

## **Texas Youth Film & Media Programs**

Film • Acting • STEM • Video Game & Animation

### **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>

### **AUSTIN**

#### **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:** <http://channelaustin.org/article/more-info>

#### **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://austinfilmsschool.org/classes?category=Youth%20Classes>

#### **Cine Joven**

*Austin Film School | Year Round*

Free after-school program for youth ages 14 -18. 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://austinfilmsschool.org/cine-joven/>

## **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:** <http://latinitasmagazine.org/programs/camp-latinitas/>

## **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/austin/#-camp-section>

## **Coding with Kids**

*Coding with Kids | Summer*

Coding with Kids camps are a place for coders to unleash their creativity and take the next step on the Coder's Ladder. Tech-savvy instructors will guide small groups of campers as they build games, interactive stories, websites, programmable circuits, and more. Campers will receive personalized instruction and collaborate with new friends. After camp, kids will be able to share projects with family and friends and continue development through online access.

**Website:** [https://www.codingwithkids.com/#!/camp?tab=0&desc=overview&s=2019\\_SUMMER](https://www.codingwithkids.com/#!/camp?tab=0&desc=overview&s=2019_SUMMER)

## **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/>

## **Film Kids Summer Camp**

*Film Kids | Summer*

A weeklong adventure in movie making using your own creative ideas.

**Website:** <http://www.filmkids.org/summer-camp-2019>

## **Filmmaker's Boot Camp**

*Channel Austin | Summer*

Filmmaking camp for youth with disabilities between the ages of 15-22.

**Website:** <http://channelaustin.org/article/more-info>

### **Game Worlds Summer Camp**

*Game Worlds | Year Round*

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:** <http://gameworldscamp.com/>

### **Improv and Sketch Comedy**

*Excused Absence Comedy Camps | Summer*

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://austin.snapology.com/camps/>

### **Improv Summer Camp**

*Hideout Theatre | Summer*

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:** <http://www.hideouttheatre.com/improv-for-kids/summercamp>

### **kidsActing Summer Camp**

*kidsActing | Summer*

Fun and Learning

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/summer2019>

### **Kids Camps**

*Snapology | Summer*

Snapology Austin summer camps provide a fun and safe environment for children ages 4-14 to learn math, science, technology, engineering, art and literacy concepts using LEGO® bricks and other building tools. We offer Scratch programming, robotics, animation, and STEM-based programs as well as Star Wars®, Disney®, and other themed favorites. Your child will learn, create, and innovate while having a blast!

**Website:** <http://moveyourtale.com/summer-break-camps/>

### **Little Stars Camp**

*Ann Richards School | Summer*

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

**Website:** <http://moveyourtale.com/summer-break-camps/>

### **Queer Youth Media Project**

*All Genders, Lifestyles, and Identities Film Festival | Summer*

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/gymp>

### **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/>

### **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/about/summer-at-st-andrews-2019>

### **Summer Camp**

*Creative Action | Summer*

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.

**Website:** <http://creativeaction.org/programs/after-school-and-camps/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:** <http://www.austintheatre.org/camps/>

## **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/>

## **Summer Immersion Program**

*Girls Who Code | Summer*

Our Summer Immersion Program is a free 7-week introductory computer science program for 10th-11th grade girls going into their junior or senior year of high school. During the 7-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/summer-immersion-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>

## **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/>

## **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/>

## **STEM Camp**

*Boys & Girls Club | Summer*

A camp designed to foster a positive, safe and challenging environment where campers can learn, grow and most importantly, have fun. Specially themed weekly STEM camps are filled with hands-on project-based activities where campers get to explore different areas in the STEM field. Campers will enjoy activities like programming robots, designing parachutes, building bridges, and more.

**Website:** <https://www.bgcaustin.org/what-we-do/great-futures-camps/>

## **Tech Familia**

*Latinitas Magazine | Year Round*

Tech Familia is a series of FREE Saturday workshops for the whole familia! The mission of this program is for families and children to engage in technology based activities and create a storytelling project using high tech tools and platforms.

**Website:** <http://latinitasmagazine.org/programs/workshops/>

## **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>

## **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>

## **Video Game Design**

*The Contemporary | Summer*

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/>

## **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:** <http://www.youngjourney.com>

## **ROUND ROCK**

### **Kid & Teen Classes**

*4Reelz School of Film | Year Round*

Hands-on, project-based courses covering a wide variety of filmmaking topics, including acting, editing, and production.

**Website:** <http://4reelzschooloffilm.com/series/kid-teen-class/>

## **DALLAS / FORT WORTH**

### **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.

**Website:** <http://www.dallasys.com/filmmaking-summer-camp/>

### **Coding with Kids**

*Coding with Kids | Summer*

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**Website:** [https://www.codingwithkids.com/#!/camp?tab=0&desc=overview&s=2019\\_SUMMER](https://www.codingwithkids.com/#!/camp?tab=0&desc=overview&s=2019_SUMMER)

### **Education Program**

*Dallas Film Society | Year Round*

The DFS High School Education Program offers educators, schools, teachers and students a full program of film education events for students. Each event is designed to develop fundamental skills in movie making through interaction with professionals in the movie industry, sessions on filmmaking technique and exhibition of students' films.

**Website:** <https://www.dallasfilm.org/education-1>

### **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.dallasys.com/filmmaking-dallas-film-school-kids-teens/>

### **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>



## **Summer Acting and Filmmaking Camp**

*Young Actors Studio | Summer*

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/>

## **Summer Camp**

*One River Frisco | Summer*

Summer camps 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/camp/#>

## **Tech Camps**

*Digital Media Academy | 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/>

## **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

All levels of classes available: Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced!

**Website:** <http://www.dallasyas.com/classes/>

## **EL PASO**

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**Website:** <http://latinitasmagazine.org/programs/camp-latinitas/>

## **HOUSTON**

### **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](http://aurorapictureshow.org/pages/summer_filmmaking_camps_120.asp)

### **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/>

### **On Camera Acting Classes**

*Next Actor Studio | Year Round*

Next Actor Studio teaches on-camera acting. Therefore, all our acting classes are recorded, including Shakespeare. Voice on-camera classes record the voices (not images). Students may bring an SD card or request the studio to email their performance video files.

**Website:** <http://www.nextactor.com/>

### **Summer Immersion Program**

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**Website:** <https://girlswhocode.com/summer-immersion-programs/>

### **Tech Camps**

*Digital Media Academy @ University of Houston | Summer*

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**Website:** <https://www.digitalmediaacademy.org/texas-tech-camps/university-of-houston/>

### **Teen Internship Program**

*Crosswind Productions | Summer*

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:** <http://wonderworkshouston.org/>

## **SAN ANTONIO**

### **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.begreatsa.org/programs/digital-arts/>

### **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://www.emafilmfest.com/film-program>

### **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.begreatsa.org/programs/imagemakers-photography-program/>

### **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/>

### **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/picture-your-world/?cn-reloaded=1>

**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/professional-training-in-the-performing-arts/>

**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. Suitable for beginner and intermediate. If your student is under the age of 12, but would like to participate, an interview is required before acceptance into the class.

**Website:** <https://performingartssa.org/professional-training-in-the-performing-arts/>