Texas Youth Film & Media Programs
Film • Acting • STEM • Video Game & Animation • Writing

STATEWIDE

Summer Tech Camps

iD Tech | Summer
Kids between the ages of 10-17 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/locations

Video Game Design Camp

Active Learning Camps | Summer
Create & program a unique Video Game at our Active Learning Video Game Creation Camp. Using our custom curricula, children learn Minecraft, GameMaker, Kodu or Scratch as they create their very own video games that they can actually play!
Website: https://www.activelearningcamps.com/detailscamp.php?cpid=3

Tech Classes

Digital Media Academy | Year Round
Digital Media Academy offers tech classes that offer students a variety of topics to choose from. Kids and teens will delve into a world of different coding languages, explore artificial intelligence, and learn to make movies. 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 (Self-Paced Learning): https://students.digitalmediaacademy.org/
Website (Online Programs): https://www.programs.digitalmediaacademy.org/

AUSTIN

Performance and Production
Year Round

Acting Classes

ZACH Theatre | Year Round
Students may take acting classes in a variety of types of performance, or audition for one of several select performance programs.
Website (Classes): https://zachtheatre.org/education/camps-classes/
Website (Audition Based Programs): https://zachtheatre.org/education/audition-based-programs/

Austin School of Film Youth Classes

Austin School of Film | Year Round
Workshops for kids and teens covering a wide variety of filmmaking topics, including special FX, makeup, animation, editing, digital filmmaking, etc.
Website: https://austinfilmschool.org/classes?category=Youth%20Classes
Cine Joven •
*Austin Film School | Year Round*
Free after-school program for youth ages 14 -17. Students create short films revolving around their experiences while also learning the filmmaking process through an innovative crew format. Program aims to give students the direct experience to represent & empower the Latinx community, culture & identity through film.
**Website:** https://austinfilmschool.org/cine-joven-youth-collective

Creative Youth Development
*Creative Action | Year Round*
Our 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/

Enrichment Classes
*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:** http://www.squishybananastudios.com/daytime-classes.html

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

Improv and Sketch Comedy
*Excused Absence Comedy Camps | Year Round*
Excused Absence Comedy Camps provide a concentrated dose of funny for young comics of all levels. Taught by some of Austin’s most experienced and respected performers, our camps are a positive, creative way to hone your comedy chops while making friends and having fun.
**Website:** https://excusedabsence.com/fall-2020-classes/

Texas Film Commission • Office of the Governor • texasfilmcommission.com
This list is a selection of programs offered in Texas; it is not a comprehensive list of all programs in Texas.
kidsActing Classes and Shows

*kidsActing | Year Round*

Students are able to take classes and participate in performances to develop their skills and have fun.

**Website:** [https://www.kidsactingstudio.com/](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/](https://www.youngjourney.org/)

Summer

Acting Camps for Stage and Screen

*ZACH Theatre | Summer*

Various acting camps for all ages 3.5 to 18 with each session focusing on a specific scene, film or production.

**Website:** [https://zachtheatre.org/education/camps-classes/](https://zachtheatre.org/education/camps-classes/)

Brock Allen Acting Intensive Camp

*Brock Allen Casting | Summer*

Learn improvisation skills, movement, self-taped audition prep, acting for TV, film & commercials, audition techniques.

**Website:** [https://www.brockallensummercamps.com/austin](https://www.brockallensummercamps.com/austin)

Camp Latinitas •

*Latinitas Magazine | Summer*

Bilingual Virtual camps for girls interested in Cine, Design, Entrepreneurship, Empowerment, and Gaming! Don't miss the fun, sign up today!

**Website:** [https://latinitasonline.org/programs/camp-latinitas/](https://latinitasonline.org/programs/camp-latinitas/)

Creative Action Summer Camp

*Creative Action | Summer (Not Available in 2021)*

Creative Action offers fun, engaging, and exciting arts-based summer camps for ages 5 – 11. Led by experienced staff, our camps are offered at three convenient locations in North Central, East, and South Austin and include a variety of themes to choose from all summer long. Campers envision and create their own films, perform on stage, and explore visual art with our professional Teaching Artists in a safe, supportive learning environment.

Film Kids Summer Camp

*Film Kids | Summer*
This club will delve into group projects that teach rising 5th, 6th and 7th graders everything they want to know about collaborative filmmaking. Plan and direct scenes! Run cameras! Improv/act! Edit! Have fun!

**Website:** [https://www.filmkids.org/classes/p/filmkidsonline](https://www.filmkids.org/classes/p/filmkidsonline)

iFILM Camp •

*channelAustin | Summer (Not Available in 2021)*
Young adults with disabilities between the ages of 15-21 can create and edit their own short films with professional equipment.

**Website:** [http://channelaustin.org/article/more-info](http://channelaustin.org/article/more-info)

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

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**Website:** [https://excusedabsence.com/camps-navigation-page/](https://excusedabsence.com/camps-navigation-page/)

kidsActing Summer 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](https://www.kidsactingstudio.com/summer-camps)
**Website (Virtual Summer Camps):** [https://www.kidsactingstudio.com/virtual-summer-camp](https://www.kidsactingstudio.com/virtual-summer-camp)
**Queer Youth Media Project**

*All Genders, Lifestyles, and Identities Film Festival | Summer (Not Available in 2021)*

Week-long workshops for youth ages 12-20 offering hands-on experience in the entire movie making process, as well as theater, acting, casting calls, how to enter films into festivals, film marketing and distribution. Students have the opportunity to write, direct, and perform in a short film each year, which is screened at the annual aGLIFF film festival in September.

**Website:** [https://www.agliff.org/qymp](https://www.agliff.org/qymp)

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**Summer @ Austin Public**

*Austin Film Society | Summer*

Workshops for kids and teens covering a wide variety of filmmaking topics, including special FX, makeup, animation, editing, digital filmmaking, etc.

**Website:** [https://www.austinfilm.org/classes/summer-camp/](https://www.austinfilm.org/classes/summer-camp/)

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**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:** [http://www.austintheatre.org/camps/](http://www.austintheatre.org/camps/)

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**Summer Film Camp**

*Austin Film Festival | Summer*

Screenwriting, filmmaking, and claymation classes for youth ages 9-18. All finished films premiere at the Summer Film Camp showcase at Galaxy Highland Theatre. Students also participate in panel discussions with visiting guest speakers, including notable screenwriters, editors, and cinematographers.

**Website:** [https://austinfilmfestival.com/yfp/summercamp/](https://austinfilmfestival.com/yfp/summercamp/)

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**Virtual Film Camp: Writing for Video Games**

*Austin Film Festival | Summer*

To write a video game is to imagine and bring to life an immersive world. Perhaps you don’t notice it while you’re playing, but video games are all about story. Join us for an introductory course on video game writing, world-building, and the fundamentals of Twine—an easy-to-use software for interactive fiction. Students develop their own video game concept and learn how to translate that to a script.


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**Squishy Banana Studios Summer Camp**

*Squishy Banana Studios | Summer*

This summer, we're making some epic short films! Each week we'll dive straight into the filmmaking process to create new movies each week. YOU as the writer/director/actor/producer/editor [will]: write a script, storyboard, location Scout, act in your movie, edit the footage, add sound and special effects. Small groups for maximum spotlight!

**Website:** [http://www.squishybananastudios.com/summercamp.html](http://www.squishybananastudios.com/summercamp.html)
Texas Arts Project Filmmaking Program
Texas Arts Project | Summer
Students aged 14-18 examine current trends in the industry and explore their personal creative process as they learn film production from concept to product. Rising Filmmaker Introductory Camp available for students with no background in film production; Advanced Filmmaker Production Camp available for returning students or students who have taken film courses elsewhere.
Website: http://texasartsproject.com/programs-of-study/senior-camp-ages-14-18/filmmaking/

UT RTF Media Camps
The University of Texas at Austin | Summer
Youth workshops ranging from 1-2 weeks in length, covering topics such as film production, screenwriting, animation, claymation, and video game production.
Website: https://rtf.utexas.edu/camps/summers-offerings

UT SDCT Summer Institute
The University of Texas at Austin | Summer
Designed and taught by UT faculty, high school students will learn about game design or graphic design. Both institutes provide students the unique opportunity to create a portfolio piece as they prepare to apply for college.
Website: https://designcreativetech.utexas.edu/extended-education/sdct-summer-institutes

Digital Media
Year Round

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

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 (Coder’s Ladder): https://www.codingwithkids.com/online-coders-ladder-classes
Website (Coder’s Pathway): https://www.codingwithkids.com/online-enrichment-classes
Game Worlds Workshops

Game Worlds | Year Round
Weekend Workshops... provide a target of 6 hrs of instruction that highlight a specific video game design skill covering either Art, Coding, Design, or Music. Learn from real world game developers! These short sessions are designed to introduce students to the worlds of possibilities in different areas of game development. Once a month we showcase a new developer deep diving into art, code, sound, or design!
Website: https://gameworldscamp.com/workshops/

Science & Technology Workshops

Young Peoples Workshops | Year Round
These hands-on workshops help teach language development, knowledge and understanding of the world, physical development, social & emotional development, art, mathematics, science & technology.
Website http://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 programs, Robotics, Movie-Making, Drones and Video Game Design, your children will be engaged from the minute they walk in the door. Shh, don't tell them it's educational.
Website: https://embed.snapology.com/licensee/131/events/location

Video Game Design

The Contemporary | Year Round
Learn the building blocks of designing your own video game using some of the most widely used software in the industry. Taking inspiration from modern and contemporary art, create a setting and characters for your game, then script the action and player controls. Laptops are provided in class. Course are available for ages 12-18.
Website: https://www.thecontemporaryaustin.org/courses/

Summer

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Website: https://latinitasonline.org/programs/camp-latinitas/

Coding with Kids

Coding with Kids | Summer
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Website: https://www.codingwithkids.com/online-camps
Game Worlds Summer Camp

*Game Worlds | Summer*

At Game Worlds, kids learn the skills needed to make their very own video games. Real-world developers guide kids through a crash course into how games are made, and help students bring their vision to life through practical skills such as programming, design, testing, business, writing, audio engineering, and art. Students come away with a game they’ve created while learning game development!

**Website:** [https://gameworldscamp.com/summer/](https://gameworldscamp.com/summer/)

Little Stars Camp

*Ann Richards School | Summer (Resuming in 2022)*

Little Stars Camp is a 4-day STEM camp for girls entering grades 3-5 in Austin ISD.

**Website:** [https://www.annrichardsschool.org/campus-life/summer-programs/](https://www.annrichardsschool.org/campus-life/summer-programs/)

STARBASE

*Texas Military Department | Summer*

STARBASE Austin objective is to raise the interest and improve the knowledge and skills of at-risk 5th graders in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) by offering 25 hours of exemplary instruction using an engaging curriculum that meets and exceeds State Standards. Hosted at Camp Mabry, students participate in challenging "hands-on, mind-on" activities and interact with military personnel to explore careers and observe STEM applications in the "real world."

**Website:** [https://tmd.texas.gov/starbase](https://tmd.texas.gov/starbase)

STEAM Camp

*Thinkery | Summer*

In each weeklong camp, Pre-K to 5th grade campers 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. Campers explore questions of “how” and “why” through immersive, interactive learning experiences designed to keep them moving, thinking and creating.

**Website** [https://thinkeryaustin.org/camp/](https://thinkeryaustin.org/camp/)

Summer Immersion Program

*Girls Who Code | Summer*

Our Summer Immersion Program is a free 2-week introductory computer science program for 10th-11th grade girls going into their junior or senior year of high school. During the 2-week program, participants learn about computer science, gain exposure to tech jobs, and join a sisterhood of girls who are using computer science to become change-makers. Each week of the program covers projects related to computer science, such as art, storytelling, robotics, video games, web sites, and apps. You’ll hear from guest speakers, participate in workshops, connect with female engineers, entrepreneurs, and go on field trips. The program culminates in a final project where you build your own product and share it with your class.

**Website:** [https://girlswhocode.com/programs/summer-immersion-program](https://girlswhocode.com/programs/summer-immersion-program)
Summer at St. Andrews
St. Andrews Episcopal School | Summer
Join St. Andrew's for a summer of fun and friendship! Camps are for ages 4-18 and include some of the following topics: creative writing, photography, coding, animation, and app development.
Website: https://www.sasaustin.org/student-life/summer-camp-at-st-andrews-2021

Tech Camps
Future Set | Summer
Our 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. Instruction is individualized through our low student to teacher ratio of 6 to 1. Camps include the following: 2D Game Design, Virtual Reality Coding, Video Production for Youtube, Minecraft Modding, and more.
Website: https://futuresetcamp.com/summer-camps

ROUND ROCK
Year Round

Kid & Teen Classes
Esteam Learning Labs | Year Round
Hands-on, project-based courses covering a wide variety of topics, including acting, editing, production, and digital media.
Website: https://esteamlearninglabs.com/classes/

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Kid & Teen Camps
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Website: https://esteamlearninglabs.com/camps/
DALLAS / FORT WORTH

Performance and Production

Year Round

Academy Classes
Dallas Children’s Theatre | Year Round
Our professional theater artists help develop children with an interest in drama and performing arts. We offer a variety of theater and video classes at the Rosewood Center in Dallas. Students will enjoy these hands-on classes where participation is encouraged and essential for learning. It’s a great way for children to learn, have fun and gain valuable skills in theater arts. Our approach is developmentally age-appropriate. Classes are taught by a Dallas Children’s Theater professional artists.
Website: https://www.dct.org/academyclasses

After School Classes
Pegasus Media Project | Year Round
The Pegasus Film Society (PFS) was founded in 2012 by teacher-filmmaker Niloo Jalilvand of Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts. With the help of passionate student leaders, an annual youth film festival (Pegasus Film Festival) and a summer film intensive (Pegasus Summer Film Media Institute) were born and grew to include and support all high school filmmakers across the state of Texas. Since 2017, Pegasus has operated under the umbrella of the Video Association of Dallas (VAD), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Pegasus and VAD partnered on several projects, including the annual 24-Hour Video Race!
Website: https://www.pegasusmediaproject.com

Apprentice Program
Pegasus Media Project | Year Round
Pegasus Media Project (PMP), in partnership with The Alliance for Media Arts + Culture’s Arts2Work is bringing a hands-on, project-based, personalized education in digital media, audio/video production, and post, cinema studies, emerging media arts, and creative technology. With a total of 135 hours of classroom instruction, and 90 hours of independent or fieldwork in 15 weeks.
Website: https://www.pegasusmediaproject.com/programs

Education Program
Dallas Film Society | Year Round
Inspires and educates students of all economic and cultural backgrounds to pursue their passions and give them opportunities to tell their own story. Dallas Film invites area high school students to visit production and music facilities, live sets, and companies associated with film and digital media production. The curriculum aligns with TEKS (Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills) standards, providing additional, after school learning opportunities to DFW students.
Website: https://dallasfilm.org/program/high-school-film-labs
Filmmaking Classes
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: http://www.dallasyas.com/filmmaking-dallas-film-school-kids-teens/

Starcatchers Camps and Classes ●
North Texas Performing Arts | Year Round
Classes and camps are a great way to try out a Starcatchers program for students and adults with cognitive disabilities! These programs are shorter than our theatre productions and focus on an individual topic or skill.
Website: https://northtexasperformingarts.org/classes/starcatchers/

TV & Film Acting
Young Actors Studio | Year Round
Students are placed into classes according to their age, acting ability, and prior experience. This program covers the following areas of study: dramatic scene study/scripts, dramatic improvisation, dramatic characters/roles, dramatic monologues, comedy scene study/scripts, cold reading, comedy improvisation, comedy monologues, commercial copy/cold reading/characters, radio voice overs/characters, writing short scenes and monologues, green screen technique.
Website: http://www.dallasyas.com/classes/

Summer
Academy Classes
Dallas Children’s Theatre | Summer
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Website: https://www.dct.org/academyclasses/

Performance Camps
North Texas Performing Arts | Summer
Learning doesn’t have to stop just because it’s summertime! Theatre camps are a great way for children to explore literature in a fun and creative way. Kids will transform into a superhero, a princess, or their favorite storybook character as they bring popular stories to life on stage at North Texas Performing Arts exciting theatre summer programs! With summer learning opportunities for ages 5 to 18, there’s a spot for everyone to learn from our professional directors, actors, and singers who have worked everywhere from Broadway to L.A.
Website: https://northtexasperformingarts.org/camps/
**Starcatchers Camps and Classes**

*North Texas Performing Arts | Summer*

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**Website:** [https://northtexasperformingarts.org/classes/starcatchers/](https://northtexasperformingarts.org/classes/starcatchers/)

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**Summer Acting & Filmmaking for Kids and Teens**

*Dallas Young Actors Studio | Summer*

Youth ages 13-18 are provided the opportunity to learn about cinematography for short film and TV, basic lighting, grip, production audio, live audio mixing, sound effects, and editing. Students may also choose one of several acting camps, where they may learn about improvisational, comedic, dramatic, and commercial acting.

**Website:** [http://www.dallasyas.com/summer-camps/](http://www.dallasyas.com/summer-camps/)

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**Summer Intensive**

*Pegasus Media Project | Summer*

**Website:** [https://www.pegasusmediaproject.com/support](https://www.pegasusmediaproject.com/support)

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**Kamp Hollywood**

*The Movie Institute | Summer*

A vibrant and innovative moviemaking camp, driven by participant creativity and designed with a hands-on, real-world approach to training in production and acting. Campers, or “Indies” as they are called at camp, will learn vital life skills through this one-of-a-kind experience, such as teamwork, discipline and leadership, while gaining a sense of accomplishment as they create their own short films to be shown at the graduation & screening.

**Website:** [https://www.movieinstitute.org/kamp-hollywood](https://www.movieinstitute.org/kamp-hollywood)

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**Summer Acting and Filmmaking Camp**

*Young Actors Studio | Summer (Returning in 2022)*

The filmmaking program at the Young Actors Studio™ purpose is to expose youth to the behind the scenes of the TV and Film industry through educational hands-on labs, guest industry workshops, instructional classes, and internship program.

**Website:** [http://www.dallasyas.com/classes/](http://www.dallasyas.com/classes/)
Digital Media

Year Round

Coding Camp
theCoderSchool | Year Round
At theCoderSchool, we want to do more than just teach coding. We want aspiring coders to use their new found passion as a stepping stone to thinking outside the box, as a way to channel their ideas in a creative way and most importantly, to have fun.
Website: https://www.thecoderschool.com/locations/frisco/#camps

Coding with Kids
Coding with Kids | Year Round
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Website (Coder’s Ladder): https://www.codingwithkids.com/online-coders-ladder-classes?age=2&cid=127
Website (Coder’s Pathway): https://www.codingwithkids.com/online-enrichment-classes

Studio/Digital Art and Design Classes
One River Frisco | Year Round
Classes at One River offer students of all ages a series of progressive and creative courses across art, digital art, design, photography, filmmaking and portfolio development.
Website: https://frisco.oneriverschool.com/classes/

Summer

SummerCoding with Kids
Coding with Kids | Summer
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Website: https://www.codingwithkids.com/online-camps

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Website: https://students.digitalmediaacademy.org/visitor_class_catalog/

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Camp Latinitas
Latinitas Magazine | Summer
Girls ages 9-14 with a desire to innovate and express themselves in fun, creative ways through media and technology are invited to join Latinitas to learn about filmmaking and types of technology – all while making friends and meeting interesting, inspiring mentors from a variety of backgrounds.

Website: https://visitelpaso.com/events/camp-latinitas-2021

CORPUS CHRISTI

Camp on the Coast
Texas A&M Corpus Christi | Summer (Resuming in 2022)
The Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi 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 by one of five highly successful theatre educators. Students interested in performance will study acting, voice, and movement in morning classes taught by TAMUCC Theatre faculty. Returning campers will take a three-hour master class in acting 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://cla.tamucc.edu/theatre/camp.html

WACO

Tal Lostracco’s Summer Theatre Camp
Baylor University | Summer (Resuming in 2022)
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: http://www.talscamp.com/
HOUSTON
Performance and Production
Year Round

Acting Classes
*John Lanch Studio for Actors | Year Round*
With over 30 years of experience, teaching acting classes, in Los Angeles, New York and Texas, John can teach you how to become an actor! He is the personal acting coach for actors who have booked leading roles in films such as *Knowing* with Nicolas Cage, *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button* with Brad Pitt, and Broadway's *Tony Award Winning Best Musical* DEAR EVAN HANSEN.
Website: [https://johnlansch.com/classes](https://johnlansch.com/classes)

Acting Classes
*Next Level Acting Studios | Year Round*
Next Level Acting Studios was first established in Hollywood by Deke Anderson, a professional Actor and Director, who spent almost three decades pursuing his career there. Next Level now offers fun, dynamic acting classes and private lessons in Houston and The Woodlands for adults, youths, and teens of all experience levels. Deke’s lengthy Hollywood experience is essentially unparalleled among acting teachers in the Southeast region, and the quality and value of his acting classes is extraordinary.
Website: [https://nextlevelacting.com/schedule-houston-tx-77008/](https://nextlevelacting.com/schedule-houston-tx-77008/)

CrossWind Collective Collective
*CrossWind Productions | Year Round*
A non-profit organization providing a Christian faith-based, creative environment where young adults gifted in the performing arts learn the craft of film and television.
Website: [https://www.crosswindproductions.org/#collective](https://www.crosswindproductions.org/#collective)

Core Skill Classes
*Main Street Theater | Year Round*
We are looking for good team players, movie fans, avid readers, sports fans, brainiacs, shy kids, pirates, princesses and born performers – anyone and everyone who has ever imagined their own adventure! Our skills classes focus on particular 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/](https://mainstreettheater.com/classes-at-the-theater/)

Filmmaking Classes
*ECHO Film School and Studio | Year Round*
Students may participate in custom classes, workshops, and networking events as they learn and practice the filmmaking process.
Website: [https://www.echofilm.com/workshops](https://www.echofilm.com/workshops)
Improv Classes
CSZ Houston | Year Round
Our classes improve public speaking skills, confidence, memory, and awareness - all within a safe and supportive environment. Improv isn’t about being funny - it’s about being you.
Website: https://www.comedysportzhol Gradence.com/school-of-improv

Kid’s Virtual Film Acting Class
Sara Gaston | Year Round (2021 Only)
This is a great class for your child or young teen who wants to work on their on-camera skills or who is a theatre kid wanting to make the transition into commercials and television. We’ll be working with scripts from actual commercials and film/TV. Each week I will email scripts before class. All classes will be held via Zoom. Ideally, your child can participate in a location with limited distractions. A video of all class performances will be available via DropBox each week.

On Camera Acting Classes
Next Actor Studio | Year Round
Next Actor Studio teaches on-camera acting. Students may bring an SD card or request the studio to email their performance video files.
Website: http://www.nextactor.com/

Summer
Aurora Summer Filmmaking Camp
Aurora Picture Show | Summer
Week-long sessions in which instructors screen a variety of films from Aurora’s media library, teach the basics of traditional/experimental moviemaking techniques, encourage creative thinking, and facilitate collaboration. Participants are guided through developing, shooting, and editing digital short films, and provided with links to their projects for downloading and sharing. Completed summer camp films are shown at a special premiere screening at The Museum of Fine Arts Houston.
Website: http://aurorapictureshow.org/pages/summer_filmmaking_camps_120.asp

Performing Arts Playground Camp
Main Street Theater | Summer
Your child already has the tools needed to love the arts and to create them: a voice, a body, and an imagination. At Main Street Theater’s summer camp, your young performer will be able to exercise those tools under the mentorship of theater and performing arts professionals.
Website: https://mainstreettheater.com/summer-camps/

Filmmaking Bootcamps
ECHO Film School and Studio | Summer
Students are able to create a festival-ready short film as they learn script writing, directing, camera skills, lighting, audio and digital editing techniques.
Website: https://www.echofilmschool.com/workshops
**Movie-Making Summer Camp**

*Lights... Camera... Act! | Summer*

This creative four-day workshop is designed to teach students some of the fundamentals of movie making! We will begin by writing our story/script, then, we will shoot the movie, edit it, and screen it all by the end of the camp! Students will get the opportunity to work both in front of and behind the camera. They will learn how to come up with a concept, the logistics of bringing that concept to life on camera, how to use iMovie (or a comparable editing program) to edit their movie, and then we’ll finish by screening the movie for parents and friends that want to attend! Each student will get the chance to act, work with the camera, lights, and sound, and have input in music and post-production decisions. They’ll also learn on set terminology that will help them to feel more prepared when they are on set of any production. All students will get a digital copy of the workshop movie that they can have to show family and friends!

**Website:** [https://www.lightscameraact.net/summer-camps](https://www.lightscameraact.net/summer-camps)

**Moving Pictures Workshop**

*University of Houston & Wonderworks | Summer*

High-school students will acquire an understanding of lighting, cinematography, production design, continuity, dramatic structure, location scouting, editing and a host of other concepts/skills essential to filmmaking. Students also become more knowledgeable moviegoers- 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:** [http://wonderworkshouston.org/](http://wonderworkshouston.org/)

**Writing Summer Camp**

*Writers in the Schools (WITS) | Summer*

We live in a creative world where ideas, collaboration, and adaptability are a must--and writing is essential. So how do we prepare our children for their future? How do we ensure that they become thoughtful leaders for change, passionate learners, and curious thinkers we need to improve our world? Through Writers in the Schools programs, young people discover the power within themselves to create, innovate, and connect with others. WITS programs work because we approach writing as an exploration. Students will begin to see feel the power that comes for clear self-expression. Whether they’re not sure how to get started or they already write a million pages a day, they’ll feel at home writing here. This is where the spark of creativity begins.

**Website:** [https://witshouston.org/camp-main/](https://witshouston.org/camp-main/)

**Digital Media**

**Coding Camp**

*theCoderSchool | Year Round*

At theCoderSchool, we want to do more than just teach coding. We want aspiring coders to use their new found passion as a stepping stone to thinking outside the box, as a way to channel their ideas in a creative way and most importantly, to have fun.

**Website:** [https://www.thecoderschool.com/locations/spring/#camps](https://www.thecoderschool.com/locations/spring/#camps)
**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](https://girlswhocode.com/programs/clubs-program)

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**Summer**

**Coding and STEM Camps**

*University of Houston | Summer*

Students may choose from a variety of coding and STEM camps available as they explore various disciplines in ways that are fun and interesting while developing their skills.

**Website:** [https://uh.edu/about/community/summer-camps/](https://uh.edu/about/community/summer-camps/)

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**Summer Immersion Program**

*Girls Who Code | Summer*

Our Summer Immersion Program is a free 2-week introductory computer science program for 10th-11th grade girls going into their junior or senior year of high school. During the 2-week program, participants learn about computer science, gain exposure to tech jobs, and join a sisterhood of girls who are using computer science to become change-makers. Each week of the program covers projects related to computer science, such as art, storytelling, robotics, video games, web sites, and apps. You’ll also hear from guest speakers, participate in workshops, connect with female engineers and entrepreneurs, and go on field trips. The program culminates in a final project where you build your own product and share it with your class.

**Website:** [https://girlswhocode.com/programs/summer-immersion-program](https://girlswhocode.com/programs/summer-immersion-program)

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**Tech Camps**

*Digital Media Academy @ University of Houston | Summer*

Digital Media Academy runs tech summer camps that offer students ages 9 to 17 a variety of topics to choose from. Kids and teens will delve into a world of different coding languages, explore artificial intelligence, and learn to make movies. 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://www.digitalmediaacademy.org/texas-tech-camps/university-of-houston/](https://www.digitalmediaacademy.org/texas-tech-camps/university-of-houston/)
PALESTINE

Precipice School of Film
The Arts Center | Year Round
The Precipice School of Film was created to instill knowledge, gain experience, and strengthen their students’ confidence from a faith-based perspective while working professionally in the film industry.
They offer two sections of each class: ages 7-13 and 14-18.
Website: https://www.facebook.com/PrecipiceSchoolofFilm/

SAN ANTONIO

Performance and Production
Year Round

EMA Film Program
Elyson Media Academy Film Program | Year Round
The youth will produce a Short Film in anticipation of the annual EMA Film Festival, Design their DVD & Marquis Poster and producing their movie. The EMA Music Program will be producing music for the film program soundtrack and producing a mixed CD compilation. They will learn skills in Team Building, Entrepreneurship and Personal Development/Discipleship. All this while exercising a creative process using today's latest technology and professional production equipment, alongside some of San Antonio's local professionals.
Website: https://fun4alamokids.com/Programs-Classes/Film-and-Photography/Elyon-Media-Academy-Film-Program/View-details

Media Arts Studio (MAS)
Say Si | Year Round
Technology-based program for grades 6-11 involving all phases of production, i.e. screenwriting, location scouting, budgeting, editing, directing, casting, lighting, etc. Also provides opportunity to work on marketing of completed films.
Website: http://saysi.org/programs/high-school-media-arts-studio-program/

PRO Teen Acting – Stage and Film Classes
Performing Arts San Antonio | Year Round
Students work on monologues and short published one-act plays that can be placed on their resumes as a production credit in addition to the training credit. Class focuses on breaking down a script to make the correct choices to fulfill character.
Website: https://performingartssa.org/
Digital Media
Year Round

Digital Arts
Boys & Girls Club of San Antonio | Year Round
Develop members’ technical skills, creativity and critical thinking with projects in web design, graphic design, digital photography, electronic-music making and digital-movie making.
Website: http://www.begreatsas.org/programs/digital-arts/

ImageMakers Photography Program
Boys & Girls Club of San Antonio | Year Round
ImageMakers National Photography Program encourages members to learn and practice various photography methods. The program features eight sessions for three components: Beginner ImageMakers, Intermediate ImageMakers and Advanced ImageMakers. The goal of each component is to teach the use of photography as an art and a vocation. Each component can stand alone or members can graduate from one level to the next.
Website: http://www.begreatsas.org/

Picture Your World Youth Photography Program
Green Spaces Alliance | Year Round
Picture Your World provides a unique opportunity for youth and their families to share the experience of nature up close and personal. The program brings families and under-served schools to both new and familiar natural areas, forming partnerships with other conservation entities. As a strategic outdoor education program, Picture Your World actively connects children with their natural environment, teaches them about the nature around them, while endowing them with the tools, photography instruction and art concepts necessary to engage their imagination and express themselves creatively.
Website: https://greensatx.org/workshops/

Youth Code Jam
Youth Code Jam | Year Round
In 2012, Debi Pfitzenmaier set out to find a coding camp that her son could attend. With affordability in mind, she came up short-handed. Unable to find the right program, Debi was inspired to create Youth Code Jam; an accessible coding experience that is fun and engaging for all learners. Thanks to support from local businesses and from around the country, Youth Code Jam has grown in its capacity to hold several Code Jam events each year as well as provide training and support for educators who wish to bring the fun of computer science to their schools.
Website: https://www.youthcodejam.org/

• Indicates opportunities for students of color/from underrepresented communities
• Indicates opportunities for students with disabilities
○ Indicates opportunities for students belonging to the LGBTQ+ community