

Texas Youth Film & Media Programs

Film • Acting • STEM • Video Game & Animation

STATEWIDE

Tech Courses

Digital Media Academy | Year-Round

Digital Media Academy offers tech classes that give students a variety of topics to choose from. Kids and teens will delve into the worlds of design, coding, robots, and more. There are camps for every facet of digital media, and students are sure to find something that they are interested in. Along the way, they'll become well-rounded learners, developing communication and critical-thinking skills.

Website: <https://digitalmediaacademy.org/>

Coding With Kids

Coding With Kids | Year-Round

Coding with Kids classes are a place for coders to unleash their creativity and take the next steps as young coders. Students can choose between Coder's Ladder and Coder's Pathway courses as they work with tech-savvy instructors to further explore coding and develop their abilities.

Website: <https://www.codingwithkids.com/>

Coding Clubs

Girls Who Code | Year-Round

Join a safe and supportive environment of peers and role models where girls learn to see themselves as computer scientists. Learn the concepts of loops, variables, conditionals and functions that form the basis of all programming languages. Work in teams to complete a computer science impact project that solves a real-world problem in your community.

Website: <https://girlswhocode.com/programs/clubs-program>

Summer Tech Camps

iD Tech | Summer

In these virtual camps, kids ages of 7-17 of all skill levels can discover coding, AI, machine learning, film, robotics, and game design, developing the in-demand skills needed.

Website: <https://www.idtech.com/virtual>

Tech Camps

Creator Camp | Summer

Creator Camp gives children a space to explore technology as a tool for creativity and self-expression. Kids between the ages of 6-13 can take 2- or 3-day camps in many creative digital fields, including animation, music production, filmmaking, coding, and more. This camp gives children a direction and purpose within the rapidly evolving technology they are surrounded by.

Website: <https://creatorcamp.org/>

AUSTIN

Performance and Production

YEAR-ROUND

Young Filmmakers Program

Austin Film Festival | Year-Round

The Austin Film Festival's Young Filmmakers Program allows Texas students ages 9-18 to explore creativity, collaboration, and storytelling. The program consists of four initiatives: the Young Filmmakers Competition, Summer Film Camp, Festival and Conference Scholarship Program, and an in-school Digital Storytelling Program.

Website: <https://austinfilmfestival.com/yfp/>

Creative Youth Development Programs

Creative Action | Year-Round

The high-quality, onsite, licensed after school program engages students in visual art, filmmaking, music, puppetry, creative writing, acting, and more to deepen connections to lessons learned in the classroom, all while expanding the development of social and emotional skills. Students participate in hands-on activities led by professional teaching artists to create projects that improve the community and the world around them.

Website: <https://creativeaction.org/programs/after-school/>

Filmmaking for Kids

Squishy Banana Studios | Year-Round

Squishy Banana Studios' filmmaking students get right in the action, learning and putting into action each step of the filmmaking process. They put the creative control in the hands of kids and teens. By the end of each session, students will have a finished short film to show off to their friends and family and all the skills needed to start their own filmmaking journey.

Website: squishybananastudios.com/home602630

Improv and Sketch Comedy

Excused Absence Comedy | Year-Round

Excused Absence Comedy classes provide a concentrated dose of funny for young comics of all levels. Taught by some of Austin's most experienced and respected performers, their camps are a positive, creative way to hone your comedy chops while making friends and having fun.

Website: <https://excusedabsence.com/onsite-classes/>

Improv Classes •

Hideout Theatre | Year-Round

In the Hideout Camps kids learn the basics of improv, storytelling, and stagecraft mostly through playing games – because you learn better when you are having fun! Every day we play games, create stories, perform scenes, do crafts and generally have a blast. On the final day we show off our amazing new skills in a performance for friends and family.

Website (All Ages): <https://hideouttheatre.com/improv-for-kids/classes/> **(Students with Disabilities):** <https://hideouttheatre.com/improv-for-kids/building-connections/>

Acting Classes and Productions

kidsActing | Year-Round

kidsActing gives young performers a safe environment to be creative, expressive, and confident. They offer after school performing arts classes, school break camps, and summer camps. Children of all ages can participate in acting classes, as well as plays and musical productions.

Website: <https://www.kidsactingstudio.com/>

Youth Media Education and Training ■

Young Journey | Year-Round

Young Journey is excited to provide a free performing arts and media program in East Austin at Austin Public TV Station. The workshops are real world training helping to develop needed life skills and disciplines in young people. Youth are filming and editing for the Young Journey TV shows. Participants are guided in writing their own scripts, creating and recording original songs, choreographing dances, blocking stage productions, filming and editing their own music videos, PSA's and television productions. Participants explore many careers in various fields.

Website: <https://www.youngjourney.org/>

Kids Film Clubs and Camps

Film Kids | Year-Round

In these clubs, 4th and 5th graders pitch and develop original stories, run cameras, and direct others. They are taught filmmaking through fun, activity-based projects grounded in acting and film. Film Kids lets students' voices be heard in a balance of collaboration and individual expression, experiencing each other perspectives, practicing empathy, and encouraging personal growth.

Website: <https://www.filmkids.org/>

SUMMER

Acting Classes

Zach Theatre | Summer

Zach Theatre offers camps for kids ages 3.5-18 at three campuses in the Austin area. These camps help young artists find confidence, creativity, and connection, all while having fun! Children can create unforgettable memories while studying musical theatre and acting.

Website: <https://www.zachtheater.org/zach-youth/camps/>

Youth Camps and Classes

Austin School of Film | Summer

The Austin School of Film summer camps allow middle and high school students to study digital filmmaking, music video production, or digital animation. These camps make space for passion, focus, and creative growth for young filmmakers.

Website: <https://austinfilmsschool.org/2026-summer-camps>

Creative Summer Camps

Creative Action | Summer

These award-winning summer camps give children hands on learning experience, arts exploration, social and emotional growth, and both indoor and outdoor fun! Kids ages 5-7 can participate in camps such as puppet parade, fairytale adventures, and mini-figure mayhem; ages 8-11 camps include art, science, film, design, media, and theater academies; and those ages 11-14 can learn photography, film and TV production, painting, and ceramics.

Website: <https://creativeaction.org/programs/summer-camp-2/>

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Website (All Ages): <https://hideouttheatre.com/improv-for-kids/summercamp/> **(Teen Intensive):** <https://hideouttheatre.com/improv-for-kids/teenintensives/>

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Website: <https://excusedabsence.com/all-camps/>

Summer Acting Camp

kidsActing | Summer

All kidsActing summer camps are based on creating a fantastic show for family and friends. They are jam packed with fun while also teaching kids how to: work as a team, memorize lines and block scenes, develop a character, sing & dance or perform stage combat, improve audition skills, feel confident, and take creative risks.

Website: <https://www.kidsactingstudio.com/summer-camps>

Summer Camp at the Paramount

Paramount Theatre | Summer

Summer Camp at the Paramount encourages young people to explore acting, singing, dancing, creative writing, production design, and performance. Best of all, every camper will be featured in a final show ON-STAGE at the historic Paramount Theatre!

Website: <https://www.austintheatre.org/learn-engage/camps/>

Summer Film Camp

Austin Film Festival | Summer

Austin Film Festival's summer camp offers hands-on experience. In these week-long sessions, students ages 9-18 can workshop screenwriting, filmmaking, editing, stop-motion animation, and more! They are guided by professional instructors to ignite their creativity and build crucial collaboration skills.

Website: <https://austinfilmfestival.com/summer-camps-and-classes/>

Summer Film and Theatre Camps

Squishy Banana Studios | Summer

At these summer camps, students from grades K-9 will dive straight into the filmmaking process to create new movies each week! They will act as the writer/director/actor/producer/editor to write a script, storyboard, location scout, perform, and edit. Each week explores a different genre, including action/adventure, suspense/thriller, and music video production. Musical theatre camps are also offered.

Website: <https://squishybananastudios.com/summercamp>

Texas Arts Project Camp

Impact Arts | Summer

TAP camp offers weeklong musical theatre intensives to elevate skills on a professional level. Students ages 9-13 can participate in the junior day camp, and students ages 14-18 can participate in the senior overnight camp. This immersive experience is filled with classes in voice, dance, and acting, and ends with a showcase performance.

Website: <https://www.impactarts.org/tap-camp>

Radio-Television-Film Media Camps

The University of Texas at Austin | Summer

Students ages 6-18 can participate in a variety of different in-person media camps, including: cinematography, filmmaking, 2D animation, screenwriting, post-production techniques, stop motion animation, and sound design. Additionally, they offer a virtual DIY filmmaking camp for high school students.

Website: <https://rtf.utexas.edu/camps>

Summer Design Camps for Teens

The University of Texas at Austin | Summer

In courses designed and taught by UT Austin faculty, students from 8th-12th grade can get hands-on tech experience, a chance to explore new interests, and build a portfolio piece for college applications. Some camps offered include 2D video game courses, product design courses, and music industry design courses, teaching students how their technological knowledge can translate into the real world.

Website: <https://designcreativetech.utexas.edu/extended-education/sdct-summer-institutes>

DIGITAL MEDIA

YEAR-ROUND

Science and Technology Workshops

Young Peoples Workshops | Year-Round

These workshops offer kids ages 2-15 a chance to delve into topics that interest them, such as art, cooking, Spanish, music, science, and technology. Kids can have fun while developing a better understanding of the world, and physical, social, and emotional skills.

Website: <https://www.ypwkids.com/science-technology-workshops/>

STEM Classes and Camps

Snapology | Year-Round

With dozens of programs to choose from, there's something for everyone. From fun themed programs using LEGO® bricks and K'Nex® to STEM / STEAM courses, Robotics, Movie-Making, and Drones, your children will be engaged from the minute they walk in the door. Shh, don't tell them it's educational.

Website: <https://www.snapology.com/texas-austin/>

SUMMER

Camp Latinitas ■

Latinitas | Summer

Camp Latinitas is the perfect place for students ages 9-14 to unleash their creativity, make new friends, and discover endless possibilities. Students will learn from speakers and mentors while taking on a variety of projects. At the end of the week, families are invited to see their student's hard work at a weekly showcase.

Website: <https://latinitasonline.org/camp-latinitas/>

Game Worlds Summer Camp

Game Worlds | Summer

Game Worlds camp gives kids ages 8-18 the opportunity to immerse themselves in the world of game development and turn their passion for playing games into a love of building them. Working in teams, they will learn both the artistic and technical aspects of game development, make friends, and build confidence as coders and storytellers.

Website: <https://gameworldscamp.com/summer/>

Thinkery Camp

Thinkery | Summer

In these weeklong camps, students entering Kindergarten – 5th grade engage in playful, hands-on learning activities that develop critical thinking skills in a collaborative environment. Camps focus on science, technology, engineering, arts and math, with a variety of fun mental and physical challenges that activate campers' creativity and stimulate their natural curiosity.

Website: <https://thinkeryaustin.org/camp/>

Summer Camp at St. Andrews

St. Andrews Episcopal School | Summer

Join St. Andrew's for a summer of fun and friendship! Camps are for students from all schools ages 4-18 and include some of the following topics: creative writing, photography, coding, and animation.

Website: <https://www.sasaustin.org/student-life/summer-camp-at-st-andrews-2025>

Tech Camps

Future Set | Summer

These technology-driven summer camps teach fundamental computer science and mathematics concepts through engaging, memorable projects. Students are led to create, test, observe and extend their new knowledge to meet challenges and solve problems. Camps include mini games, adventure games, web games, 3D games, first-person games, and many more.

Website: <https://futuresetcamp.com/summer-camps>

DALLAS/FORT WORTH

PERFORMANCE AND PRODUCTION

YEAR-ROUND

Academy Classes

Dallas Children's Theatre | Year-Round

Taught by Dallas Children's Theater professional artists, our classes help develop children with an interest in drama and performing arts in a hands-on environment where participation is encouraged and essential for learning. Our approach includes classes structured by age and experience levels, offering young artists opportunities to focus on technique and performance. It's a great way for children to learn, have fun, and gain valuable skills in theater arts.

Website: <https://www.dct.org/academy-classes>

Portable Film Program for Youth ■

Pegasus Media Project | Year-Round

Through immersive workshops and practical training sessions, this program offers students a comprehensive education in filmmaking that inspires creativity, critical thinking, and enhanced technical skills. This initiative provides under-resourced communities and schools without film programs with film and media education from industry professionals that empowers youth to explore various facets of film and media.

Website: <https://www.pegasusmediaproject.com/Programs/PFPY>

Film Camps, Workshops, and Classes

The Movie Institute | Year-Round

Our youth programs provide hands-on learning in motion media production and performance, emphasizing creativity, collaboration, and the development of practical skills in real-world settings. We offer experiences in diverse disciplines such as: directing, cinematography, editing, acting, stunt coordination, screenwriting, and more.

Website: <https://movieinstitute.org/programs/>

Filmmaking Classes

Dallas Young Actors Studio | Year-Round

Students in the filmmaking classes develop their skill sets in a real-world environment, mentored by a faculty of award-winning television producers. The filmmaking program has beginner through advanced filmmaking classes, so whether you are just beginning, a seasoned YouTuber, or have previous experience, we have the class to match your current skill set.

Website: <https://www.dallasyas.com/filmmaking-dallas-film-school-kids-teens/>

Starcatchers Classes •

North Texas Performing Arts | Year-Round

NTPA Starcatchers is a therapeutic theater program for children and adults with a variety of developmental, cognitive, emotional, and physical disabilities. In this program, students are given opportunities to shine through drama, music, dance, and visual art. Starcatchers believe that the future of the performing arts is accessible to all.

Website: <https://ntpa.org/starcatchers/>

SUMMER

Theatre and Film Summer Camps •

North Texas Performing Arts | Summer

Theatre and film camps are a great way for youth to explore literature in a fun and creative way. Led by our team of professional directors, students will transform into their favorite characters and learn essential life skills as they bring popular stories to life on stage and screen.

Website (All Ages): <https://ntpa.org/camps/> **(Students with Disabilities):**
<https://ntpa.org/event/starcatchers-summer-camps/>

Kamp Hollywood

The Movie Institute | Summer

Why spend the summer sitting at home watching movies when you could be out making your own? Our innovative moviemaking camp is week-long, full-day camp, designed with a hands-on, real-world approach to training in acting and movie production.

Website: <https://movieinstitute.org/kamp-hollywood/>

SummerStage Camps

Dallas Theatre Center | Summer

Discover your passion at SummerStage! Our expert teaching artists offer a wide array of classes for students ages 6-18. SummerStage has week-long camps available in both half-day and full-day options. There is also a two-week production for teens 14 – 18 years old. Each camp will focus on a different skill, such as singing, dancing, acting, playwriting, and technical theater.

Website: <https://dallastheatercenter.org/summerstage/>

DIGITAL MEDIA

Innovating Art Classes and Camps

One River Frisco | Year-Round

One River School offers arts exploration for kids and teens. Kids explore their passion for drawing, painting, sculpture, cartooning, and digital art through a dynamic, hands-on curriculum that balances fun with skill development. Creative teens can explore their passion for studio art, design, illustration, and animation.

Website (Kids): <https://frisco.oneriverschool.com/kids-art-classes/> **(Teens):**
<https://frisco.oneriverschool.com/teen-art-classes/>

HOUSTON

PERFORMANCE AND PRODUCTION

YEAR-ROUND

Core Skills Acting Classes

Main Street Theater | Year-Round

Our skills classes focus on aspects of performance and/or production under our professional teaching artists' guidance. The students' ideas inspire the final showcase—from selecting material to creating stories, props and costumes.

Website: <https://mainstreettheater.com/classes-at-the-theater/>

Theatre Arts Classes

HITS Theatre | Year-Round

HITS Theatre engages student creators by providing professional theatrical and artistic training as they find their own unique voices through acting, singing, dance, and production. We are committed to providing a safe, inclusive, and diverse environment that allows all students, regardless of financial means, the opportunity to hone their gifts in a nurturing community that fosters creativity, confidence, collaboration, and social-emotional learning on and off the stage. HITS offers a variety of theater arts classes for grades K-12 taught by skilled professionals specializing in the disciplines of acting, dancing, and singing.

Website: <https://hitstheatre.org/>

Theatre Classes and Camps

Christian Youth Theatre | Year-Round

At CYT, we believe in education before application. Our qualified teachers can help your child grow in all disciplines of musical theater! Voice, Dance, Drama, Musical Theater, and Behind the Scenes Specialty classes are our forte! CYT Classes help students get stronger and they are a great place to grow in relationships with others of like interests as well!

Website: <https://www.cythouston.org/>

Acting Classes and Camps

Drama Kids | Year Round

At Drama Kids, students grades K-12 can participate in in-school and community acting classes, expanding confidence, creative thinking, public speaking, self-esteem, acting, leadership, and teamwork skills.

Website: <https://dramakids.com/cypress-spring-tomball-tx/>

Youth and Teen Acting Classes and Camps

Alley Theatre | Year-Round

Applied Theatre at the Alley aims to broaden students' understanding of theatre. Our award-winning programs nurture the talents of kids and teens looking to stretch and explore their creativity. The Alley works both in and out of the classroom to create meaningful applied theatre opportunities for tomorrow's artists.

Website: <https://www.alleytheatre.org/education/for-youth/>

SUMMER

Youth Filmmaking Camps

Aurora Picture Show | Summer

During Aurora's week-long, hands-on camps, our teaching artists will show a variety of films from our media library, teach the basics of both traditional and experimental moviemaking, encourage creative thinking, and facilitate collaboration. Participants, ages 7-11 and 12-15, will be guided through developing, shooting, and editing digital short films. A special premiere screening of camp films takes place at the Museum of Fine Arts Houston in August.

Website: <https://www.aurorapictureshow.org/summer-camps>

Theatre Summer Camps

Main Street Theatre | Summer

MST Summer Camp is a performing arts playground where professional theater artists serve as mentors. With an emphasis on creativity and collaboration, we provide hands-on opportunities for students to make an original contribution in all aspects of play production. With camps at various locations throughout Houston, students ages 6+ have a safe space to explore their passion for the performing arts.

Website: <https://mainstreettheater.com/summer-camps/>

Moving Pictures Workshop

Wonderworks | Summer

High school students will collaborate with other students in scripting, acting, filming and editing short narrative "features," using video and digital technology. They will also become a more knowledgeable moviegoer—each day concludes with the screening of a narrative or documentary film of special interest, introduced and discussed by members of the UH and Rice faculties or curators from the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston.

Website: <https://www.wonderworkshouston.org/moving-pictures-2026>

Young Performers Program

The Ensemble Theatre | Summer

The Young Performers Program (YPP) is an exciting, energizing and intensive performing arts program for youth ages 6-17 who want to explore their creative and artistic talents. We combine the study of theatre, dance, music, arts education, technical skill, creative dramatics and performance for a well-rounded educational experience.

Website: <https://ensemblehouston.com/education/young-performers>

Young Artists Conservatory

Stages | Summer

The Young Artists Conservatory is a conservatory-style program that educates young artists, inviting them to discover the possibilities of the theater industry. Students will build community with their peers while learning from top Houston teaching artists in workshops and masterclasses. This pay-what-you-can program will foster a sense of belonging to empower the future stewards of the American theater.

Website: <https://stageshouston.com/young-artists-conservatory/>

Filmmaking Camps

Gordon Education | Summer

Gordon Education offers three exciting filmmaking camps. The Historical Filmmaking Camp allows campers to dive into Houston's past and create a film inspired by the city's history and heritage. In the Narrative Fiction Filmmaking Camp, campers write, direct, and act in their own original films. The Documentary Filmmaking Camp teaches students the power of film and how it can make a positive difference in the world by taking field trips into cultural communities within Houston.

Website: <https://www.gordoneducation.org/summer-camps>

DIGITAL MEDIA

YEAR ROUND

After-School Coding Classes

theCoderSchool | Year-Round

theCoderSchool is a great place to start for kids who want to get a taste of coding in a fun, supportive environment. They offer in-person, online, and after school coding classes, private coding tutors, courses in programming language, and more!

Website: <https://www.thecoderschool.com/after-school-coding-classes/>

SUMMER

Coding Camps

theCoderSchool | Summer

Our in-person coding camps can be a great way to keep your kids learning computer science through their time away from school. theCoderSchool's camps target kids' interests, from video game development to robotics to Minecraft to Roblox to JavaScript with html/css and even mobile game development.

Website: <https://www.thecoderschool.com/locations/spring/camps/>

Summer Camps

The University of Houston | Summer

The University of Houston offers a wide variety of summer camps, including STEM, coding, biotechnology, AI and machine learning, design, architecture, journalism, filmmaking, athletics, music, and more.

Website: <https://uh.edu/community/summer-camps/>

SAN ANTONIO

PERFORMANCE AND PRODUCTION

YEAR ROUND

Student Productions

Wonder Theatre Academy | Year-Round

Our student productions are specifically designed to nurture the passion of theatre and prepare kids for the spotlight whether they are new to the world of theatre, or a seasoned pro. Productions are tailored to teach students the principles of singing, acting, and dancing in an incredibly fun and educational environment.

Website: <https://wondertheatreacademy.org/student-productions>

B-Movie Cinema Club

The University of Texas at San Antonio | Year-Round

The B-Movie Cinema Club is a tuition-based after-school studio experience for middle school students designed to promote an appreciation for cinema, teach elements of filmmaking, work together as a production team, and create multiple student-driven short films.

Website: <https://www.utsa.edu/pace/community-art/youth/bmovie-cinema-club.html>

DIGITAL MEDIA

Arts Programs ■

Say Sí | Year-Round

SAY Sí ignites the creative power of young people as forces of positive change. They value artists, empower marginalized communities, and advance culture. They offer mentor programs for middle school performing and visual artists, digital and tech-based media education, theatre performance ensembles, film, photography, visual art, digital art, and more!

Website: <https://saysi.org/programs/>

Picture Your World

Green Spaces Alliance of South Texas | Year-Round

The Picture Your World Youth Photography provides outdoor nature photography workshops that encourage students ages 8-18 to engage with nature through the camera lens and get outdoors! The goals of the program are to introduce a diverse audience to the wonderful outdoor nature surroundings in San Antonio, to teach students digital photography and hone observational skills, and to build the next generation of environmental sustainability advocates!

Website: <https://greensatx.org/our-programs/picture-your-world/>

ROUND ROCK

ESTEAM After School and Summer Camp Programs

ESTEAM Learning Labs | Year Round

ESTEAM Learning Labs focus on Entrepreneurship, Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, Math, Music, Movement, and so much more! We provide hands-on learning that will keep your kids engaged and wanting to come back for more!

Website: <https://esteamlearninglabs.com/classes/>

CORPUS CHRISTI

Camp on the Coast

Texas A&M University Corpus Christi | Summer

The TAMUCC Summer Theatre Workshop is a two-week residential camp designed for high school students seeking a highly intensive and creative theatre experience. Participants will rehearse and perform in a one-act play directed highly successful theatre educators. Students interested in performance will study acting, improvisation, and movement. Technical Theatre Students will attend classes in design, participate in the creation of each production's sets, lighting, and costumes, and serve as crew for the shows.

Website: <https://www.tamucc.edu/samc/theatre/events/camp-on-the-coast.php>

WACO

Tal Lostracco's Summer Theatre Camp

Baylor University | Summer

Tal Lostracco's Summer Theatre Camp at Baylor University is a 2-week intensive theatre camp for high school students to strengthen their skills relating to theatre, acting, and technical theatre.

Website: <https://www.talscamp.com/>

Key

- *Indicates opportunities for students of color/from underrepresented communities*
- *Indicates opportunities for students with disabilities*