and competitiveness. AFC's summer camps offer fun and challenge to fencers of all skill levels. Fencers learn footwork, bladework, tactics and strategy, protocol, and history. *Ages 7-15. <http://austinfencersclub.com>*

ALL-STAR SPORTS CAMP

Austin's most active day camp since 2010, where kids have a blast and develop their athletic skills while learning teamwork and the fundamentals of various sports. Each child receives a camp shirt and full-day campers are provided with amazing lunches. *Austin Sports Arena 512-251-7500. Ages 5-14. <http://www.AllStarSportsCamp.org>*

SOCCER SHOTS

Join Soccer Shots for a fun-filled week playing the world's greatest game! Camp includes individual soccer skill development through creative and imaginative play, arts and crafts, and lots of fun! Half-day (3-5) and full-day (K-2nd; includes pool time) options available. 512-420-9450. *Ages 3-8. <http://soccershots.org/austin>*

BRANDY PERRYMAN SHOOTING CAMP

This basketball camp is run by former UT player Brandy Perryman, who will hold the team record for free-throw shooting! The camp is a four-day, shooting-intense session. All camps include 32 hours of instruction, with individualized drills and competitions. *Ages 7-16. bperrymanshootingcamp.com*

LONESTAR SOCCER

Half-and full-day camps are available to boys and girls of all skill levels at the eight Lonestar Soccer Club locations, from South Austin to Williamson County. A typical day will include skill-targeted drills, tactical practices, speed and agility training, and a World Cup tournament. *Ages 5-12. <http://lonestar-sc.com>*

CHAPARRAL ICE

We offer summer day camps for the active, skating-loving camper! We have two options this summer: Camp Avalanche, with field trips and other fun, and Camp Des Champs, which helps your little skater reach their true skating potential through on- and off-ice training. 512-252-8500. *Ages 7-14. <http://chaparralice.com>*

AUSTIN SAILING CAMPS

Our all-inclusive sailing camps are divided by experience level and include healthy snacks and a full buffet lunch each camp day. Sessions run June-August. Camp staff are highly credentialed and have years of experience working with children. 512-431-1894. *Ages 6-15. <http://austinsailboatrentals.com>*

JUMP! GYMNASTICS

Jump! Gymnastics offers 1-week half, full and extended day opportunities for children to explore their imaginations through theme-based curriculum featuring gymnastics, art exploration, interactive centers, social integration, dramatic play, yoga & music. *Ages 3-12. 512-593-6226. 6/9/14 - 8/22/14. \$200 - \$360 per week. <http://www.jump-austin.com>*

WESTLAKE SOCCER

WYSA is offering 6 weeks of Summer Soccer Camp, we have both half-day & full-day options available. We have a fully air conditioned gymnasium & 2 soccer fields allowing kids to stay cool in the hot summer weather. You do not need to be a current member of WYSA to attend these camps. 512-291-3176. *Age Range: 3-14. \$165-\$265. <http://www.westlakesoccer.com>*

AUSTIN JUNIOR GOLF ACADEMY

The Austin Junior Golf Academy was founded by three notable City of Austin Golf Professionals, dedicated to introducing the game of golf to the next generation. Every year, over 350 kids come to the Hancock Golf Course to learn the basics of golf, get professional instruction and have a great time outside! 6/16/14 - 6/20/14. \$115.00. <http://www.austinjuniorgolfacademy.com>

LONE STAR HOOPS YOUTH B-BALL CAMP

Fundamental-based basketball developmental camp for boys & girls. The 4-day camp emphasizes five disciplines of the game. 512-789-5351. 6/9/14 - 7/31/14. *1st-8th grade. \$160 per session at most sites. <http://www.lonestarhoops.com>*

AUSTIN OUTDOOR KIDS

Explore the outdoors during daily trips to the best swimming holes, trails, pools, water parks, rivers, playgrounds, splash pads, jump houses, lakes, and amusement parks in Central Texas! Every week includes a trip to an amusement or water park and some weeks include 2 trips to Schlitterbahn! 512-487-5122. 6/16/14 - 8/15/14. *Ages 5-13. \$310-\$325 per week. <https://sites.google.com/site/austinoutdoorkids/>*

UT REC SPORTS YOUTH CAMPS

Ultimate Disc for ages 8-17, Soccer: 5-10, Lacrosse for girls: 8-17, Lacrosse for boys: 8-17, Triathlon Camp: 6-16, Lifeguard Prep: 11-14. 512-471-3116. 6/9/14 - 6/27/14. \$150-\$250. <http://www.utrecsports.org/about/youth-programs>

IRON HORSE COUNTRY RANCH

Motorcycle riding camp - motorcycle, gear and training provided. Students can be picked up and dropped off at schools in North Austin and Georgetown. 6/9/14 - 8/15/14. \$525-\$625. <http://www.ironhorsecountry.com>

SPORTS, SCIENCE/INNOVATION CAMPS

DANCE DISCOVERY SUMMER CAMP

Themed, four-day camps available for age groups vary by week. *One-day camps for ages 11-16.* 512-419-7611. 6/17/14 - 8/23/14.

<http://austin-dance.org/>

SWITCH WILLO STABLES SUMMER CAMP

Attendees will learn an appreciation for horses and the sport of riding. Includes barn lessons, as well as arts and crafts and other activities. 512-331-8668. 6/2/14 - 8/15/14.

\$325 per week. <http://www.switchwillo.com>

CAMP JUMP! SUMMER CAMP

Camps incorporate gymnastics, arts & crafts, games, open play and more. Single day, extended day (ages 4 and older) and week long options available. 512-593-6226.

6/9/14 - 8/22/14. \$60-\$360.

<http://www.jump-austin.com/camps-1.html>

CAMERON EQUESTRIAN CTR HORSE CAMP

Week-long camps for beginning, novice, intermediate and advanced riders. Children are assigned a horse to experience true training of ownership. 512-272-4301. 6/9/14 - 8/22/14. \$295. <http://www.cameronequestrian.com>

AUSTIN YACHT CLUB SAILING CAMPS

Junior Sailing Day Camp for ages 8 to 16 includes special activities, while PB & J Summer Sailing, offers an introductory course for ages 4 to 10. 512-266-1336. 7/7/14 - 8/23/14.

Age Range: 4 to 16. \$65 - \$480.

<http://austinyachtclub.net/training/summer>

Science/Innovation Camps

MAD SCIENCE

Mad Science camps are filled with exciting, fun, hands-on science activities. Children become junior scientists for the week and experience a variety of science adventures. 512-892-1143. Ages 4-12.

<http://austin.madscience.org>

GIRLSTART SUMMER CAMP

Week-long STEM (science, technology, engineering & math) programs for girls. Split into Junior (entering 4th-5th) or Regular (entering 6th-8th) camps. 512-916-4775 ext. 21. *Entering the 4th-8th grades.* \$300. 6/9/14 - 8/1/14.

<http://www.girlstart.org/our-programs/summer-camp>

ID TECH CAMPS & ID TECH ACADEMIES

Weeklong summer programs where ages 7-17 create apps, C++ and Java programs, video games, robots, and more! Held at over 80 prestigious universities nationwide including St. Edward's, Stanford, Princeton, and others. Also 2-week, pre-college summer programs for ages 13-18 at select universities: iD Programming Academy (held at the University of Texas at Austin), iD Game Design & Development Academy, and iD Film Academy. 888-709-TECH (8324). www.iDTech.com

AUSTIN PLANETARIUM ASTRO CAMPS

The camp that is truly out of this world! Build rockets, design habitats and rovers, talk to a real astronaut, work as a team on a "space mission." Or explore the Sun, Moon and galaxy with hands-on activities, learn constellation stories, build a simple telescope. Explore the universe in Austin Planetarium's incredible mobile planetarium - a different experience each day. 512-961-5333.

Ages 6 - 13. \$175, \$225. 6/16/14 - 7/25/14.

<https://www.austinplanetarium.org>



WONDER SPACE TECH CAMPS

A variety of technology and math camps with day, extended hours and overnight options available. 877-972-2671. *Overnight camp.* 6-13+. \$375-\$1,250.

<http://www.wstechcamp.com/>

BITS, BYTES & BOTS COMPUTER ADVENTURES SUMMER CAMPS

Options include video game design, LEGO robotics and stop-motion and Minecraft. All camps are for ages 8-14, except LEGO WeDo Robotics (ages 6-7). 6/9/14 - 8/8/14. \$295 for 5-day camps, \$235 for 4-day camps.

<http://austintx.bitsbytesbots.com/>

CAMP INVENTION

Children work in diverse teams to engage in investigations, experiments and engineering challenges. Week-long camps at various locations. Children entering grades 1-6.

\$220-\$255. 6/2/14 - 7/25/14.

www.campinvention.org

INNOVATION CAMPS

Engineers have the power to change the world one idea at a time. They dream up creative, practical solutions and work with teams of smart, inspiring people to address the Grand Challenges for Engineering facing us in the 21st Century. Help us inspire the next generation of science, technology, engineering and math heroes and get hands-on this summer with robotics, digital worlds, game design and energy science! 260-343-8410 Jun 16, 2014 - Jul 18, 2014. Age Range: 6-15 Price: \$325/week. <http://stemcamps.org/>



OVERNIGHT CAMPS

Overnight Camps

CAMP YOUNG JUDAEA TEXAS

CYJ Texas is a coed Jewish camp that serves children who have graduated from 1st through 8th grades. CYJ offers one, two and three week terms. CYJ has a strong commitment to strengthening Jewish identity, strengthening devotion to Israel and developing strong leaders who forge lifelong friends at camp. CYJ has over 45 activities for campers to choose from including new selections like advanced tennis, yoga and magic tricks.

<http://www.cyjtxas.org/>

CAMP LONGHORN | TEXAS HILL COUNTRY | BURNETT

Camp Longhorn is located on Inks Lake in Texas Hill Country. Campers can attend for 2 or 3 week terms. All the Longhorn Camps are coed. Campers must have completed 2nd grade to enroll but you can begin the enrollment process the summer after 1st grade. An interview with the director is required for placement in one of the camps.

<http://www.camplonghorn.com/>

CAMP CHAMPIONS | TEXAS HILL COUNTRY | MARBLE FALLS

Camp Champions is located on the beautiful shores of Lake LBJ in Texas Hill Country, just 50 miles west of Austin for kids aged 6 - 17. Campers can attend 1, 2 or 3 week sessions during the summer. Campers can choose from over 40 activities during the day to learn new skills and develop life long interests. Each night is capped with a celebration of the day's Torchlighter, best exemplifying the 4 R's. Camp Champions has a strong focus on youth development and pushing campers to reach new heights.

<http://www.campchampions.com/>

URJ GREENE FAMILY CAMP

URJ Greene Family Camp is a coed Reform

Jewish summer camp that serves kids entering 2nd grade to 8th grade at its Main Camp and kids 9th through 12th grade in its High School program. Greene Family Camp offers 3 week term options as well as half term sessions. The camp offers 60 activities campers can choose between balancing both skill development and personal enjoyment.

<http://greene.urjcamps.org/>

T BAR M | CENTRAL TEXAS

T Bar M is a non-denominational, Christian summer camp that serves girls and boys in grades 1 through 11 at two separate properties. T Bar M runs a teenage adventure camp for children in grades 7 - 11 at its Lake Travis property. There is an overnight Sports Camp for campers in grades 1 - 6 where they can choose from 11 specialty sports programs. Both camps offer 1 week terms.

<http://www.tbarmcamps.org/>

HAVE AN AUSTIN-CENTRIC CAMP WHILE KIDS ARE AWAY

<http://campguide.austin360.com/austin-centric-adult-camp/>

While the kids are at play at their overnight summer camps, create your own adults-only summer camp. You could spend the child-free week or weeks doing productive things or, you could take to the streets of Austin and enjoy some of the things you can't try with kids in tow. Here are a few ideas...

Start your day off peacefully

There are no children to cart to school or day camps, so why not start the day with a walk or a run on the Lady Bird Lake hike-and-bike trail or another one of Austin's treasures? We love Mary Moore Searight Metropolitan Park at 907 W. Slaughter Lane for its miles of trails through the woods. We also love Mayfield Park and Mayfield Nature Preserve, 3505 W. 35th St., for the peacocks and the fun trails over rocks and water.

Wander a bookstore

How often do you get to look at books without anyone saying, "Can we go yet?" or "I'm bored"? You can skip the kids' section on this trip. Head to BookPeople, 603 N. Lamar Blvd., for interesting browsing.



Have an Austin-centric shopping experience

If the thought of wandering South Congress Avenue or South Lamar Boulevard or even the Domain with children makes you shudder, now is the time to just browse. There's no worrying about anyone breaking anything on this trip.

No kids meals here

Have a very adult meal at one of Austin's best restaurants. Haven't tried Top Chef Paul Qui's restaurant Qui? Head to East Sixth Street for dishes likesuch as Rabbit 7 Ways and Dinuguan. Finish it with a cheddar cheese ice cream sandwich. (1600 E. Sixth St.)

Another night, head to Congress for Chef David Bull's three-course or seven-course prix-fixe menus. You'll get to try things you never thought would cross your lips, and no one will be there to make a face or stick out their tongues. (200 Congress Ave.)

Sunset, Austin-style

Head up to Mount Bonnell to watch the sun make the hills and Lake Austin sparkle. Or watch the bats fly out of the Ann Richards Congress Avenue Bridge before heading downtown for the evening.

Austin has a night life? Yep.

Believe it or not, there is life after 8 p.m. on a school/work night. Never been to a classic Austin spot such as the Continental Club at 1315 S. Congress Ave.? Now is your chance. Haven't been to a concert at ACL Live, 310 Willie Nelson Blvd., either? And if you've never been to Stubb's for barbecue and a show, try it one night at 801 Red River St.

Or maybe it's time to kick up your heels. Learn to two-step at the Broken Spoke, 3201 S. Lamar Blvd., at 8 p.m. before the bands start playing. Not your style? Learn to salsa or tango. EsquinaTango, 209 Pedernales St., and the Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center, 600 River St., have regular classes.

When the kids come home from camp, you'll get to hear their tales of days at the lake, camp cuisine and cabin raids, but you'll get to share (or not) the hills you climbed, the foods you ate and the dancing you learned.

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SUMMER CAMP CHECKLIST

Packing for camp is an art form. Unlike sending your child for a sleepover at a friend's house, a stay at a resident camp can last from a week to an entire summer, with a camping checklist of things equally as long. So before you zip up that knapsack and send him on the bus to summer camp without enough underwear, check out this summer camp packing checklist.

Things To Remember While Packing For Camp

Before packing for camp, check with your child's camp packing list provided by the organization. There may be things like bedding that you'll need to include in your child's gear.

Next, wash all new clothing before packing and remember to mark everything your kiddo will be taking, from socks to soap cases, with his name or initials.

Now, armed with an empty truck and your camping checklist, calculate how much clothing your child will need. The Summer Camp Handbook recommends you pack your youngster enough clothes to last one-and-a-half times the number of days he'll be at camp for camps that run a week or less (they probably don't provide laundry service), or the number of days between laundry service for camps longer than one week.

Summer Camp Checklist

Day Camp

- ☐ Sunscreen that has an SPF of 15 or higher.
- ☐ Bathing suit.
- ☐ Towel.
- ☐ Plastic bag for wet items.
- ☐ Insect repellent.
- ☐ Two water bottles (one frozen).
- ☐ Hat for sun protection.
- ☐ Comfortable running shoes or sport sandals.
- ☐ Water shoes or flip-flops for the pool/beach.
- ☐ Medication with a note about how to administer.
- ☐ Sack lunch.
- ☐ Backpack to store all items.



Overnight Camp

- ☐ Sunscreen that has an SPF of 15 or higher.
- ☐ Soap and shampoo.
- ☐ 2-3 Bathing suits.
- ☐ Towels For both swimming/beach and showering.
- ☐ Insect repellent (2-3 bottles).
- ☐ Reusable water bottle/canteen.
- ☐ Hat for sun protection.
- ☐ Two pairs of comfortable shoes.
- ☐ Sport sandals.
- ☐ Water shoes and flip-flops.
- ☐ Hiking boots (if applicable).
- ☐ Rain coat or reusable rain poncho.
- ☐ Medication with note on how to administer.
This should be given to the supervisor on the first day.
- ☐ Several days-worth of socks and underwear.
- ☐ Several T-shirts, sweatshirts, shorts, one or two pairs of long pants.
- ☐ A few pairs of Pajamas.
- ☐ One warm jacket (fleece or heavy sweater).
- ☐ Sleeping bag.
- ☐ Extra blanket.
- ☐ Sheet sleeping bag (two sheets sewn together).
- ☐ Travel pillow.
- ☐ Sheets and pillowcase for twin bed.
- ☐ Small battery-powered hand fan.
- ☐ Flashlight with batteries.
- ☐ Government-approved lifejacket.
- ☐ Camera and film.
- ☐ Letter-writing items (stationary and pens with pre-stamped envelopes as well as addresses)
- ☐ Travel first aid kit.
- ☐ Books or magazines for rainy days.
- ☐ Hockey or duffel bag.



CARE PACKAGES

5 IDEAS FOR WHAT TO SEND

<http://www.sheknows.com/parenting/articles/829639/summer-camp-packing-checklist>

Camps across the country are filled with campers eagerly awaiting camp care packages, but you're left wondering what to send to your kids at summer camp. The traditional cookies and handmade cards come to mind, but are you sure that it is really what kids want? From compact board games to journals for writing, discover tips for filling your care packages for kids at camp.

"Sending your child to camp already shows how much you care," shares Dr. Christopher Thurber, psychologist and author of The Summer Camp Handbook "But care packages make mail call at camp its own little holiday." So, before you seal your camp care packages and mark "handle with care," make sure you know the rules on what you can and can't send to your little camper away at modern summer camps.

SEND SWEET TREATS

Whether it's the fear of attracting unwanted critters or the rising food allergies in kids today, many camps prohibit food in camp care packages, including homemade cookies. But when camps allow food items, be sure they aren't perishable without proper storage.

PACK IN ENTERTAINMENT

"I recommend non-food items that can be shared, such as reading material, compact board games and puzzles," says Dr. Thurber. You can also send toys to kids at summer camp that are meant to be shared – such as inflatable beach balls, Frisbees, bean bags and hacky sack bags – making your kiddo the center of attention with friends at camp.

INCLUDE CLEAN FUN

A toothbrush that plays music, a new headband and hair clips or silly socks and underwear can be just the pick-me-up your camper needs while away at summer camp. You can also surprise your child with something camps normally don't see, like bath soap body paint from Avon.

ADD IN FASHION

A new set of pajamas, temporary tattoos or even Silly Bandz for sharing can be a special treat for kids at summer camp. Or you can send a white t-shirt and a fabric marker for a keepsake project your child can have friends sign to remember the fun time at camp.

A PIECE OF HOME

Sending a little bit of sentiment might make homesick kids feel a little closer to home. Include a small stuffed animal, a journal with a special message from mom and dad inside the cover or photos of the family to help when your youngsters are missing you. Just consider how emotional your youngster might be. You don't want to bring them to tears with thoughts of home.

Instead of sending one big camp care package, know that with kids at summer camp, four small packages packs a bigger punch than one large one. Just be sure you check with your camp's size restrictions before packing. Whether you pick a theme for your care packages or choose a variety of items each time, it's guaranteed that you will be bringing a little bit of sunshine to your child come mail call.



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