

TEXARKANA

MAY/JUNE 2023

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## 2023 SUMMER CAMP & ACTIVITY GUIDE

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**TIPS ON KEEPING  
SUMMER VACATION  
NEARBY!**

# SUMMER STEMology CAMP@TISD

Join us for Summer Fun & Learning during our 2023 Texarkana ISD Summer Camps.

Student participants will enjoy exploring fun and educational subjects while learning an assortment of skills.

From Science to Technology and Engineering to Math - there is something for everyone!

**SPACE IS LIMITED! First Come - First Serve!**



**JUNE 6 - JUNE 9 | 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.**  
For incoming 2nd-6th grade students.

Cooking 101 will entertain, educate and expand student's knowledge in the kitchen through hands-on activities in measurements, cooking and presentation.



**JUNE 6 - JUNE 9 | 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.**  
For incoming K - 3rd Grade students.

Students will explore robotics using VEX GO and the Engineering Design Process. Students will work in teams to complete daily challenges with a focus on FUN!



**JUNE 13 - JUNE 16 | 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.**  
For incoming 4th - 8th Grade students.

Vex Robotics allows students to design, build and program robots using Vex robotics technologies that will inspire participation in science, technology, engineering & math.



**JUNE 20 - JUNE 23 | 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.**  
For incoming 4th - 8th Grade students.

Come explore the chemistry of acids and bases. Find out why we have seasons, how we use chemistry to solve crimes and how we can detect aliens in space. Learn this and more in this fun and exciting camp.



**JUNE 20 - JUNE 23 | 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.**  
For incoming 5th - 8th Grade students.

Participants will use the VEX IQ System to design, build and create competition-level robots using the Engineering Design Process. Teams will come together to see which robot can win the head-to-head battle at the end of the week.



**JUNE 27 - JUNE 30 | 9:00 a.m. - Noon**  
For incoming 1st - 5th Grade students.

Does dissecting owl pellets, static levitation, making slime and meeting ball pythons and boa constrictors tickle your science curiosity? Join us as we do loads of hands-on science to learn more about this fascinating world we live in.



**JULY 5 - JULY 7**

Students must attend the time slot for the grade in which they will be starting August 2023.

Incoming 1st Grade | 9:00 - 9:30 a.m.  
Incoming 2nd Grade | 9:30 - 10:00 a.m.  
Incoming 3rd Grade | 10:00 - 10:30 a.m.  
Incoming 4th Grade | 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.  
Incoming 5th Grade | 11:00 - 11:30 a.m.  
Incoming 6th Grade | 11:30 - Noon

Students will learn more about the sport of swimming in a safe and fun environment. Swimming is not just a competitive sport, but can be lifesaving. All classes will be based on the grade students will be starting in August 2023.

**\$50 per Student**

BattleBots \$100 per Student  
Tiger Swim FREE

Register at  
**INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES**  
3413 Summerhill Road  
903.794.3651

or  
**REGISTER ONLINE**



For More Information, Contact:

**Jennell Ingram**

Coordinator of Academic Services

**903.793.7561 Ext. 1306**



# TEXAS TIGERS

# 2023 SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

## BOYS & GIRLS TENNIS

Open to incoming 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

**MAY 30 - 31**

10:00 - 11:30 a.m. (for Grades 1-5)

1:00 - 2:30 p.m. (for Grades 6-8)

Perfect for those who have never played and those that have. Non-players will learn the basics. Players will brush up on groundstrokes, volleys and serves as well as matchplay.

\$10 registration | Racquet Required

## BOYS BASKETBALL

Open to boys entering Kindergarten through 9<sup>th</sup> grade.

**June 20 - 21**

9:00 - 11:00 a.m. (for Grades k-5)

Noon - 2:00 p.m. (for Grades 6-9)  
Individual & Group Instruction under simulated game conditions.

\$10 Registration

## SOFTBALL

Open to incoming 1<sup>st</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup> grade.

**June 26 - 28**

9:00 - 11:00 a.m. (Grades 1-5)

Noon - 2:00 p.m. (Grades 6-9)

Emphasis on fundamentals and individual instruction.

\$10 Registration | Glove Required

## SWIM

Open to incoming 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade

**July 5-7**

9:00 a.m. (Grade 1) | 9:30 a.m. (Grade 2)

10:00 a.m. (Grade 3) | 10:30 a.m. (Grade 4)

11:00 a.m. (Grade 5) | 11:30 a.m. (Grade 6)

Students will learn more about the sport of swimming in a safe and fun environment.

FREE | Swimsuit & Towel Required

## VOLLEYBALL

Open to incoming Kindergarten through 9<sup>th</sup> Grade.

**July 24 - 25**

9:00 a.m. - Noon (For grades 5-7)

1:00 - 4:00 p.m. (for Grades K-4)

**July 26 - 27**

9:00 a.m. - Noon (for Grades 8-9)

\$10 Registration

## FOOTBALL

Open to incoming Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade.

**July 31 - August 1**

8:00 - 10:00 a.m. (for grades K-5)

**August 2 - 3**

8:00 - 10:00 a.m. (for grades 6-8)

FREE

## REGISTER ONLINE AT

<https://txkisd.recdesks.com/Community/Home>

**SUMMER ATHLETIC CAMP REGISTRATION & PAYMENT CAN BE MAILED TO:**

Summer Athletic Camp Program  
c/o TISD Athletics • 4001 Summerhill Road  
Texarkana, TX 75503

**OR, REGISTRATION & PAYMENT CAN BE DROPPED OFF TO:**  
Texas High School • Front Office

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:**

Texas Tigers Athletic Office

903.793.7731 ext. 57001

april.lane@txkisd.net

## GOLF

Open to incoming 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

**June 5 - 6**

9:00 - 11:00 a.m. (for Grades 1-4)

1:00 - 3:00 p.m. (for Grades 5-8)

An opportunity to practice, play and learn a lifetime sport. Perfect for beginners or intermediate players. From chipping, putting and full swing to the rules and etiquette.

\$10 Registration | Clubs Required

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

Open to girls entering 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

**June 5 - 7**

9:00 a.m. - Noon (for grades 1-4)

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. (for grades 5-8)

Individual & Group Instruction under simulated game conditions.

\$10 Registration

## STRENGTH & CONDITIONING

Open to boys & girls student-athletes

incoming 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

**June 5 - 23 (closed June 19)**

**July 10 - 27**

(Monday through Thursday only)

8:00 - 9:30 a.m. (for boys only)

9:30 - 11:00 a.m. (for girls only)

Student athletes will gain the skills to better their strength, speed, agility and endurance.

FREE

## BASEBALL

Open to incoming

Kindergarten through 9<sup>th</sup> grade.

**June 8 - 9 | 10:00 a.m. - Noon**

Receive hands-on instruction in throwing, defense and hitting as well as on-field and batting cage drills.

\$10 Registration | Glove Required

THANK YOU,  
TEACHERS  
FOR  
ANOTHER  
GREAT  
YEAR!

TEXARKANA  
parent





**K**atie Stone and Ben & Amy King are excited to bring the most fun and up to date information and resources to those who have children in their lives! We want this magazine to not only inform the community, but inspire, too! We hope that you continue to support this amazing magazine that has been distributed through this community and the surrounding areas for about ten years.

My hope is that it will be a resource for parents in the area, focusing on the busy lives and schedules of families, while maximizing quality time together! I'm excited to spotlight families, kids, and their activities! Great way to showcase the wonderful families of our community!  
 – Amy King



Every day, kids throughout our community are doing great things! Some of these may be examples of great academic achievement. Sometimes it might be something as small as extending a helping hand to a friend in need. Maybe it is a kid who accomplished a result no one ever thought the child could. Every day parents are winning battles or maybe just surviving the daily struggles of life – both of which deserve recognition. Every day, schools, churches, and organizations throughout our area are making positive impacts on families. I am excited to be a part of Texarkana Magazine and helping highlight these stories!  
 –Ben King



It is hard to describe the amount of joy I feel to be a part of this endeavor. I have always been a writer of some sort since I was a child and eventually picked that back up as an adult, writing for several local publications. I am so excited to continue the positive impact that Texarkana Parent has created. Being a parent is one of the hardest jobs that a person can do. However, it is also the most rewarding. We are all in this together, and I hope that this magazine leaves you feeling inspired, and joyful.  
 –Katie Stone

Top right photo: Ben & Amy King pose with their kids, Shepard, Sam, Grant, Noelle, & Statton.  
 Bottom left photo: Katie Stone with her daughter, Sophie.

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# May/June Events

**APRIL 29-JUNE 10**

## TRAHC's 30th Annual Student Juried Exhibition

TRAHC will host the 30th Annual Student Juried Exhibition. This will feature artwork from students ranging from grades K to 12th on all floors of the building.

**MAY 5, 12, 19, 26**

## Downtown Bike Tours

A Cycle through History & Public Art in historical downtown Texarkana. Begins at 5:30 p.m. at the Museum of Regional History at 219 Stateline Avenue. Free Appetizers at Pecan Point following the bike tour.

**MAY 3, 10, 13, 17, 24, 27**

## Spring Lake Park Walk through History Tour

Spend your Saturday morning taking a leisurely stroll through Spring Lake Park as you learn about its history. Walk starts at 10:30 A.M. at Bramlett Field. Call Texarkana, TX Parks & Recreation at 903-798-3978 to register.

**MAY 16 & JUNE 20**

## Infant CPR Training

Pathway Resource Center offers a FREE CPR training course for those with infants or who care for infants. It does not offer certification, however it is taught by a licensed RN or CPR Instructor. It is offered every third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Visit [www.pathwaytxk.org](http://www.pathwaytxk.org) for registration.

**MAY 13**

## Texarkana Dragon Boat Festival

Watch 20-person teams race dragon boats across Bringle Lake as part of a fun-filled day for the whole family. Proceeds benefit HandsOn Texarkana's vital programming. Learn more at [texarkanadragonboat.com](http://texarkanadragonboat.com).

**MAY 12, JUNE 9, JULY 14**

## Downtown Live!

Head to Broad Street in downtown Texarkana from 6-9 p.m. to see street musicians and live painting by local artists. Also enjoy food, drinks and desserts by your favorite downtown restaurants.

**MAY 25**

## ART at Washington Community Development Center

This class is provided by J.C. Center of Empowerment and each class will feature a hands-on arts and crafts project., such as painting, bowl making, friendship bracelets and more. All supplies are provided and any age is welcome. Class is at 5pm every Thursday. Visit [wearewashington.org](http://wearewashington.org) for more information.

**JUNE 9, 10, 11**

## Runnin' WJ Barrel Race

Whether you're competing or watching, this annual barrel race is back at the Four States Fairgrounds to raise funds for a good cause. Full schedule and entry forms available at [runninwjbarrelrace.webs.com](http://runninwjbarrelrace.webs.com).



*Sophie Stone visits The Gallery at 1894 located at 105 Spuce Street, Texarkana, AR during Downtown Live.*

**SATURDAYS**

## Texarkana Farmer's Market

Check out the Texarkana Farmer's Market by the U.S. Post Office & Courthouse in downtown Texarkana every Saturday from 7 a.m. to noon. Shop with vendors selling fresh fruits and vegetables, local honey, jams and jellies, baked goods and more. Plus, don't miss Cultural Night Markets on May 21 and June 18 from 5-8 p.m.



# Kid Friendly Restaurant Events

## KAROKE

### 67 Landing

Join local DJ, Jessi Dan, at 67 Landing every Tuesday for a fun night of food and music! This event is great for all ages and often features food and drink specials for those who sing! Let Texarkana hear your vocals. Good or bad, a lot of fun will be had! Located at 8400 W, 7th St, Texarkana, TX.



### Redbone Magic Brewing

Start your weekend on Thursdays at Redbone Magic Brewing with Karoake for the whole family! Starting at 7pm, you can sign up to sing with all the kiddos! Great event for birthdays, too! Visit them at 1304 Texas Blvd, Texarkana, TX.

## ART

### Color Hype TXK

Local Art teacher offers a fun painting experience for all experience levels & ages at several local restaurants. Shea Phillips focuses her classes on fun, abstract mediums to keep the stress low and the fun maxed out! Check out her facebook to keep up with where she will paint next! [www.facebook.com/colorhypetxk](http://www.facebook.com/colorhypetxk)



## TRIVIA

### Lost Pizza Co

Think you have what it takes to win big at a little trivia? Be sure to visit Lost Pizza Co on Tuesdays at 7pm to see if you have what it takes! Play alone or create a FAMILY team! Challenge Entertainment hosts this fun event while you enjoy wings and their creative pizza options like "The Beekeeper." Located at 4206 Gibson Lane, Texarkana, TX.



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# TEXARKANA'S ANNUAL SUMMER CAMP & ACTIVITY GUIDE

Summer activities can be so hard to find for the kids in your life! That is why we continue to bring you this guide every year. From summer camps to activities in the Texarkana area, this guide will help you find ways to keep your kids engaged in fun and learning this summer. See our online version at [txkparent.com](http://txkparent.com) for the most up-to-date listings throughout the summer!

## ARTS & MUSIC

### Literacy Council of Miller & Bowie Counties Summer Classes & Activities

There are a variety of classes & activities offered throughout the summer. Call 903-255-7733 for more information.

### Texarkana College Kids' College Arts & Music Classes

Ages 7-12  
June 5-8 | \$100 per class  
AM sessions: 9-11 a.m.  
PM sessions: 1-3 p.m.  
Register for classes online at [cbe.texarkanacollege.edu/kidscollege](http://cbe.texarkanacollege.edu/kidscollege).

*Classes include:*  
**DIY Workshop**  
**Fun With Fine Arts**  
**Magical Keys to Piano**  
**Melody Making**  
**Project SEW**  
**Ready, Set, ACT!**  
**Writing Through the Genres**

### Silvermoon Children's Theatre Minishows Drama Camps

Ages 7-16 | \$225

*Shows include:*

**We are Monsters: A New Children's Musical,**

June 19-June 23 & June 26-30

**Great American Tall Tales**  
July 10-14

Learn more and register at [silvermoonkids.com/jrshowscamps](http://silvermoonkids.com/jrshowscamps)

### TexRep's Annual Summer Drama Camp: Broadway Junior Revue

Texarkana College | Grades K-12  
\$125 for K-2 | \$125 for 3-5 |  
\$175 for 6-12

## SPORTS & FITNESS

### Challenger International Soccer Camps

**Texarkana, Texas**  
June 26-30 & July 17-21  
Grady T. Wallace Soccer Complex  
Ages 3-5 | 8-8:45 a.m. | \$135  
Ages 6-14 | 9 a.m.-12 p.m. | \$205  
Learn more and register at [texarkanasoccer.com/camps/](http://texarkanasoccer.com/camps/)

### Pirates & Mermaids Tumbling Camp

Texarkana Dance Academy  
Wake Village, Texas  
Thursdays, June 20-22  
Ages 3-8  
Contact TDA at 903-838-7114 for pricing and registration.

### Swimming Lessons & Pool Memberships

Sportsplex by Healthcare Express  
Texarkana, Texas | Group and individual swimming lessons and pool memberships available. Group lessons start at \$125 for five 45 minute sessions. Visit [thesportsplex-byhce.com/poolside](http://thesportsplex-byhce.com/poolside) for additional pricing and registration.

### Texarkana College Kids' College Sports & Fitness Classes

June 6-9 | \$95 per class  
Register for classes online at [cbe.texarkanacollege.edu/kidscollege](http://cbe.texarkanacollege.edu/kidscollege).

See their ad on page 11

### Trinity Sports Summer Camps

Trinity Baptist Church  
Texarkana, Arkansas  
Baseball, Football, & Basketball  
June & July dates available.  
Grades K-12 | \$60 per child  
Register at [trinitytxk.com/sportscamp](http://trinitytxk.com/sportscamp)



## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

### Camp Invention: Explore!

JK Hileman Elementary  
Queen City, Texas  
June 12-16 | Grades 1-6 (rising)

Fees apply.

Learn more: [qcisd.net](http://qcisd.net)

### Camp Save-a-Life

University of Arkansas Hope  
Texarkana | Texarkana, Ark.  
July 10-14 | Grades 7-9 | Fees apply.  
Sign up at [uahtkidscollege.com](http://uahtkidscollege.com)

### Engineering and Manufacturing Camp of Creativity (EMC2)

University of Arkansas Hope  
Texarkana | Texarkana, Ark.  
July 18-23 | Ages 15-17 | Fees apply.  
Sign up at [uahtkidscollege.com](http://uahtkidscollege.com)

### Techknow Camps

St. James Day School | Texarkana, Texas  
Sessions in June & July  
Grades K-8 | \$100 per session  
View full schedule and register at  
[stjamesdayschool.org/summer-camps](http://stjamesdayschool.org/summer-camps).

*Classes include:*

**Battle Bot Robotics**  
**Carpentry for Kids**  
**Director's Cut Movie Making**  
**DJI Drone Academy & Flight School**  
**Home Economics Baking 101**  
**Home Economics**  
**Sewing 101**  
**Junior Mechanical Engineering**  
**LEGO Masters**  
**Mad Scientist**  
**Maker Space Engineering**  
**Photography 101**  
**SciTECH Saturday**  
**Video Gamers & Designers**

### Spartan Summer Camp

St. James Day School | Texarkana, Texas  
June 5-July 28, 7:45 a.m.-5:30 p.m.  
Ages 3+ | \$200 weekly per camper  
Half days available

## Featured Camp Listing:



# TEXAS MIDDLE SCHOOL

## CAMP TIGER PAW



This is a NO COST summer camp for current PreK-5th grade students! Transportation & meals are provided.

### Academics Include:



Reading & Math paired with a unique enrichment opportunity in a safe and supervised environment.

**SPACE IS LIMITED!!!**

Visit [www.txkisd.net](http://www.txkisd.net) for more information.

### LOCATION:

TEXAS MIDDLE

### DATES:

MAY 30- JULY 1  
(MONDAY-FRIDAY)

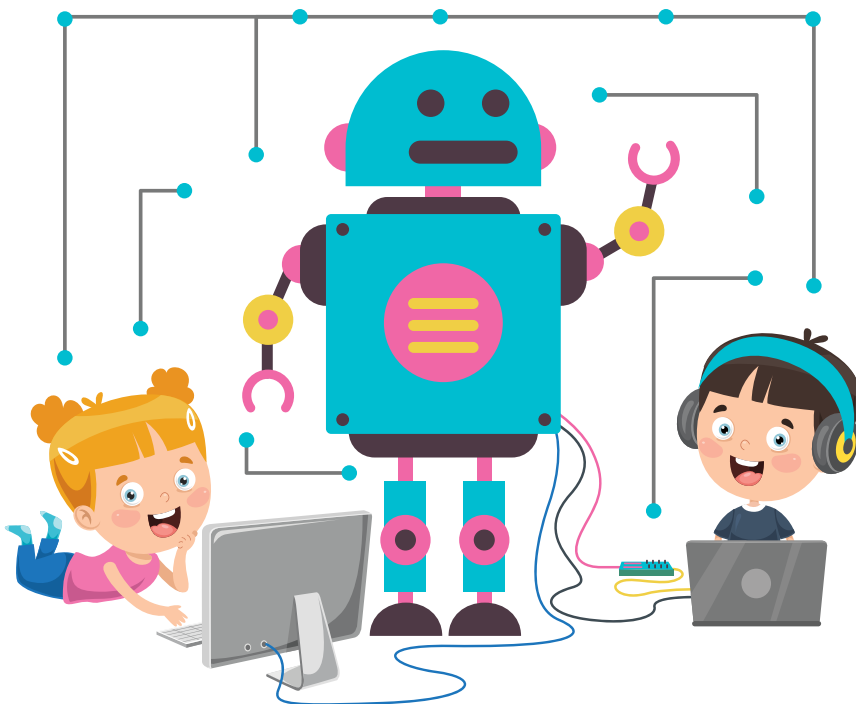
### TIME:

8AM- 2PM

SEE MORE SUMMER CAMP &

ACTIVITIES OFFERED BY

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## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

### Piney Grove Baptist Church

3268 TX-77 W, Atlanta, TX 75551  
 June 5-9 9am-12pm  
[www.pineygrovebaptist.com](http://www.pineygrovebaptist.com)

### First Baptist Church-Redwater

105 Redwater Blvd E, Redwater, TX 75573  
 Visit [www.fbcredwater.org](http://www.fbcredwater.org).

### First Baptist Church

3015 Moores Lane, Texarkana, TX  
 Every Wednesday at 6PM  
 Grades 1-5

### Trinity Baptist Church

3115 Trinity Blvd, Texarkana, AR  
 4 years through 5th grade  
 June 11-15 6pm-8pm

### Hardy Memorial

6203 N. Kings Hwy, Texarkana, TX  
 July 16-20 6PM-8:15PM  
 Call 903-559-4919 for more information.

### Sacred Heart Catholic Church

4505 Elizabeth St. Texarkana, TX  
 Totus Tuus for Kids & Teens  
 June 4-9

Summer Celebration for Kids & Adults  
 July 23-27

*See their ad below for contact information.*

### Atlanta Methodist Church

701 Lindsey Lane, Atlanta, TX  
 July 12-15 9AM-12PM  
 3 years to 5th Grade  
 To register, visit:  
[vbspro.events/p/events/b6aof8](https://vbspro.events/p/events/b6aof8)

### Red Oak Grove Baptist Church

1605 MLK Dr, Ashdown, AR  
 June 21-23 6PM  
 All ages welcome.  
 Call Keisha Curch-Morris, Youth Department President, at 903-701-6351 for more information.

The Father's House is open.  
 COME AND SEE!  
 La Casa del Padre esta abierta.  
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**Sacred Heart Catholic Church**  
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[SacredHeartCatholicChurch.com](http://SacredHeartCatholicChurch.com) • (903) 794-4444

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### July/Aug

#### Football Frenzy

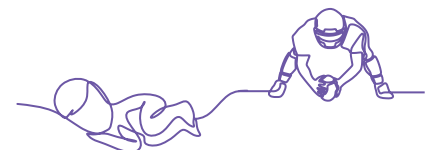
Mascots, schedules, and a look back on the road to the 2023 season

#### After-School Activities

For parents considering signing kids up for after-school activities in the fall

#### Pregnancy & Newborn Guide

OB/GYNs, midwives, doulas, pediatricians, photographers, boutiques, and other resources for new parents



**TEXARKANA parent**

## EVERYDAY FUN

### Cinemark Texarkana 14

3240 Saint Michael Dr.  
Texarkana, Texas

*There's nothing like a cold movie theater on a hot summer day.*

### Fun Country Park

8225 North Statelines Ave.  
Texarkana, Arkansas

### iJump Texarkana

4212 St. Michael Dr.  
Texarkana, Texas

### Skatetopia Skate Park

201 Oak Street | Texarkana, Texas  
*Mini-daredevils will love the park's ledges, stair sets, down rails and open bowl section.*

### Museum of Regional History

219 N. State Line Ave.  
Texarkana, Texas

*Texarkana's first and oldest museum houses an extensive collection of our area's history.*

### Starlight Mini Golf & Arcade

Central Mall | Texarkana, Texas

## Holiday Springs Water Park Season Tickets

Texarkana, Texas | Open Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day.

\$110 for 1-3 season passes

\$106 for 4+ season passes

See [holidayspringswaterpark.com](http://holidayspringswaterpark.com) for more information.

BELOW:  
EMMA FOWLER ENJOYS SKATEBOARDING AT THE SKATEOPIA SKATE PARK IN DOWNTOWN TEXARKANA.  
PHOTO BY ABBY ELLIOTT



**JUNE 5-8**  
9-11AM  
& 1-3PM

Students may only stay on campus during scheduled sessions (9-11AM & 1-3PM).



**AGES**  
7-12

Class availability varies per session.

ROBOTICS

KARATE KIDS

CAKE DECORATING

CSI KIDZ

MAD SCIENTIST FUN

NASA PROJECT

ATHLETIC GAMES

ARTS & CRAFTS

PIANO/KEYBOARDING

VIDEO PRODUCTION

VOICE/MELODY MAKERS

PICKLEBALL

TABLE TENNIS

ARCHERY

GARDENING

FIRST AID

SEWING

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GLOBAL EXPLORATION

**Register at [cbe.texarkanacollege.edu/kidscollege](http://cbe.texarkanacollege.edu/kidscollege)**

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**Texarkana Parks  
& Recreation**

# SUMMER CAMP 2023

**Southwest Center**

3222 W 7th St. Texarkana, TX | (903) 798-3978



**AGES  
6-12**

The Texarkana, Texas Parks and Recreation Summer Camp is a 6-week daytime program for students ages 6-12, held Monday - Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The first part of Summer Camp is June 12 - June 30 with a break for Monday, June 19th, and the week of July 4th. The camp picks up again from July 9 - July 21.

Enrollment is \$200 and is limited to 25 students. Breakfast and lunch are provided daily by Texarkana Independent School District.

Please register by stopping by the Southwest Center starting Tuesday, May 9th, at 9:00 a.m.



## ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- History & Play at Spring Lake Park
- Tree Planting & Education
- Historical Tours
- Leadership Development
- Art Projects
- Splash Pad
- Bowling
- Disc Golf
- Electrical Safety
- Fire Training Center Tour
- Wildlife Education
- Experimental Learning
- Intro to Tennis
- And More!

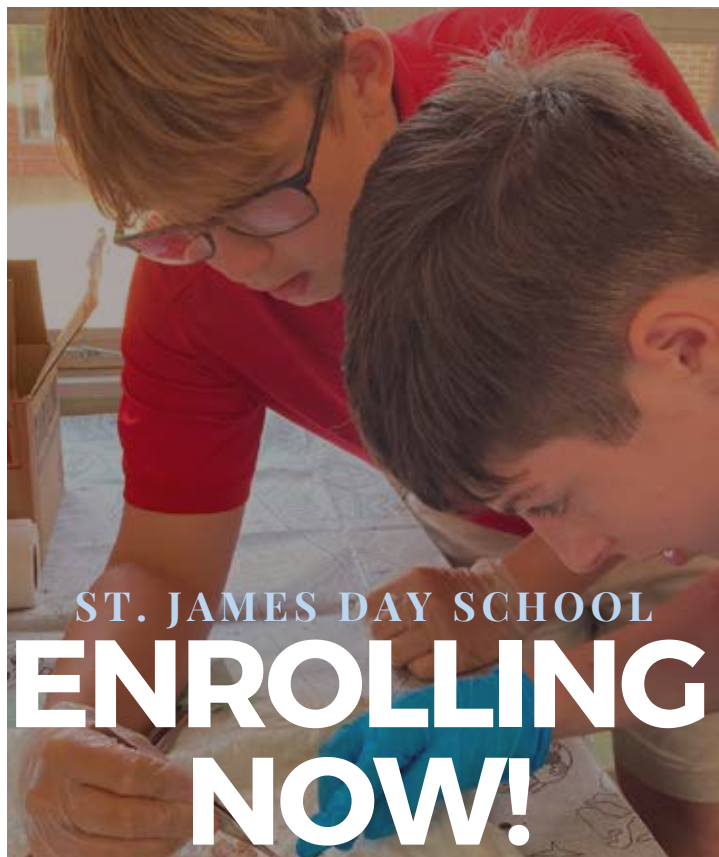
## The Parks of Texarkana

Enjoy bike trails, ball fields, fishing, disc golf, playgrounds, the Splash Pad at Spring Lake Park, soccer, Movies in the Park, and more this summer!

- Bringle Lake Wilderness Area
- Spring Lake Park
- Kylee Sullivan Dog Park
- Ferguson Park
- Bell Park
- Beverly Park
- Karrh Park
- Bringle Lake East
- Bringle Lake West
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## LOCAL VACATION SPOTS

# Find lots of fun with little travel

BY ANTHONY JAMES

**S**ummer is on the horizon. Lightning bugs flashing while crickets sing, sultry weather and days full of sunshine dipping as far as it can into the night. It will without question be here before we know it. For us as parents it means summer breaks and kids with wide eyes waiting for adventure. Be their summer heroes and plan mini vacations for your family this year. Keep it local, keep it simple, and have an absolute blast. Keeping it simple is as easy as planning lightly and giving your family the opportunity to pick the activities that appeal to them the most. It's important to tailor your trip around your own preferences, but be open to experience different activities. Grab your compass and check out these locations that you can hopefully take and make your own.

### NORTHWEST

Summer isn't summer without water. My favorite has always been rivers. Thankfully our area is full of rivers that are easy to canoe, kayak, and float on and all within 100 miles or less. Just west of us is Broken Bow, Oklahoma. It includes Eagletown and Hochatown, which saddle it, and are all full of businesses dedicated solely to float trip services. Whether you want to relax on a tube, work with a partner on a canoe, or control the whole ship in a kayak, they will accommodate all of your needs. They will shuttle you to your entry point and shuttle you back to your vehicle. You can pick your own pace and soak up the river's beauty. Be sure to pack a lunch for your family's picnic and take time to stop along the way to swim in the refreshing water.

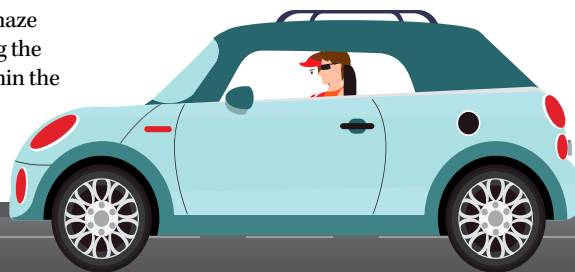
### SOUTH

If you want to float but would prefer a lake over a river, our area can accommodate that as well. If you head south you will run into Caddo Lake just south of Atlanta, Texas. You can rent a canoe for the day and explore all the nooks and crannies of historic Caddo Lake. It houses the state's last remaining working steamboat and is a sight to behold. The scenery in Caddo is much different than anything else found in the area. The lake's canals are full of Spanish moss and Cypress trees. The shrubs, the animals, the trees; everything is unique and seemingly handpicked from a nature reserve. My kids endearingly call it their swampy wonderland. The birds will amaze you with their beauty. Enjoy the day soaking up the rays among the lilly pads and be sure to visit the government ditch hidden within the lake.



### SOUTHEAST

Another of my absolutely favorite local mini vacations is swinging down to Shreveport, Louisiana. The kids & I love visiting High Gravity Glass Works where you can blow your own glass. You can choose from ornaments, bird feeders, decorative seasonal pieces, and the list just goes on. Not only do you pick your own design and colors, but you also participate in the actual glass blowing itself. It's a fun activity for the whole family and you get amazing handmade souvenirs to collect at the end. We make glass ornaments each year and add them to the Christmas tree. You can also attend Shreveport's sip and paint venues to enjoy professionally guided art instruction. Step by step an instructor will lead you through your painting and allow you time to work your way through. You can bring your own beverages and snacks for your family.





Whatever it is you choose to do this summer, the important thing is that you're doing it together as a family. Take a chance and go on an adventure. Don't be afraid to jump in your vehicle and just start driving in a direction. No matter the direction, I guarantee you and your family will make memories that will last a lifetime.



*Anthony James is a Texarkana native with two children, Zaidyn & Griz.*

## NORTHEAST

Another great mini vacation is Hot springs, Arkansas. You and your family will absolutely love the downtown strip. You can visit the wax museum, gangster museum, and enjoy the amazing local restaurants. Visit the hot springs themselves and enjoy the town's many lovely bathhouses. You can relax in naturally heated springs and enjoy a massage by a licensed masseuse. The Pancake Shop is a must have for breakfast. The water amusement park has an amusement park and amphitheater all attached so excellent family fun for your whole crew. Catch a magic show or enjoy a boat tour through the town's attractions. My kid's favorite activities include rock hunting and scavenger hunts on the town's local trails and rivers. Give your kids a list of colors to search for along your hike and let them collect flowers, leaves, and rocks to match.

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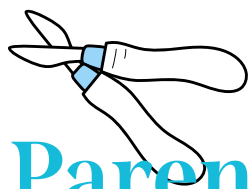
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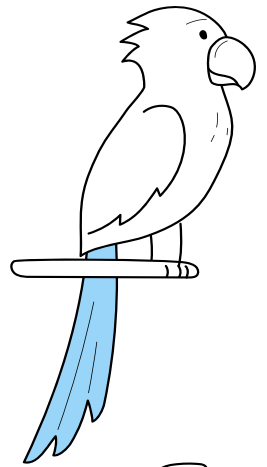
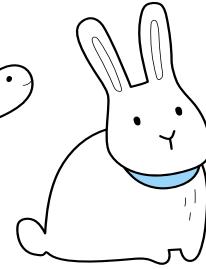
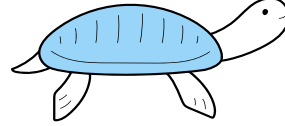
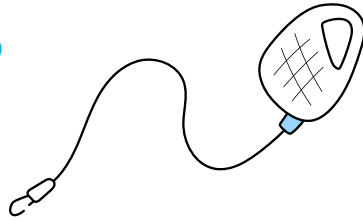
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# Parent's Guide to Pets

BY KATIE STONE



**F**ur babies are our babies, too! I know so many of you can relate to this, so we decided to compile a short list of local places that cater to the pets in your life.



## VETERINARIANS

### Ark La Tex Animal Clinic

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### Care Pet Clinic Texarkana

1600 Arkansas Blvd #200  
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### Oubre Animal Clinic

423 Greenfield Dr.  
Wake Village, TX 903-832-4559

### Pleasant Grove Animal Clinic

4307 McKnight Rd,  
Texarkana, TX 903-838-6565

### Rankin Veterinary Clinic

6229 Mall Dr.  
Nash, TX 903-838-5000

### Stateline Animal Hospital

101 E. 34th St,  
Texarkana, AR 870-774-5683

### The VET

3504 Robin Lane,  
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3909 New Boston Road,  
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### Fur Cutz

3014 Richmond Road,  
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### One of a Kind Pet Spa

2016 N. Stateline Ave  
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## DOG TRAINING

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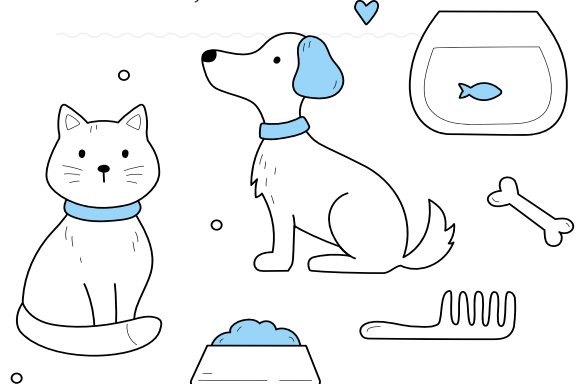
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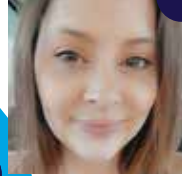
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## TEXARKANA PARENT

# TEXARKANA PARENT PROFILE

FEATURING **MILLIE SERRANO**



**NAME:** MILAGROS (MILLIE) SERRANO  
**OCCUPATION:** MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR  
**HOMETOWN:** HOOKS, TX

**FAVORITE FOOD:** MEXICAN FOOD

**FAVORITE BOOK:** BIBLE

**HOBBY:** DANCE (WHEN I HAVE TIME, LOL)

**FAVORITE HOLIDAY:** CHRISTMAS

**FAVORITE VERSE:** JOHN 1 1:40 JESUS SAID TO HER, "DID I NOT TELL YOU THAT IF YOU BELIEVED YOU WOULD SEE THE GLORY OF GOD?"

**FAVORITE QUOTE:** IF YOU CAN'T FLY THEN RUN, IF YOU CAN'T RUN THEN WALK, IF YOU CAN'T WALK THEN CRAWL, BUT WHATEVER YOU DO YOU HAVE TO KEEP MOVING FORWARD."

**TEA OR COFFEE?** COFFEE

**DO YOU HAVE ANY HIDDEN TALENTS?** I HELP WITH A KIDS MEXICAN FOLKLORE GROUP ( ALMA LATINA), I TEACH CHOREOGRAPHY TO QUINCEAÑERAS. I TEACH A BEGINNERS CLASS AT MY CHURCH TO PARENTS FOR FAITH FORMATION.

## MORE ABOUT THE MEXICAN FOLKLORE GROUP NAMED ALMA LATINA

"OUR GROUP STARTED SEVERAL YEARS AGO IN 2017. WE HAD TWO TEACHERS THEN (MOM AND DAUGHTER MARTHA AND ANA SANCHEZ) WHO VOLUNTEERED THEIR TIME TO TEACH KIDS OF ALL AGES TO DANCE TRADITIONAL MEXICAN DANCES. RIGHT NOW, ANA SANCHEZ HAS TAKEN OVER THE INSTRUCTION AND I HELP HER WITH PRESENTING & BOOKING EVENTS. SEVERAL OF THE PARENTS HAVE DIFFERENT ROLES TO HELP US WITH THE GROUP. WE DO NOT HAVE THE GROUP REGISTER YET SINCE WE STOPPED FOR TWO YEARS DURING COVID. WE ARE STILL WORKING ON GETTING EVERYTHING ORGANIZED AND NEED FUNDS TO PURCHASE ALL THE KIDS' OUTFITS. WE HAVE BEEN INVITED TO PERFORM OVER THE YEARS AT DIFFERENT EVENTS. WE DO NOT CHARGE, BUT DO ASK FOR A DONATION TO HELP WITH THE OUTFITS FOR OUR KIDDOS. THE KIDS AND PARENTS LOVE THIS AND IT'S A WAY FOR US TO TEACH OTHERS ABOUT OUR CULTURE AND OUR OWN KIDS TO MAKE SURE THEY DO NOT LOSE IT."

**DO YOU WANT MORE MEMBERS?** YES, ESPECIALLY BOYS!! WE HAVE SEVERAL GIRLS THAT DO NOT HAVE A PARTNER AND NEED ONE.

**HOW DO KIDS BENEFIT FROM THIS GROUP?** (PER ADDISON SERRANO, ONE OF THE DANCERS )

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# What documents should every 'new' adult have on hand?

BY BEN KING

As parents, we always want to be able to take care of our kids, but we also know when they turn eighteen (18) they are legal adults. On that magic day, our rights, as parents, change significantly and in ways we may never have expected. Even if your eighteen year old child is still on your health insurance, relying on you financially, and maybe even still in high school you may not be able to make financial, medical, and educational decisions if they become incapacitated and cannot do so themselves. Sounds crazy, right?! As crazy as it sounds, at least something can be done now before it is too late! To make sure you can help your now legal adult child, they should consider signing several very important documents: (1) Durable Power of Attorney; (2) Medical Power of Attorney; (3) HIPAA Waiver; (4) Directive to Physicians / Living Will; and (5) FERPA Waiver.

## Durable Power of Attorney

When I was in college, the first few weeks of each semester had booth after booth offering free t-shirts if I would sign up for this credit card, that subscription, and goodness knows what else. As an eighteen year old, your child has the freedom to make the good/bad choice to sign up for whatever it is to get that free t-shirt. If your child opens a bank account, has a loan, pays taxes, has student loans, or any number of other business activities, even if you are the one funding your child's lifestyle you may be shut out of their financial affairs. Without a durable power of attorney in place, parents may be faced with the time consuming and costly process of seeking a guardianship in court. Your adult child can sign a durable power of attorney that gives you,

their parent, the right to handle their financial affairs in the event they become incapacitated.

## Medical Power of Attorney

Still paying for health insurance for your now adult child? Oh well! It doesn't mean you can automatically make medical decisions for them if they are incapacitated. Without a medical power of attorney in place, parents may be faced with the time consuming and costly process of seeking a guardianship in court. However, by signing a medical power of attorney, the child can designate their parent (or whoever they choose) to make medical decisions on their behalf.

## HIPAA Waiver

When your child turns eighteen, the privacy of their personal health information is also protected under the Health Information Portability and Accountability Act, known as HIPAA. Health care providers are not legally permitted to disclose or discuss a person's medical records, status, or treatment with anyone—even a parent who pays for the health insurance plan they are on—without the person's consent.

A HIPAA waiver allows the now adult child to designate who doctors can talk to about their health status, condition, and treatment.



## Directive to Physicians or Living Will

A living will (also known as a directive to physicians or advance directive) allows a person to specify personal choices they want to have made about life-extending treatments in the event they cannot communicate their wishes. Of course, no one likes to think about having to make these hard decisions, but bad things happen and it is important to plan ahead.

## FERPA Waiver

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) is in place to protect the privacy of a person's educational records. These can include report cards, test results, and disciplinary records. When a child is a minor, a parent can easily obtain these records. However, once a child

turns eighteen, like so many other things, circumstances change. When the child turns eighteen or enters college, their academic records are theirs even if you are footing the tuition bill. A FERPA waiver allows the student to designate who can obtain their educational records.

It is important to remember that each state has its own specific requirements for each of these documents. No matter where your child lives or is going to school, each of these documents is important, but they may be different. Therefore, it is important to speak to an estate planning attorney who is familiar with these documents and can make sure these documents are tailored to meet all necessary legal requirements.

Your child will always be your baby boy or baby girl, but when they be-

come your adult baby boy or baby girl these important legal issues need to be discussed. This is also an excellent opportunity to have some "adult" conversations of about the seriousness of certain decisions, provide guidance about important upcoming life decisions, and discuss expectations while they are technically (although not necessarily legally) under your guidance and influence.

Do you want to guess what my kids will be getting for their eighteenth birthday? If you guessed these five documents you guessed correctly!



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**How old are you?**

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**What grade are you in?**

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**What's the coolest place you've ever been on vacation?**

Beach or Disney World

**What's your favorite Summer activity?**

Swimming

**What's your favorite restaurant in Texarkana?**

Texas Roadhouse

**How long do you think Summer break SHOULD be?**

5 months

**How old are you?**

10

**What grade are you in?**

4th grade

**What's the coolest place you've ever been on vacation?**

Disney World

**What's your favorite Summer activity?**

Swimming

**What's your favorite restaurant in Texarkana?**

Ta-Molly's

**How long do you think Summer break SHOULD be?**

8 weeks

## EDUCATION NEWS



### Dillon Davis brings his band leadership talents to Redwater ISD

Coming to Redwater ISD as the Director of Bands, for the 2023-24 school year, is Dillon Davis, current Texas Middle School Head Band Director and Assistant Band Director for Texas High School. Davis began his band leadership training with Redwater High School as Marching and Brass/Percussion Technician from 2007-2013.

During his nine years in education, Davis has assisted and/or led his bands to a Bronze Medal in the UIL State Marching Band Championship, three (3) Sweepstakes Awards, Fifth Place in 5A Area C Finals and several 1st Division Class 1 Percussion Ensemble awards.

“I’m excited about what Dillon will bring to the RISD Band Program,” said Dr. Kelly Burns, Superintendent of Schools. “His strong organizational skills, patience and enthusiasm for music are wonderful assets for him to motivate and inspire our student musicians.” Davis holds a Bachelor of Music Education from Henderson State University. He plays trumpet with the Texarkana Jazz Orchestra and is currently a member of Texas Music Educators Association, Texas Bandmasters Association, Texas Jazz Educators Association, National Trumpet Guild and a lifetime member of Kappa Kappa Psi, National Honorary Band Fraternity.

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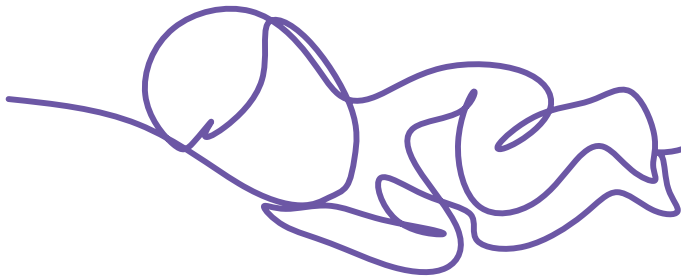
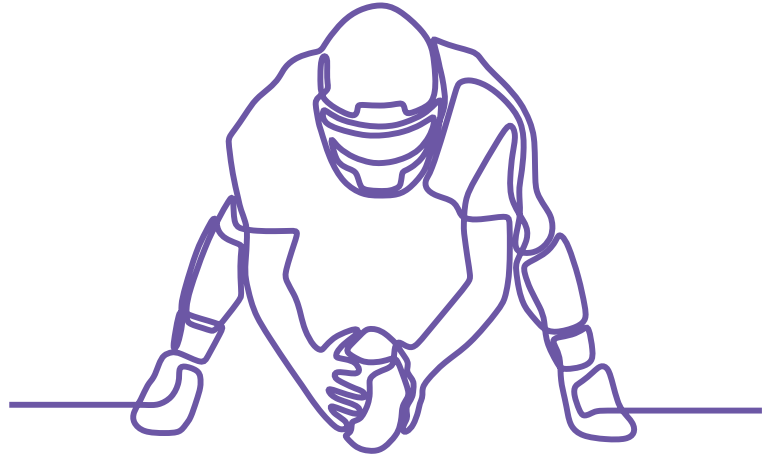
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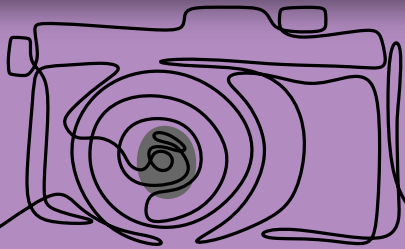
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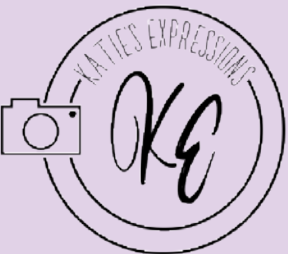
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