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Am I the only one who loooks at their child and thinks "Where has all the time gone?!" Probably not! I cannot believe it is already summer time! Goodbye after school practice and hello afternoon swimming!

I remember when I was a kid. my birth mother couldn't afford to send me to camp. However, there was always someone who had sponsored a child. I got to go to camp several times throughout my childhood and lam so grateful for that! I am

so excited to have Sophie try out new camps this year! We have so many amazing options in this issue.

- Katie Stone

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As parents, Amy and I know how summer can be. Kids are out of school, and as working parents, they can get bored during the day. Playing video games all day is not an option, and it is important to find activities that our kids will enjoy. We want to help you do the same for your kids. The Summer Activity Guide edition is one of our favorite issues of the year. From local camps and splash pads to other creative activities, our goal is to help parents and families in the Texarkana area

make the most of these long, summer days.

We hope you find practical resources in the pages ahead—whether you're planning your child's first camp adventure, looking for budget-friendly outings, or simply searching for a new way to enjoy time together.

- Ben & Amy King





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Upcoming Events



SATURDAYS Texarkana Farmer's Market

Check out the Texarkana Farmer's Market by the U.S. Post Office & Courthouse in downtown Texarkana, USA 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. Visit their website for more information. www.texarkanafarmersmarket.com

ENDS JUNE 28TH TRAHC'S 32nd Annual Student Juried Exhibition

321 West 4th St, Texarkana, TX 903-792-8681

TRAHC will host the 32nd Annual Student Juried ExhibitionThe show features a diverse range of artworks selected by juror Dr. Emily Hood. This will feature artwork from students ranging from grades K to 12th on all floors of the building. People's Choice Award Voting is open to the public on this date from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Admission to the Regional Arts Center and galleries is free!

JUNE 18 Lady Chops Drum Roll Please

Texarkana Public Library 600 W. 3rd St. Texarkana, TX Free | 2 p.m.-3 p.m.



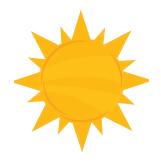
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JUNE 13, JULY 11, AUGUST 8 Downtown Live!

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

THURSDAYS Children's Story Time

Salty Boutique & Books
236 Richmond Ranch Rd.
Texarkana, TX | FREE
Help your children find a love for books
and meet new friends! Each story time
will have an easy craft following! Be
sure to RSVP at www.saltytxk.com/
events



JUNE 20 Family Movie Time: Trolls Band Together

Texarkana Public Library \mid 600 W. 3rd St. Texarkana, TX \mid

This third installment of the Trolls franchise finds friends Poppy and Branch as a couple. But as they get to know each other more, it is revealed that Branch was a member of the old popular boyband BroZone when he was younger. Not only that, but the group members are his real-life brothers to boot. However, when they disbanded, Branch never saw his boyband brothers again until his brother Floyd is kidnapped. Branch mobilizes his family for the rescue.

JUNE 21 Become a Community Scientist

Logoly State Park | 131 Columbia Road 459 Magnolia, AR | 870-695-3561

Logoly State Park is home to a wide variety of fascinating plants and animals. Not only is it fun to see them in the park, but these observations represent valuable data that can be used by researchers throughout the country. Join a park interpreter to learn how and where you can turn your observations in to help us all better understand our local wildlife and plants. After learning about some ways to be community scientists, participants will spend some time walking around park grounds, observing wildlife. Binoculars and cameras are recommended but not required.

JUNE 21 **Adoption & Open House**

Texarkana Animal League 5820 Richmond Rd | Texarkana, TX Office is open to the public the first three Saturdays of each month from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. for the public stop in and meet pets that are available for adoption. They can also be viewed on theirwebsite anytime. For questions or more information you can call 903-949-6278.

JUNE 21 **Juneteenth Parade & Craft Show**

New Boston Pavilion | New Boston, TX

Parade starts at 10 a.m. Entries in the Parade are encouraged and FREE. Participants will meet at New Boston High School Gym Parking Lot at 9 a.m. for the parade. After the Parade is over, the Annual Festival at the Pavilion with Arts & Craft vendors and food trucks will take place. Be sure to check out the Art Show at the 3 Bostons Museum from 10 a.m. -4 p.m.

AUGUST 23 2nd Annual Yellow Pedal Bike Ride presented by **Tough Kookie Foundation** Spring Lake Park | 6:30 p.m.

Help raise money for children with cancer. All proceeds benefit local cancer survivors and their families. For more information visit www.toughkookiefoundation.org





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Magazine has had the
most comprehensive list
of Summer Camps and Activities
for over 10 years. Showcasing
all the fun from Texarkana, USA
to Queen City, TX and back to
Ashdown, AR, 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
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.

The Gallery at 1894 Art Camp

105 Olive Street, Texarkana, AR 870-330-5003

Peace, Love, & Art June 23-27 Ages 5-7 | 9:30 a.m.- 11:30 a.m. Ages 8-12 | 1:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m.

Texarkana College Kids' College-Arts & Music

Ages 7-12 June 2-5 | \$115 per class AM sessions: 9-11 a.m. PM sessions: 1-3 p.m. Register for classes online at cbe.texarkanacollege.edu/kidscollege.

Classes include:

Cake Decorating Intro to Culinary Magical Keys to Piano Crafty Creations Art Explorers

See their ad on page 9

Texarkana Regional Arts & Humanities Council Summer Camps

321 West 4th St, Texarkana, TX 903-792-8681

Juneteenth Family Jam ALL AGES | June 19 | 6 p.m. FREE

Anyone Can Draw: Cartooning Ages 8-12 | June 23-24 | 9-11 a.m. \$50 per student

Artwall Camp:Wingz 'N Things Ages 6-9 | June 25-27 | 1-3 p.m. Ages 10-15 | June 25-27 | 10-12 p.m. \$75per student

Puppet Mania Ages 8-12 | June 30 - July 1 |10-11:30a.m. \$50 per student Christmas in July: Gingerbreadhouses Ages 8-12 | July 9 | 1-3 p.m. \$75 per student

Camp Create with Kay Thomas & Kay Shirley Ages 6-15 | July 14-16 | 10-11:30a.m. \$75 per student

Intro to Watercolor Ages 8-13 | July 21 & 22 | 9-11a.m. \$50 per student

Last Splash with Kay Thomas Ages 8-12 | July 28 & 29 | 10-11:30a.m. \$50 per student

Silvermoon Children's Theatre Minishows Drama Camps

Ages 4-17

Camps include:

Production CampJuly 21 - August 1 | \$350

Mini Show Camp #1: Imagine a Dragon

June 16-20 | \$250

Mini Show Camp #2: Seven-The Tailor's Tale July 7-11 | \$250

STARter Camp: Intro to Theater

Ages 4-6 | \$125

July 21-24 | 10:00a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Learn more and register at www.silvermoonkids.com

TexRep's Annual Summer Drama Camp: Broadway Junior Revue

Texarkana College | Grades K-12

Frozen JR.

June 2-14, 2025

\$125 for K-2 | 9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

\$125 for 3-5 | 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

\$175 for 6-12 | 1:00 p.m.-3:15 p.m.

SPORTS & FITNESS

Texarkana College Kids' College -Sports & Fitness

June 6-9 | \$115 per class Register for classes online at cbe.texarkanacollege.edu/kidscollege.

Classes include:

Karate Kids

Pickleball

Athletic Games

Archery

See their ad on page 9

Judith McCarty School of Dance Summer Camps

2524 New Boston Rd, Texarkana, TX 903-794-5916

Petite Pas

18 months-2 years | July 7-10 10:45 am-11:30 am

Tumble Tots

Ages 3-5 | July 7-10 4:30 p.m.- 5:15 p.m.

Hip Hop with Miss Tori

Ages 3-5 | July 7-10 2:30 pm- 3:00 pm

Ages 6-9 | July 7-10

3:15 pm- 4:00 pm

Acrobatics Summer Camp

Ages 6-10 | July 7-10 11:30 am- 12:30 pm

Challenger International Soccer Camps

Texarkana, Texas

June 23-27 & July 14-18 Grady T. Wallace Soccer Complex Ages 3-5 | 8-8:45 a.m. | \$130 Ages 6-14 | 9 a.m.-12 p.m. | \$205 Learn more and register at texarkanasoccer.com/camps/

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DATES:

June 2-6: The Great Outdoors
June 9-13: Color Explosion
June 16-20 MVP Week
June 23-27: Blast Off
July 7-11: Mad Scientist
July 14-18: Splish Splash
July 21-25: Character Week



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SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Texarkana College Kids' College- Science

Ages 7-12

June 3-6 | \$100 per class

AM sessions: 9-11 a.m.

PM sessions: 1-3 p.m.

Register for classes online at

cbe.texarkanacollege.edu/kidscollege.

Classes include:

CSI Kidz

Mad Scientist

First Aid

See their ad on page 9

Camp Invention: Discover!

JK Hileman Elementary
Queen City, Texas
June 19-13 | \$275
Grades 1-6 | Leaders in Training
available for grades 7-9
Learn more: www.invent.org

Camp Save-a-Life

University of Arkansas Hope Texarkana Texarkana, Ark. July 10-14 | Grades 7-9 | Fees apply. Sign up at uahtkidscollege.com

Tech Camp

St. James Day School | Texarkana, Texas Sessions in June & July Grades K-8 | \$115 per session View full schedule and register at stjamesdayschool.org/summer-camps.

Classes include:

Video Game Design

Battle Bot Robotics
Carpentry for Kids
Cricut Design Space
Director's Cut Movie Making
Drone Camp & Flight School
EV3 Robotics
Home Economics
LEGO Masters
MAD Scientist
Minecraft Gaming & Design
Scitech Foam, Floam & Bubble Dome
STEM Makerspace
VEX IO Robotics

CHURCH CAMPS

First Baptist Church

3015 Moores Lane, Texarkana, TX

Fusion Summer Camp July 5-8 | Grades 6-12 Overnight Camp Location: Boxwoods, A Cho-Yeh Camp 500 Lazy Lane, Livingston, TX 77351

Ohana! Camp June 17-19 | 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. 3 years old-Kindergarten (completed)

Little Kids' Camp June 3 | 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. First Grade (completed) | \$30

June 4 | 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Second Grade (completed) | \$30

Get Big! Camp

June 20 11a.m. - June 22 10:30 p.m. 3rd, 4th, 5th Grade(completed) Fees Apply

Call 903-831-6000 or call/text Theresa Hilton at 903-276-6229. Register online at www.fbctexarkana.org.

Heritage Church

5801 N Kings Hwy, Texarkana, TX 724-554-0900

Camp Life July 14-17 | Grades K-6 Fees may apply.

Visit www.heritagechurch.org

Beech Street Baptist Church

Beech Street Church 507 Pecan St Texarkana, AR

June 28 - July 3 | Grades K-6 \$250



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Northern Hills Baptist Church

6000 Sammy Lane, Texarkana, TX

June 9-13 | 8 a.m.-12 p.m. 4 years to 6th Grade To register, visit: www.northernhillsbc. churchcenter.com

Trinity Baptist Church

3115 Trinity Blvd, Texarkana, AR

June 8-13 | 6 p.m.-8 p.m. 4 years to 5th Grade To register, visit: www.trinitytxk.com

Wake Village First Baptist Church

820 Wake Ave, Wake Village, TX

June 23-27 | PreK to 5th Grade Call 903-832-4588 for registration information.

EVERYDAY FUN

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3240 Saint Michael Dr. Texarkana, Texas

G-Jump Texarkana

4212 St. Michael Dr. Texarkana, Texas

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

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Starlight Mini Golf & Arcade

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Stage 1-Rear-facing seat

All infants and toddlers should ride in a rear-facing car seat until they are 2 years old, or until they reach the highest weight or height allowed by their car seat's manufacturer.



Stage 2- Convertible or forward-facing seat

Any child 2 or older who has outgrown the rear-facing weight or height limit for a car seat should use a forward-facing car seat with a harness for as long as possible, up to the highest weight or height allowed by their car seat's manufacturer. This also applies to any child younger than 2 years who has outgrown the rear-facing weight or height limit of their seat.



Stage 3- Forward-facing or booster seat

Children whose weight or height exceeds the limit for a forward-facing car seat should switch to a belt-positioning booster seat. These children should remain in a booster seat until the vehicle seat belt fits properly, typically when they reach 4 feet 9 inches in height and are between 8 and 12 years of age.



Stage 4- Seat belts



When children are old enough and large enough to use the vehicle seat belt alone, they should always use lap and shoulder seat belts for optimal protection. Lap portion should be low over the hips/tops of the thighs (not over the stomach) and shoulder belt should cross the center of the shoulder and center of the chest (not the neck). Children younger than 13 years old are safest in the back seat.



Fun Day Trips



124 County Road 4507, De Kalb, TX (in Dalby Springs)

U- Pick Flower Farm

Admission is \$5 per person. 1 stem (with 3 to 5 flowers on it) \$2.50.

Find them on Facebook!





1116 Valley St, Caddo Valley, AR



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Kayak & Tube Rental

About an hour away from the Texarkana area! Find them on Facebook!





Peace of Mind While Parents are Away

By Ben King

AS families gear up for vacations, summer camps, and visits to grandparents, it's important to think beyond the packing list. While you're away, who would make decisions if your child needs medical care or school enrollment paperwork signed?

A Texas Minor Power of Attorney (POA) offers a simple and effective way to authorize a trusted adult to step in when needed—without giving up your parental rights.

What Is a Texas Minor Power of Attorney?

A Texas Minor Power of Attorney allows a parent or guardian to temporarily authorize another adult to make decisions about a child's education, healthcare, and daily needs. This authorization is temporary and does not terminate or affect your underlying parental rights.

It simply provides a trusted adult with legal authority to act when you are unavailable whether you're traveling, deployed for military service, undergoing medical treatment, or facing a situation where help is needed.

When Should You Use a Texas Minor POA?

Parents often create a Minor Power of Attorney when:

- > Traveling for an extended period
- > Deployed for military service
- > Undergoing medical treatment or recovery
- > Needing a grandparent, relative, or trusted family friend to care for their child temporarily

Having the right documents in place can prevent confusion, delays, or even unnecessary court involvement during your absence.

What a Texas Minor POA Can and Cannot Do

A Texas Minor Power of Attorney is powerful but limited. Here's a straightforward guide to what it allows—and what it does not:

What It Can Do:

- > Authorize medical decisions, including emergency treatment
- > Provide temporary caregiving authority without court proceedings
- > Manage school enrollment and education-related matters

What It Cannot Do:

- > Terminate or modify parental rights
- > Override court-ordered custody arrangements
- > Establish a permanent guardianship

This document gives caregivers flexibility to handle day-to-day responsibilities, but it respects and protects the parent's ultimate authority.

Limiting the Scope to Fit Your Needs

Parents do not have to provide authorization for each and every permissible item provided by statute. Parents can tailor a Minor POA to grant only the powers they choose and that are needed for their specific circumstance. For example, there may not be (and likely will not be) a need to grant another person the authority to enroll the child in school. But, you might authorize the caregiver make medical decisions your absence. You may also limit the authority to a specific time period, such as the two weeks you'll be traveling.

Carefully defining the scope of authority ensures the document fits your specific situation and gives you peace of mind.

Who Can Be Authorized?

Any trusted adult caregiver can be authorized through a Minor Power of Attorney. Parents often name grandparents, adult siblings, aunts or uncles, or close family friends—anyone they trust to act responsibly in their place. Choosing the right caregiver and clearly outlining their authority helps ensure your child is well cared for and that decisions are made just as you would want.

Preparing for Summer— and Beyond

As you prepare for your summer plans, taking a few minutes to complete a Minor Power of Attorney is one of the most simple and most important steps you can take to protect your child. It avoids last-minute scrambles, ensures prompt medical care if needed, and gives everyone involved clarity and confidence.

Download a Free Customizable Minor POA

To make it even easier, we've created a simple, customizable Power of Attorney form for families.

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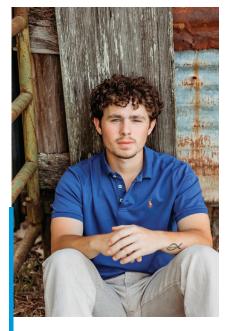


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