Austin Attractions & Activities

We have gathered the following information in an effort to introduce you to some of the resources Austin has to offer. While the activities and organizations listed below could provide students with many different kinds of support, we, in no way, claim this to be a comprehensive list. Nor do we explicitly endorse any of these organizations or activities. We welcome suggestions for updates and additions and hope this information is useful to you. This information is also available on our website.

Outdoor Adventures

Barton Springs Pool
A natural, all-year-round, spring-fed pool with swimming and diving, sometimes referred to as the "soul of the city."
www.ci.austin.tx.us/parks/bartonsprings.htm

Hit the Trails!
(or just one of them in some of Austin's 16,000 acres of parkland.)
www.ci.austin.tx.us/parks
www.texasoutside.com/bartongreenbelt.htm
www.wildbasin.org

Bats!
Austin has the largest urban bat colony in the world; grab some friends and watch them take flight from the Congress Bridge for this uniquely Austin event!
www.batcon.org/congress.html

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center
Enjoy the renowned flora of central Texas
www.wildflower.org

Museums and Education

Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum - www.thestoryoftexas.com
Blanton Museum of Art - www.blantonmuseum.org/
Austin Museum of Art - www.amoa.org
MexicArte Museum - www.mexc-artemuseum.org/
Check out the City of Austin’s offerings at the Dougherty Arts Center, The Umlauf Outdoor Sculpture Garden and many more! - www.ci.austin.tx.us/parks/cultural.htm

Live Music Landmarks

Antone’s - www.antones.net/
Stubb’s - www.stubbsaustin.com
The Continental Club - www.continentalclub.com
The Broken Spoke - www.brokenspokeaustintx.com
Waterloo Records - www.waterloorecords.com
Ruta Maya International Headquarters - www.rutamaya.net
The Elephant Room - www.elephantroom.com

Theaters and Entertainment

The Alamo Drafthouse Cinema – www.originalalamo.com
The Paramount Theatre www.austintheatre.org
The Salvage Vanguard Theatre - www.salvagevanguard.org
ZACH Theatre - www.zachtheatre.org
The Highball – www.thehighball.com

Restaurants, Food and Dining

Magnolia Café – www.cafemagnolia.com
Shady Grove Restaurant - www.theshadygrove.com
The Salt Lick BBQ – www.saltlickbbq.com
The Oasis (restaurant & “sunset capitol of Texas”) – www.oasis-austin.com
The Daily Juice (juice bar) – www.dailyjuice.org
Casa de Luz- www.casadeluz.org
Kerbey Lane Café - www.kerbeylanecafe.com/
Mothers Café and Garden (all-vegetarian menu) - www.motherscafeaustin.com
Wheatsville Coop (natural foods cooperative) – www.wheatsville.coop
Whole Foods Market World Headquarters – www.wholefoods.com
Check out some of Austin’s unique food-trailer culture – www.yelp.com