

Parent Guide

TechLab: Space



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Welcome to Techlab: Space! We are so excited that your child will be joining us for an out of this world experience on a week full of amazing technology and cool activities. TechLab introduces kids to products, technology and programming to help them dream big. We can't wait to share it with you!

BEFORE CAMP STARTS

MEDICAL FORMS

We **must have a medical form** on file for each camper. **This is a standard Scouting America policy.** **Without a medical form on file your camper will not be able to attend camp.** You can locate the form at:

http://www.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_AB.pdf

The form is a quick fillable PDF, so you can fill it out, **print**, and sign it without spending a lot of time. Note that there is a place for you to sign the form on Part B if you want to give us permission to administer over the counter medications like Tylenol or Benadryl. This form does NOT require a doctor signature.

If you have any questions or concerns you can contact the camp Director, Patricia Cruz at 512-228-9189, or you can contact the camp Staff Advisor, Jessica Snider, at 512-632-9395 before camp.

THE WEEK OF CAMP

CAMP LOCATION

TechLab takes place at Anderson High School, at the corner of Mesa and Steck. Drop off and pick up campers in the courtyard adjacent to the parking lot off of Cima Serena Dr. Our Camp and Camp Office are in the Applied Technology Center (building closest to the football field)

CAMP HOURS

Camp runs from 9am to 3:30pm each day, Monday through Friday. You may drop your camper off beginning at 8:45am. We do appreciate prompt pickup at 3:30 each afternoon.

EXTENDED CARE

The camp offers **extended care** at the school before camp from **8am** to 9am, and after camp from 3:30pm to **5:00pm**. If you will utilize the extended care program you need to register for it in advance so that we have adequate staffing (if you checked yes to either AM or PM or Both, you are registered). Pickup from afternoon Extended Care will be from the ATC. (See map for its location on campus) We appreciate you picking up no later than 5:00pm.

MORNING ARRIVAL AT CAMP

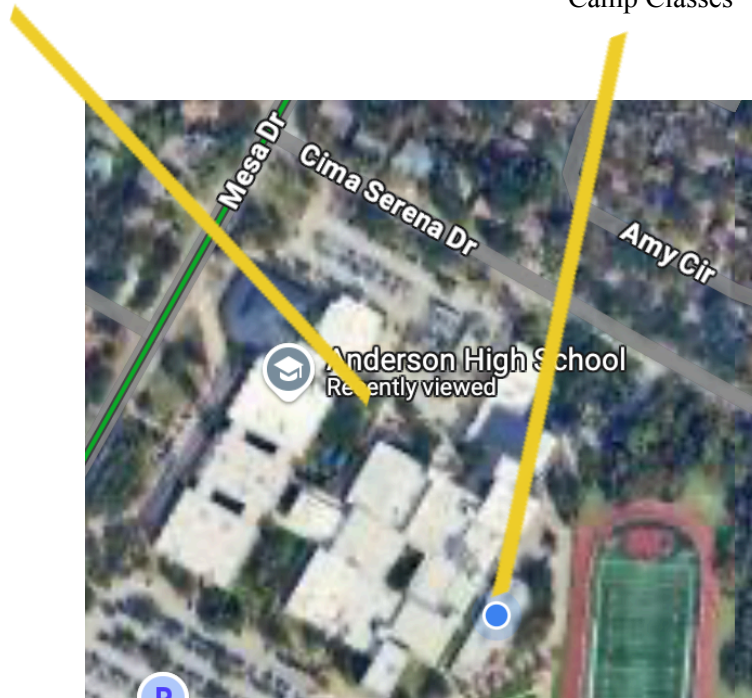
Each morning, we will gather in the courtyard next to the main parking lot off Cima Serena Dr. You must check your child in with a staff member each morning. We will have staffers in the courtyard ready to sign campers in as they arrive. Do NOT leave your child at camp without having checked them in.

AFTERNOON PICKUP FROM CAMP

At 3:30 each day we will again gather in the courtyard to prepare for dismissal. Please park and walk in to get your child. Do NOT take your child from camp without checking them out. We will not allow campers to walk unescorted through the parking lot to your car.

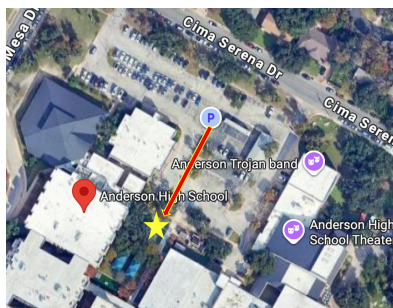
TechLab Main Drop Off/Pick Up

Camp Office
Camp Classes



LATE ARRIVALS OR EARLY DEPARTURES

If your child will be arriving late or leaving from camp early, please park and WAIT in the COURTYARD. CALL Jessica Snider at 512-632-9395 to let us know you are here. We will send staff to greet you. There is a lot of construction at the school this year and many of the doors only open one way. We have paths we are approved to have access and ask that you help us by letting us come to you.



ABSENCES

Please let us know if your child will be absent from camp one day. You may contact Jessica Snider by email at Jessica.Snider@scouting.org or phone at 512-632-9395. Please include the camper's full name and your own.

If your child is feeling ill, or has run a fever above 100.4 or vomited within the last 24 hours please do not send them to camp. We want them to get better as quickly as possible and do not want to spread any illnesses to other campers.

LUNCH

Each camper needs to bring their own lunch each day. All lunches are refrigerated until lunchtime, and bulky lunch boxes are hard to fit in the refrigerator. Labeled zip-lock type bags are preferred. We must fit everyone's lunch in, so please **do not send large or bulky lunch boxes/bags**. We will provide morning and afternoon snacks. There are no free or for-purchase lunch options through the camp this year.

PARENT DAY

Each week we will host a parent day at the end of camp. We welcome you to come and see what your child has been doing all week at camp! Plan to arrive at 3:30pm, and we will be finished by 4:30pm. The kids will show off their work, sing songs, and perform skits.

WHAT TO WEAR EACH DAY

1. Camp t-shirt
 - a. **MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY:** The 2026 TechLab Space Camp T-shirt
 - b. **TUESDAY & THURSDAYS:** Wear any past Techlab, Austin Cans or any Space themed shirt
2. Closed-toe shoes
3. Socks
4. Sunscreen & bug spray - put this on before you get to camp. We will be spending a portion of the day outside each day as weather permits

WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP

1. Backpack or bag for holding their stuff
2. Lunch in **a marked sack or plastic bag (large zip-locks work well)**. Lunch is kept in a refrigerator until lunch time. We must fit everyone's lunch in, so please **do not send large or bulky lunch boxes/bags**.

3. Water Bottle. There are water fountains around the school that have a spot to refill a water bottle. We will have plenty of opportunities to refill water bottles as needed throughout the day.
4. Medication needed for the day is to be turned into the camp medic. Medication must be in the original containers (pill bottle with prescription to camper), and you must have filled in the section on Part B of the medical form approving administration of the medication.

Note - please label everything that you want your child to come home with! Lost and found will be in camp office (Mission Control)

WHAT NOT TO BRING TO CAMP

1. Electronic games, radios, headphones, mp3 players. Your child may have a cell phone with them, but it should stay packed away during camp.
2. Glass containers
3. Knives, firearms, slingshots, matches or fireworks
4. Valuables

Dealing with the Heat

It is very hot in Texas! While we are a mostly indoor camp, we do go outside for the opening and closings, lunch break, and during some class activities, such as nature hikes, engineering challenges and team building activities. At Techlab we believe that time outdoors and being active are important for learning and thriving in any STEAM field.

Families, campers and the camp staff must all work together in order to be safe in the heat. At Techlab, we have

- Added additional ice water stations in outdoor areas,
- Have our lunch area in a shaded courtyard,
- Will stress to campers to walk, not run,
- Will stress to campers to communicate if they are feeling hot or overheating during outdoor time,

Please be aware that we are in an older building and there is a lot of construction occurring at the school this year. Due to this, we have AC, but it is limited at times. Additionally, sections of the building just heat up during the day more than the AC can cool. We have fans and will do our best to keep your camper cool, but some rooms may just be warm during certain parts of the day. Please

dress appropriately, feel free to bring a small handheld or necklace fan or a cooling towel. We are sorry for the inconvenience.

We need our families and campers to do the following to help protect everyone during this hot summer:

- **BRING A WATER BOTTLE AND DRINK LOTS AND LOTS OF WATER.**
- Use the cooling towel when hot, available upon request
- Communicate any issues and intolerances to the camp staff and instructors (if your youth does not handle heat well, please note this on the medical form or when you check in so that we can let our instructors know).
- Tell instructors if they do not want to go outside (we will have additional activities for these campers, but some merit badge requirements may not get completed).
- Apply sunscreen before camp and bring some to apply during the day.
- Bring a hat and sunglasses

Camp Code

A Space Explorer is

Safe

Positive

Attentive

Collaborative

Empathetic