

San Antonio Botanical Garden

2025 Summer Camp Policies

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Registration Information

Online enrollment for Summer Camp at the San Antonio Botanical Garden is available [here](#).

- Early Member registration for Summer Camp opens on our website on Saturday, January 25, 2025.
- General registration for Summer Camp opens on our website on Friday, January 31, 2025 and will remain open until sessions are full or 72 hours prior to the camp.
- Payment is due at the time of registration. You are not registered until payment is made in full.
- Camp is offered in 5-day week sessions with the option of Morning or Afternoon sessions. If you are interested in registering your camper for a full-day of camp, they will need to be signed up for both a morning and afternoon session. Please note that space is limited for each session of camp and slots are first come, first serve.

Sessions by Age Group

Our team works hard to plan age-appropriate activities, and we find that separating by age group provides the best experience for our counselors and campers.

- Campers must be the minimum age required for a session at the start of that session of camp.
- In the case that a parent or guardian is registering two or more campers of differing age groups, and they prefer them to stay together, the older of the two can join the younger age-group session.
- We do not allow younger campers to transfer to an older age group.
- During morning and after-care, mixed age groups may play together, however, once a camp session starts, campers will be broken out by age.

How to Enroll Online

View the 2025 week by week camp schedule [here](#).

- Select the drop-down option for the week you would like to enroll your child. If you would like to enroll them for more than one week or session, you will have to add them to your cart week by week.
- Select the session you are interested in registering your child for. Add the number of tickets you would like to purchase to your cart by adjusting quantity and selecting the pink “next” button.
- Enter the required registration information and select the pink “next” button.
- Add any additional sessions you would like to register your camper for before proceeding to your cart for check out.
- Sign in to your account, then proceed to payment. Once your order is complete, you will receive an email confirmation with details of your registration.
- **Congratulations!** You are registered for 2025 Summer Camp at the Garden!
- If you are having trouble completing registration, please contact our guest experience team at 210.536.1400 or email our camp team at camp@sabot.org for assistance. For additional questions about camp, please view the FAQ section of our Camp page at sabot.org or call 210.536.1341.

★ **Camp Cancellation**

If the San Antonio Botanical Garden must cancel a camp session, parents and caregivers will be notified by email or phone and receive a full refund.

Camp Cancellation by Parent/Caregiver

- A full refund will be provided for cancellations made 10 days prior to the camp. No refunds will be made after that date.
- Substitutions can be made for children of the same age for any camp session before the start of a camp session.
- Rescheduling to another camp is permitted if space is available.

Partial Refunds and Cancellations

If your camper(s) miss a day or more of camp, partial refunds will not be provided. Our staff plan a full week of camp for each camper registered, including supply and labor costs. The Garden is not able to refund individual absences caused by scheduled vacations, appointments, conflicting schedules, or a change in plans. If you are aware that your camper(s) will be missing a day or more of camp, we ask that you please let our staff know via email, phone, or in-person at pick-up/drop-off.

Waiting Lists

All our camp sessions have a capacity limit per age group to ensure a safe and high-quality experience for campers as well as staff. Our online registration system automatically develops a waiting list for all camps. If a slot opens in a camp, parents and caregivers will be notified via email, then called. Once parents and caregivers have been notified that a slot is open, they will have 24 hours to register before the slot is given to the next waitlisted camper. Please note that waitlisted campers are not confirmed registrants until a slot opens and the registration fee has been paid.

Absences

Please report any known absences or plans to pick-up or drop-off late to the camp team as promptly as possible. Email camp@sabot.org or call 210.536.1341.

★ **Camp Information**

Health and Safety

- All Camp Staff are required to be First-Aid and CPR certified. A Camp Director will always be on duty. Each group of campers requires a counselor to remain with them, so adults with First Aid/CPR certification are always on duty.
- Parents and caregivers are expected to communicate with San Antonio Botanical Garden regarding any communicable illness or infection that their camper(s) may have.
- Campers should stay home from camp if they show any sign of illness until parents obtain written permission from a doctor saying the child is well enough to return to camp. If campers experience any injury or illness while at camp, Camp staff will contact parents and caregivers immediately.

★ **What to Bring**

Clothing

Campers should wear closed-toe shoes and dress in comfortable summer attire suitable for playing in the outdoors. For camps with specific clothing requirements, parents and caregivers will be notified via email.

Sunscreen and Skin Protections

Please apply sunscreen and insect repellent (as needed) to your camper every day. All campers will spend a portion of the day outdoors, regardless of theme or session.

Water

Each camper will be provided with a reusable SABG branded water bottle that will be theirs to keep, but campers are still permitted to bring a water bottle from home should they choose to. There will be multiple opportunities for your camper to fill their water bottle throughout the day.

Personal Belongings

We ask that your camper(s) keep most of their personal belongings at home, including electronics. Camp staff are not responsible for lost or broken items. Please do not forget to label all belongings including backpacks, water bottles, lunches, etc.

Lunch and Snacks

Lunch and snack time are always supervised by SABG staff and counselors.

Single Session

For Campers that are registered for only a morning or afternoon session, snacks will be provided by SABG during a scheduled snack break. This does not replace a meal. We strongly advise that morning campers have breakfast and afternoon campers have lunch before their camp session. If your camper has a dietary restriction or known allergy, we ask that they bring their own snack.

Full-Day Campers

For campers that are registered in both a morning and afternoon session, they must bring a sack lunch from home that will be eaten during a scheduled lunch break. Full-Day campers are also included in our designated snack times.

Cooking Campers

For campers that are registered in Cooking Camps, the recipes they prepare count as snacks, but do not replace a meal. If your cooking camper has a dietary restriction or is selective with the foods they eat, we recommend that they bring their own snack.

- If your camper(s) have any food allergies or dietary restrictions, ask if they can be accommodated during a cooking camp. Please email us at camp@sabot.org or call 210.536.1341 to check.

✳ Check-in, Drop-off, and Pick-up -----

The Friday before your camper(s)' session(s), parents and caregivers will receive a "Know Before You Go" email with reminders and details about Summer Camp. This email will also include a digital registration form for you to fill out ahead of time for a speedy check-in on the following Monday. In the case that you complete registration for Summer Camp but did not receive a digital copy of paperwork for your child, please email us at camp@sabot.org.

Monday Morning

- At the beginning of each summer camp week, additional camp staff will be present at drop-off to review paperwork, create camper nametags, and distribute t-shirts and water bottles. Please plan accordingly, as this process is necessary and will take additional time. The first-day check-in process of camp can be expedited for those who complete their camper's registration forms prior to arrival.

- Drop-off for campers registered for the First Day of Camp will take place on Monday between 8:00 – 8:30 a.m. When you arrive at the Garden, you will drive through the main gate on 555 Funston Pl. San Antonio, TX 78209. Park your car in Lots A, B, or C. You will walk in, past our Kiosk and be directed to the Breezeway where Summer Camp check-in is located.
- At check-in, you will be asked to sign-in, authorizing that your child has arrived.
- Staff will ask to view your camper's completed registration form. Once staff acknowledge that your child's paperwork is complete, Camp staff will greet your camper(s), and they will be escorted to the camp area.
- An authorized adult who can answer questions about the camper(s) health history and make decisions on behalf of the child must be present for this process.
- If a camper is missing the first day of camp, this process will be completed the following day that they arrive.

General Drop-off and Pick-up

For specific locations and instructions related to camp pick-up and drop-off, please refer to your parent email that you will receive 72 hours before the first day of your camper's session.

Drop-off

Morning and Full-Day session drop-off takes place between 8 – 8:30 a.m.

Afternoon session drop-off takes place between 12:15 – 12:30 p.m.

Pick-up

Morning session pick-up takes place between 12 – 12:30 p.m.

Afternoon and Full-Day session pick-up takes place between 4 – 4:30 p.m.

- If you are late to dropping-off your camper(s) or you will need to pick them up early, we ask that you please email us at camp@sabot.org or call to notify us at 210-536-1341. Please follow the same procedure in the case that you need to add an additional adult to their approved pickup list.
- In the case of an early pickup, camp staff will still ask that a valid ID be presented and an approved adult signs the camper out. For the safety of our staff and campers, adults and parents are not authorized in our camp areas and must stay in the breezeway until the camper(s) is released to them.
- The Garden will not accept any campers dropped off earlier than 8:00 a.m. Parents who pick up their camper more than 30 minutes after their session has ended (without prior communication) will incur a late fee of \$15/ half hour of childcare per child.
- Morning and Afternoon Care is provided care for campers enrolled in Summer at The Garden before and after camp: 8 – 8:30 a.m. and 4 – 4:30 p.m. Morning/Afternoon Care includes relaxed recreational activities, games, and outdoor play supervised by our Camp staff. The fee for such care is included in camp registration prices.



For additional questions please email camp@sabot.org

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