A note from our Director

Spring is fast approaching and Summer is right around the corner and with that are all the activities and programs offered through the San Marcos Parks and Recreation Department. Whether your interest is in team sports like baseball, softball, and soccer, or other recreational activities such as our various camps: Spring Break Camp, Summer Fun, and Discovery Camp, you will have ample opportunity to participate with us. And of course, if you prefer just enjoying all of our natural outdoor spaces or the beautiful San Marcos River, we have thousands of acres for you to explore and crystal clear water to float. Focusing on family fun entertainment, we also have numerous special events scheduled for the coming months. Some of these include: Farmer Fred Spring Carnival, Movies in Your Park, Live on the Lawn, and SummerFest, the annual July 4th Celebration. I could go on and on about all the programs and activities we offer, but I encourage you to review all the information in our Activity Guide.

We would also like to take this opportunity to inform you on several projects throughout our park system. Recently, we completed improvements to Veterans Park consisting of a new playscape, sidewalks, and parking. The Children’s Playscape in Children’s Park will be replaced with a modern, all inclusive playscape that will serve children of all abilities for years to come. We also have plans to enhance our Dog Park that will include more open space, shading, and various play features. Dunbar Park is scheduled for additional improvements that consists of a walking trail, skate spot, picnic areas, and a complete renovation of the existing basketball court. Lastly, we have plans to install additional trails in Purgatory Greenspace. These projects and improvements represents the commitment of the City of San Marcos to provide quality facilities for the community.

Thank you for considering us for your recreational and leisure needs. Our dedicated staff is available to assist you in exploring all the opportunities listed in the following pages. We look forward to hearing from you.

Drew Wells
Assistant Director of Community Services - Parks and Recreation
VIEW AND REGISTER FOR ACTIVITIES ONLINE WITH ACTIVENET!

Visit the San Marcos Parks and Recreation ActiveNet registration website to view and register for activities.

www.sanmarcostx.gov/activeSMTX

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Main Office
Mailing Address: 630 E. Hopkins Street, San Marcos
Physical Address: 401 E. Hopkins Street, San Marcos
Phone: 512.393.8400
Fax: 1.855.271.7633

Gary Softball Complex
2600 Airport Hwy 21
Phone: 512.393.8457

Old Fish Hatchery
206 N. CM Allen Pkwy
Phone: 512.393.8400

Discovery Center
430 Riverside Drive
Phone: 512.393.8400

San Marcos Dog Park
250 Charles Austin Drive
Phone: 512.393.8400

San Marcos Activity Center
501 E. Hopkins Street
Phone: 512.393.8280

San Marcos Plaza Park
201 N. CM Allen Pkwy
Phone: 512.393.8400

Rio Vista Park and Tennis Courts
555 Cheatham Street
Phone: 512.393.8400

San Marcos Skate Park
627 E. Hopkins Street
Phone: 512.393.8400

Rio Vista Pool
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Phone: 512.393.8400

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217 W. MLK Drive
Phone: 512.393.8400

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205 N. CM Allen Pkwy
Phone: 512.393.8400

Discovery Center
430 Riverside Drive
Phone: 512.393.8400

Dunbar Recreation Center
801 W. MLK Drive
Phone: 512.393.8400

Google Softball Complex
2600 Airport Hwy 21
Phone: 512.393.8457

Old Fish Hatchery
206 N. CM Allen Pkwy
Phone: 512.393.8400

Park Ranger Station
555 Cheatham Street
Phone: 512.393.8426

Ramon Lucio Park
601 S. CM Allen Pkwy
Phone: 512.393.8400

Ric Hall-City Park
170 Charles Austin Drive
Phone: 512.393.8400

Rio Vista Park and Tennis Courts
555 Cheatham Street
Phone: 512.393.8400

San Marcos City Hall
630 E. Hopkins Street
Phone: 512.393.8000

San Marcos Playfield
201 N. CM Allen Pkwy
Phone: 512.393.8400

San Marcos Activities Center
501 E. Hopkins Street
Phone: 512.393.8280

San Marcos Library
515 S. College St.
Phone: 512.393.8400

San Marcos Skate Park
627 E. Hopkins Street
Phone: 512.393.8400

Sewage Treatment Plant
701 E. Hopkins Street
Phone: 512.393.8400

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SMPARD involves exercise, physical exertion, and risks of illness, injury or death. 2) That you will maintain an awareness of your own physical limitations, and that if you have any questions about your fitness or ability to safely participate in the activities, you must consult with your physician and obtain and follow your physician’s advice. 3) That the programs may be instructed and supervised by independent contractors engaged, but not employed, by the City of San Marcos (COSM), and the COSM does not exercise direct control over the specific activities with some programs.

In consideration of the acceptance of your application for participation in the COSM’s programs, you agree to release and to hold harmless the COSM and its officers, agents, and employees from any claims for injury or property damage that may result in whole or in part from your participation in the programs or by the acts or omissions of any organization, firm, or individual that takes place in connection with the programs. You agree that this release is binding upon your heirs, administrators, and assigns. You also give permission to the COSM, its officers, agents, and employees to obtain medical treatment at your expense that may reasonably appear to be necessary in connection with these programs. You understand that if you are registering on behalf of a child or ward that the acknowledgements stated above apply to that child or ward and you execute this agreement as the legal representative of your child or ward.
Activity Center Annual Membership Fee Schedule

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Benefits of annual membership include use of the gymnasium, walking corridor, racquetball courts, swimming pool, weight room, and cardio equipment. Membership fees are based on status as a resident or non-resident of the City of San Marcos.

Total Wellness Training

Kick Start Package includes comprehensive health-related fitness testing, individualized goal setting and program design, and two 1-hour personal training sessions. Features of this package include: (1) resting heart rate and blood pressure measurement, (2) body size and composition analysis, (3) aerobic, muscular, and flexibility fitness assessment, (4) aerobic, muscular strength and endurance conditioning, and (5) training for other fitness components or goals.

- Individual: $120
- Partner: $165
- Small Group (3-4): $225

Personal Training - one session

- Individual: $40
- Partner: $55
- Small Groups: $75

Contact Lane Supak or Carolyn Clay, Total Wellness Director
Lane: 512.393.8287 or lsupak@sanmarcostx.gov
Carolyn: 512.245.1972 or CarolynClay@txstate.edu

Our clean, well-maintained center has a 25 yard, four foot deep, indoor heated swimming pool. We also have two full-sized gymnasiaums, three racquetball courts, a variety of cardio-fitness training machines including treadmills, upright and recumbent bikes, stair steppers, elliptical trainers and a 1/8 mile indoor walking corridor. Our weight room is the perfect tool to help you improve your overall body strength with 2,000 square feet of weight resistance machines and a wheelchair accessible multi-station machine.

All persons entering the Activity Center must present a valid membership card or a valid picture I.D.

Total Wellness offers a variety of group fitness classes in our clean, well-lighted 2,000 square foot aerobics studio. Certified, experienced instructors will help you improve your health, build muscle strength and increase your flexibility.

The Walkers' Gallery is also located inside the facility. The gallery is a public art space maintained by Linda Kelsey-Jones of the San Marcos Area Arts Council. Shows change every other month and feature the art of local, regional, and national artists.

San Marcos Activity Center

512.393.8280
501 E. Hopkins

Hours of Operation
Monday - Thursday
6:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Friday
6:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday
10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Sunday
CLOSED

We will be closed on the following city holidays:
May 28 & July 4

The San Marcos Activity Center offers our community the only publicly owned and operated recreation and fitness facility for the whole family. We pride ourselves on offering personal service in a friendly environment.

San Marcos Activity Center Daily Use Fees

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ALL FEES SUBJECT TO CHANGE
Total Wellness - San Marcos
at The San Marcos Activity Center

25+ Classes Weekly, Year-round!

HIIT
Zumba
Indoor Cycling
Strength & Conditioning
Step Aerobics
Aquatic Fitness
Senior Fitness
Yoga
& More!

Unlimited Access
to some of San
Marcos' Finest
Fitness
Professionals for
under $30/Mo.

✓ Most Affordable Fitness Program in Town!
✓ Fit Kids Club included with all Adult Memberships!
✓ Annual Enrollment Option!
✓ Activity Center NOT Required!

Contact:
wellness@txstate.edu
512 245 1872

Follow Us:
Facebook.com/TotalWellnessSM
Instagram @total_wellness_sm

www.TotalWellness-SanMarcos.com
Dances for Adults with Disabilities

Adults with disabilities are invited to have LOTS of fun at our themed dance parties with DJ music and door prizes! Concession items, such as soda, pickles, cookies, and chips will be $1.00 each. Participants that require assistance must be accompanied by an assistant.

Age: 18Y and up
Day(s): Fri
Time: 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Location: Activity Center
Fee: Free

Prom - April 20
Luau - June 22
Western - August 31
San Marcos Parks and Recreation Presents

TUESDAY NIGHT
MOVIES in your PARK

San Marcos Plaza Park

June 19
June 26
July 17
July 24
July 31

Movie begins at 8:45 PM • Pre-movie activities provided one hour prior • Bring your blankets/chairs • Concessions available for purchase

For more information, call Parks & Recreation at 512.393.8400 or visit facebook.com/ismtrcs

COME WATCH THE CROWNING OF MISS BEAUTIFUL 2018!

JUNE 08 @ 7PM

FREE ADMISSION

THE MISS BEAUTIFUL PAGEANT IS FOR FEMALE ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES. THE PUBLIC IS WELCOME TO ATTEND AND WATCH. THE APPLICATION DEADLINE IS MAY 5. APPLICATIONS CAN BE PICKED UP FROM THE SAN MARCOS ACTIVITY CENTER OR THE PARKS AND RECREATION MAIN OFFICE. FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 512.393.8400 OR EMAIL JMACH@SANMARCOSTX.GOV.
Daddy Daughter Dance

**FRIDAY, JUNE 15 | 6:30-9 PM**
SAN MARCOS ACTIVITY CENTER

**Registration:**
- MAY 1-JUNE 10: $5/PERSON
- JUNE 11-14: $10/PERSON
- JUNE 15: $15/PERSON

Register by calling 512-393-8400 or in person at 401 E Hopkins

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**SummerFest san marcos**

**4th of July 2018**
SAN MARCOS PLAZA PARK

- **6:00** Festival site opens
- Food Booths open
- Live Music: The Revs
- **7:30** Children’s Patriotic Costume Contest & Parade
- **7:45** Live Music: Wyzer
- **9:30** Fireworks
- Festival closes

Free!
www.SummerfestSMTX.com

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Camps

Spring Break Camp
Do you have to work this Spring Break or do you just want some time to relax? Bring your child to Spring Break Camp! At Spring Break Camp we play lots of games, make crafts, go on two field trips to the San Marcos Discovery Center, take a field trip in the San Antonio or Austin area, hike around the parks, and more! This program runs from March 12-16, from 7:30 AM-5:30 PM each day. It is held at the Dunbar Recreation Center. Children ages 5-11 are eligible to register. Cost is $150/child for the entire week. Children must bring their lunch each day and a morning snack if desired; an afternoon snack will be provided. You can register your child at the Parks and Recreation Main Office in person at 401 E. Hopkins or by calling 512-393-8400.

Age: 5Y-11Y
Date(s): Mar 12-16
Day(s): Mon-Fri
Time: 7:30 AM - 5:30 PM
Location: Rec Hall
Fee: $150 for the entire week

Minecraft Engineering with LEGO Materials
Bring Minecraft to life using tens of thousands of LEGO® parts! Build engineer-designed projects such as a motorized Creeper, a portal to the Nether, and a moving Minecart! Create your favorite Minecraft objects with the guidance of an experienced Play-Well instructor. Whether you are new to Minecraft and the LEGO® building system or a seasoned veteran, you’ll be hooked on the endless creative possibilities.

Ages: 5-7
Date(s): Aug 6-10
Day(s): Mon-Fri
Time: 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Locations: Old Fish Hatchery
Fee: $155

Minecraft Master Engineering with LEGO Materials
Bring Minecraft to life using LEGO® parts! Build a motorized walking Creeper, a terrifying Ghast, and a motorized Minecart! This project-based camp, designed by Play-Well instructors, combines the basic format of our core engineering-themed programs based on the world of Minecraft. Students will explore real-world concepts in physics, engineering, and architecture while building their favorite Minecraft objects. Students will have a blast, even without any prior experience with Minecraft or the LEGO® building system.

Ages: 8-12
Date(s): Aug 6-10
Day(s): Mon-Fri
Time: 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Locations: Old Fish Hatchery
Fee: $155

Workshops for Professional Artists
You will receive practical information to jumpstart your artistic career. This series of workshops will include information on writing about your artwork, gallery contracts, how to photograph your artwork, portfolio essentials, and how to effectively market your work. This is an excellent opportunity for emerging artists to learn the business side of art to take their careers to the next level.

Visit: www.sanmarcospstx.gov/arts for dates and times
CAMP QUEST

San Marcos Rec Hall
170 Charles Austin Dr.
July 9-13th and Aug 13-17th
7:30am-5:30pm
Ages 7-14 years old

Field Trip every day to different museums, play places, zoos, etc.
All Field Trip fees included
Sack lunch provided
$115/res | $130/non-res

REGISTRATION

In person at Parks and Rec: 401 E. Hopkins, 393.8400
Registration begins April 2 for Residents and
April 23 for non-residents
Hobbies & Interests

Aquatics

Swim Lessons

Fees: $50 Res/$55 Non-Res

Fees: Parent Child - Level 2, $25 Res/$30 Non-Res
Fees: Parent Level 3 & 4, $30 Res/$35 Non-Res
Registration deadlines: Registration ends 2 days before the Class begins; Registration for Session one begins the month before the start date, Session two - four will begin on the start date.

Private Swim Lessons
You will receive 4 - 30 minute one-on-one instructional sessions. Private lessons are custom designed for each individual to work at their own pace; whether it is to improve your stroke, learn new skills, gain endurance or learn how to swim for the first time.
Once you register, the instructor will contact you to customize your swim lesson schedule for the week.

Parent Child Swim Lessons
Designed for children 18 months to 3 years of age, and their parents. Participate will: practice blowing bubbles; explore submerging the mouth, nose, eyes, and entire body; and learn about safety around the water. Full, hands on support is given for the following skills: back and front float and recover.

Preschool Level 1 Swim Lessons
Participants will work on blowing bubbles, as well as submerging the mouth, nose, eyes, and entire body.

Preschool Level 2 Swim Lessons
Participants continue to learn simultaneous arm and leg actions on the front and back, and to gain greater proficiency in all skills so that longer lengths of time and distances can be achieved. The following skills will be practiced: back and front float and recover; roll from front float to back float, and back float to front float; glide on front and back; kick on front and back; swim with arms on front and back; combined arm and leg action on front and back.

Preschool Level 3 Swim Lessons
Must be able to perform the following with assistance: swim on front 3 body lengths using combine arm and leg action, roll to back, float for 15 seconds, roll to front, then continue swimming on front for at least 3 body lengths.

Level 1
Participants will learn the following skills: blowing bubbles; retrieving a submerged object; front and back glide; rolling from a front float to a back float, and a back float to a front float; arm treading actions in chest-deep water; Age: 6Y - 13Y...

18M - 3Y.

Education Activities, Swimming, Field Trips, and Lunches provided each themed week.

Dunbar Rec Center
101 Martin Luther King Dr
$150/WK Res
$175/WK Non-Res

Ages 5-10
Mon-Fri, for 9 weeks
7:30AM to 5:30PM

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Clay and Ceramic Workshop for Adults
Take advantage of this opportunity to make art at your own pace. This ceramic workshop allows you to explore hand building, wheel throwing, sculptural techniques, electric kiln firing, and surface finishing techniques. Instruction is based on individual levels of experience while you explore your own creativity. Please note: there are no pre made figures for hand painting; you make your own art. Your fee includes 25 lbs. of clay and firing services each week. All attendees are responsible for purchase of glazes.

Age: 18Y and up
Date(s): Session 1- Mar 5-Apr 2
Session 2- Apr 9-Apr 30
Session 3- May 7-May 21
Time: 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Location: Dunbar Arts & Crafts
Fee: $25.00

Intermediate Belly Dance
Continue to learn new moves and dance routines in this class. Opportunities for public performances to showcase your skills. Costumes encouraged but optional. Eight week sessions begin the first Tuesday of each odd numbered month.
Age: 12Y and up
Date(s): Ongoing
Day(s): Tue
Time: 7:45 PM - 8:45 PM
Location: Activity Center
Fee: $7/Class

Advanced Bellydancing Troupe
This class is for Advanced Bellydancers who want to showcase their skills as a member of the Midnight Breeze Bellydance Troupe.
Age: 18Y and up
Date(s): Ongoing
Day(s): Tue
Time: 8:45 PM - 9:45 PM
Location: Activity Center
Fee: Free

Line Dancing
Learn the steps and have fun too. If you like to dance, this one’s for YOU! Line Dancing is a great way to stay active. Register for the full session or pay the drop-in fee of $3 per class.
All Ages
Date(s): Ongoing
Day(s): Wed
Time: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Location: Activity Center
Fee: $3/Class

For more information on swim lessons, call 512.393.8287.
Duplicate Bridge
The City of San Marcos Parks and Recreation has partnered with the Texas Capital Bridge Association to offer Duplicate Bridge every Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the San Marcos Activity Center. The San Marcos club is a member of the American Contract Bridge League (ACBL), which has over 167,000 members who play duplicate bridge in 3200 clubs across the United States, Canada and Mexico. To find out more information about the Texas Capital Bridge Association, visit www.austinbridge.org or contact the local TCBA club director, Harry Ingham at 512-392-7612.

Hill Country Karate
Karate can improve your self-esteem, promote a good attitude, and provide strategies for self-defense. Hill Country Karate has partnered with the Parks and Recreation Department for over 20 years. Instructor Marc DeBerardino has multiple black belts in several martial arts. He enjoys teaching all ages and knows that adults who enroll in this program will experience positive benefits such as improved coordination and strength, flexibility, and self-defense skills. For more information visit www.hckarate.com

50+ Bingo
Experience the thrill of winning and the joy of getting together with others. Each month, we provide Bingo with great prizes and light refreshments. Come join the fun B-4, during, and after! If you’d like to play more games, please help us by donating prizes.

Date(s): Mar 8, Apr 5, May 3, Jun 7, Jul 5, Aug 2
Day(s): Thu
Time: 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Location: Activity Center
Fee: Free

50+ Game Day
Come join us every Monday, except City Holidays, for games and fun. We provide light refreshments and game materials for Bridge, Mexican Train Dominoes, 42, and Hand & Foot. We’ll also add games at your request! Arrive on time to get in on a game!

Age: 50Y and up
Date(s): Ongoing
Day(s): Mon
Time: 12:30 PM - 4:00 PM
Location: Activity Center
Fee: Free

50+ E-Reader Help for Seniors
The City of San Marcos Parks and Recreation and the San Marcos Public Library are partnering up to bring you E-Reader Help for Seniors. It will take place on Tuesday, April 3, 2018 from 10:00am-12:00pm at the San Marcos Activity Center. Join Deborah Carter, Public Service Librarian, and staff from the San Marcos Public Library and Activity Center for a FREE onsite E-Reader Workshop. Whether you have an E-Reader, a tablet or just want to find out more information about the world of digital books, we are here to help! If you own a digital device, please bring it with you to this workshop. If you are interested in purchasing a device but don’t know which one is right for you, don’t worry, we can help you with that too! There will be chrome books available for those without a device.

Date(s): Apr 3
Day(s): Tue
Time: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Location: Activity Center
Fee: Free

Social Spin
Central Texas Medical Center (CTMC), in partnership with the City of San Marcos, presents the Social Spin. The Social Spin is a free CREATION Health dance and mixer for active retirees. This mixer is designed to encourage a healthy celebration of activity, healthy refreshments and developing more interpersonal relationships among the area’s retirees. These gatherings are held every other month at the San Marcos Activity Center, located at 501 East Hopkins Street. Each event features a different theme and guests are encouraged to participate in the fun. 2pm-4pm

Western Theme, April 11, 2017 – Wear your Country Western Attire.

Patriotic Theme, June 13, 2017 – Wear your Red, White and Blue. Show your Patriotic pride.

Senior Day Dance, August 21, 2017 – Wear your formal attire. Dress up to celebrate Senior Day!
SMASH

San Marcos Active Senior Hotspot (SMASH) Social Club
Join us for our SMASH social events and activities throughout the year. Come and meet new people or reconnect with old friends. This program offers a meeting place for active senior adults to form a social network where they can meet others who share similar interests. Whether you’re new to the area or a lifelong resident, this is the place for you. Look for SMASH Special Events in our out and about 50+ Active Adult Newsletter.

SMASH Sack Lunch Social and Bingo
Join us for our new lunch program, SMASH Sack Lunch Social and Bingo! Each meeting, participants will need to bring their own sack lunch to eat while socializing with friends before we play Bingo. Beverages will be provided as well as bingo prizes and other goodies.
Fee: FREE
Dates: Mar 15, Apr 19, May 17, Jun 21, July 19, August 23
SMASH Theatre Social at Texas State: Patti Strickel Harrison Theatre
Texas State’s Department of Theatre and Dance has instituted a Senior Rate for all of their theatre performances. The new rate is $12 for Tuesday – Thursday night performances and $15 for Friday – Sunday. The prices include a $2 processing fee. You will need to purchase tickets on your own from Texas State. You can pre-purchase tickets online at http://www.txstatepresents.com or purchase your tickets at the box office during their normal hours; M–F from noon to 5pm at the Theatre Center. Parking is available at Edward Gary Street Garage. Discounted parking passes can be purchased online, or at the box office. SMASH Theatre Socials are brought to you by Texas State’s Department of Theatre and Dance.

April 17-22: “Ragtime”
San Marcos Active Senior Hotspot (SMASH) Trail Tours
Join us for our walking program, S.M.A.S.H. Trail Tours. Trail Tours focuses on parks and natural areas that provide great walking trails. If you would like to walk the trails with us, bring something to drink, a hat and maybe a walking stick and camera. Please wear comfortable walking shoes. You do not need to walk the entire trail if you do not want to. We will meet at 10:00 AM at each park or natural area, on the first or second Wednesday of the month. This FREE program is for ages 50 and up. Join us for some outdoor adventures, friendly socializing and a little exercise. In case of inclement weather we will reschedule the specific Trail Tour for another month. For more information call (512) 393-8400.
Fee: FREE
Day(s): Wed
Time: 10:00 AM
Rio Vista Park, March 7:
March’s tour will take place at Rio Vista Park. It is located at 555 Cheatham St. at the corner of Cheatham St. and CM Allen Parkway. We will meet at the large pavilion just off the intersection of Rio Vista Park Rd. and CM Allen Parkway.
Ringtail Ridge Natural Area, April 4:
Our first tour of Spring will be at Ringtail Ridge Natural Area. Take Moore St (Old Ranch Road 12) toward Wimberley. Turn right on Holland St. at traffic light. Turn left on Alamo St. (2nd left). Follow Alamo to dead end at kiosk and parking area.
William & Eleanor Crook Park & San Marcos Wildlife Habitat, August 1:
For August’s Trail Tour, we will combine Crook Park with the San Marcos Wildlife Habitat Park that is located at 430 Riverside Drive. We will meet in the parking area of Crook Park. Take IH35 Frontage road to Riverside drive and turn right. William & Eleanor Crook Park will be on the left and we will meet in the parking area of Crook Park.

Lower Purgatory, May 2:
The next tour will be the lower portion of Purgatory Creek Natural Area. From I35 take Wonder World Drive to Hunter Road. Turn left on Hunter Road and just past the intersection of Hunter and Wonder World, turn right onto an unpaved road to the parking area and trailhead.

Prospect Park, June 6:
The final Tour of Spring will take place at Prospect Park. From downtown San Marcos, take W Hopkins St. to N Bishop St. Turn west (uphill) on Bishop and left on Prospect St. Go 2.5 blocks to dead end. Park on street near kiosk to your right. Parking is limited.

Schulle Canyon Natural Area, July 11:
We will kick off the first tour of Summer with a tour at Schulle Canyon Natural Area. Take Moore St (Old Ranch Road 12) toward Wimberley. Turn right on Holland St. at traffic light. Turn left on Alamo St. (2nd left). Follow Alamo to dead end at kiosk and parking area.

We want your suggestions for 50+ events. If you have an idea, please contact Nick Riali at nriali@sanmarcostx.gov

SMASH

San Marcos Active Senior Hotspot (SMASH) Social Club
San Marcos Parks & Recreation Department Activity Guide - March-August 2018

San Marcos Parks & Recreation Department Activity Guide - March-August 2018
Travel Group Trips

Adult Trips

The Travel Group is for adults 18 and up. We go on trips to a variety of destinations, including plays, vineyard tours, shopping, historical sites, educational sites, etc. All trips depart from the Activity Center. Please park in the outer areas of the parking lot to allow for other users of the facility. Please see Trip Policies and Procedures for more information on registration, payments, transportation policies, etc. You must fill out a trip liability release form when you register or prior to getting on the bus. You can register at the Activity Center and Parks and Recreation office or call 512.393.8400.

Overnight to Coushatta!

Join us for gaming action at Grand Casino Coushatta world-class luxury resort and gaming complex in Kinder, LA. We will make two quick stops on the way there and on the way back for meals and bathroom breaks. We’ll arrive at the casino around 4 PM on Thursday. We will check out of the inn at Noon on Friday and leave from the casino at 2 PM. Please bring money for gambling, other meals, and shopping. Trip cost is $50 per person. This includes round-trip transportation, $23 coin coupon per person, room fees, and portage fees. Remember to pair up with the person you would like to room with when you register. You will be able to register starting January 22. Ages 21+!

Age: 21Y and up
Date(s): Mar 22-23
Day(s): Thu, Fri
Time: 9:00 AM - 10:00 PM
Fee: $50.00

Historical Georgetown

Come with us to visit the historical Georgetown square! We will be touring the Williamson County Museum to learn about Georgetown through many hands-on exhibits. We will walk across the street to the Williamson County Courthouse and learn about the history of Williamson County. Then we will enjoy exploring what the historic downtown square has to offer, including restaurants, antique shops, boutiques, and even wineries! Remember to bring money for lunch and for the shops you would like to visit! Trip cost includes round trip transportation and admission into the museum. Registration begins April 2 and ends May 25.

Age: 18Y and up
Date(s): Jun 13
Day(s): Wed
Time: 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM
Fee: $19.00

Longhorn Cavern and Inks Lake State Park

Join us as we cave explore and trail hike in Burnet, Texas. We will begin the day at the Longhorn Cavern State Park on a guided walking tour through a mile and a half of the cave system. From there we will head to Inks Lake State Park to enjoy a lunch brought from home and then a few hours of free exploring time. Check out some of the 9 miles of hiking trails, the devils waterhole or even kayak the lake! Remember to wear comfy shoes and bring your sack lunch and reusable water bottle! We will depart from the San Marcos Activity Center at 7:30 am and arrive back in San Marcos at 6:00 pm. Trip cost includes round trip transportation and admission into both parks. Kayaking is extra. Registration begins February 12 and ends March 30.

Age: 5Y and up
Date(s): Apr 18
Day(s): Wed
Time: 7:30 AM - 6:00 PM
Fee: $45.00

Family Trips

The Family Travel Group is for anyone age 5 and up! Those under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult. These trips provide an opportunity for the whole family to enjoy plays, basketball games, horse races, festivals, etc. Please see Trip Policies and Procedures for more information on registration, payments, transportation policies, etc. You must fill out a trip liability release form when you register for a trip or prior to getting on the bus. You can register at the Activity Center 512.393.8280 and the Parks and Recreation Main Office 512.393.8400.

Fredericksburg Trade Days

Join us as we take a trip to Fredericksburg to experience Trade Days. Visit over 350 vendors that are offering goods from antiques and collectibles to food. Then take a break in the biergarten and enjoy live music from the Drugstore Cowboys. We will leave San Marcos at 9AM to have plenty of time to explore the 7 barns of vendors that trade days has to offer. Remember to bring money for lunch and to spend at the vendor booths. Trip cost includes round trip transportation and parking. Registration begins March 5 and ends April 27.

Age: 5Y and up
Date(s): May 18
Day(s): Fri
Time: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Fee: $17.00

Additional trips may be planned. Please visit www.sanmarcostx.gov/activeSMTX for new trips not included in this publication.
Youth

THE CITY OF SAN MARCOS PARKS & RECREATION AND TEXAS STATE RECREATIONAL ADMINISTRATION STUDENTS PRESENT:

GOAL: POST AT MILLER MIDDLE SCHOOL
AND
SLEEP AT GOODNIGHT MIDDLE SCHOOL

(Partnersed Out of School Time)

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS
{FEB. 20-APRIL 24}
4-6 PM
WE WILL NOT MEET DURING SPRING BREAK. DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

4:00 PM - SNACKS AND HOMEWORK
4:30 PM - ACTIVITIES AND GAMES
LED BY TXSTATE STUDENTS

FREE!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT CATHERINE MARLER, YOUTH SERVICES COORDINATOR, CMARLER@SANMARCOSTX.GOV

CITY OF SAN MARCOS PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

Babysitter’s TRAINING

WEDNESDAY
JUNE 27TH, 2018
9:30 AM-3:30 PM
SAN MARCOS ACTIVITY CENTER

Free for participants ages 12 and older
Registration begins May 14
Space is limited!

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Mind & Body

Adult

Gentle Yoga
This class is perfect for people who are just starting out in yoga, or for people with past injuries or ailments. We move slowly from posture to posture, focusing on alignment and stability.
$12 drop in; $35 per month; $50 six-class pass; $60 a month when combined with Yoga Flow on Mondays.
Day(s): Thu
Time: 6:00 PM - 7:15 PM
Location: Cephas House

Yoga Flow
Moving fluidly with the breath from one posture to the next, this dynamic class will help build strength and increase flexibility. Suitable for all levels.
$12 drop in; $35 per month; $50 six-class pass; $60 per month when combined with Gentle Yoga on Thursdays.
Day(s): Mon
Time: 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM
Location: Cephas House

Hatha Yoga
Hatha Yoga is an ancient discipline that explores, develops, and integrates the body, mind, and spirit. Yoga systematically stretches and strengthens muscles throughout the body, increases circulation to internal organs and glands, quiets the nervous system, and improves concentration. This ancient system of self-care brings vitality, health, deep relaxation, and peace of mind. This is an ongoing class - join at anytime. $7 per class.
All Ages
Date(s): Ongoing
Day(s): Tue
Time: 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Location: Activity Center

Total Wellness
See pages 9 & 10 for more information about Total Wellness classes and personal training.

Blood Pressure Clinic
Comfort Connection and Parks and Recreation are hosting a FREE blood pressure check. It is important to have your blood pressure checked regularly, so please plan to attend this FREE clinic. No registration is required.
All Ages
Date(s): Mar 8, May 3, July 5
Day(s): Thu
Time: 12:00 PM - 2:30 PM
Location: Activity Center

Finding Balance
Don’t miss this great monthly program brought to you by the City of San Marcos Parks and Recreation in coordination with CTMC Home Health. This is an exercise class with a focus on balance activities. There are new exercises and activities every class meeting. The purpose of this program is to optimize safety & decrease the risk of falls in the community of retirees. This will improve confidence, improve strength & flexibility, boost your immune system and maintain/ increase mobility for ages 50+ for those of all activity levels. The class is offered on the third Tuesday of every month from 2-3 PM at the San Marcos Activity Center. Participants need to wear loose, comfortable clothing with rubber-soled shoes. Sponsored by CTMC Home Health!
Time: 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Location: Activity Center
Fee: FREE
Day(s): Tue
Date(s): Mar 20, Apr 17, May 15, Jun 19, Jul 17, Aug 21

Life Long Learning
San Marcos Parks and Recreation will be offering new Life Long Learning courses for the greater San Marcos area beginning in March. The courses will be intellectually stimulating, non-credit courses designed to elicit participation through social interaction and pleasurable learning. The classes are primarily for those ages 50 and above, but adults of any age are welcome to register. Look for information on upcoming Life Long Learning classes on display at the Activity Center, published in our Out and About Newsletter or posted online at http://www.sanmarcostx.gov or visit or visit www.sanmarcostx.gov/activeSMTX and search LLL for Life Long Learning courses.

Sign up for the quarterly Senior Newsletter by emailing Jennifer Mach at jmach@sanmarcostx.gov
Youth

San Marcos Homeschool – Clubs and Enrichment

The Parks and Recreation Department has partnered with the San Marcos Homeschoolers group to provide additional enrichment opportunities for area homeschool students. Homeschool Club and Enrichment Classes meet every other Wednesday at the San Marcos Activity Center and cost $5 per class. San Marcos Homeschoolers is a social group focused on enriching our children’s education experience and providing a safe social environment for our kids to flourish in their journey of homeschooling. Each meeting will offer a new skill or topic area and will evolve with student needs. Please call 512-393-8400 for more information.

Age: 5Y and up
Days: Every other Wednesday
Time: 12:00-4:00 PM
Location: San Marcos Activity Center
Fee: $5 per family, per class

San Marcos Homeschool – PE

Join the San Marcos Homeschoolers group for a PE collaboration at the San Marcos Activity Center from 12:00PM - 2:00PM on Friday afternoons. This is a great opportunity to socialize with other homeschool families and learn new skills! There is a fee of $5 per family, per class. In addition to traditional sports, rotating activities include: gaga ball, 9-Square-in-The-Air, kickball, double dutch, four square, Pickleball, frisbee, etc. Please call 512-393-8400 for more information.

Ages: 3-17
Day: Fridays
Time: 12:00-2:00 PM
Location: San Marcos Activity Center, Gym 2
Fee: $5 per family, per class
PARTY IN YOUR PARK!

FRANKLIN SQUARE PARK
FEBRUARY 23
WILLOW SPRINGS PARK
MAY 18
DUNBAR PARK
AUGUST 24
VETERANS PARK
NOVEMBER 16

FREE!

FOR MORE INFO:
512.393.8400

RIO VISTA POOL
555 Cheatham Street - 512.393.8400

Pool Party Reservations - Starting at 12:00am (midnight) on Wednesday,
April 11th residents may only make reservations online at
www.sanmarcostx.gov/ActiveSMTX for pool parties. The reservations can only be
made for non-public pool hours during the evening on Wednesdays, Fridays,
Saturdays, & Sundays from June 5 through August 31, 2018. Prices vary
according to the number of guests. For more information, contact
Lane Supak, Aquatics Program Supervisor, at 512.393.8287.

Splash Jam Nights:
Saturday, June 16 @ 7pm - 9pm
Wednesday, July 18 @ 8:00 pm – 10:00 pm
Saturday, August 18 @ 7pm - 9pm
(Regular Entry Fee)
Sports

Pickleball

50+ Pickleball

We now have six courts available for Pickleball. This has helped us accommodate our increasing number of participants while eliminating the wait time between games. Adult Pickleball open play is offered on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9:00 – 11:00 AM at the San Marcos Activity Center.

Pickleball is a cross between badminton, tennis and ping-pong. It is played on a badminton-sized court 20 feet x 44 feet with wooden paddles, a wiffle ball and a net that is lowered to 34 inches. Players volley the ball back and forth to try to score on the opposition. It was designed to be easy to learn for people of all ages and athletic abilities. In the past 10 years the growth of Pickleball has exploded mainly in senior communities throughout the United States.

Pickleball is free for Activity Center members. Nonmembers will be charged the daily use rate of $3.25 for residents and $4.25 for nonresidents. Paddles and balls are available for those who do not have their own. If you would like to learn more about the sport you are welcome to attend a session to observe and give it a try, free of charge. For more information call 512.393.8400.

Spring Softball League

Do you enjoy the thrill of competition and being a member of a team? Enroll a team in our spring softball league. Levels of play include Men’s B, C, D, E, Church, Women’s Open, and Co-Rec. Season includes 8 games plus post-season tournament. All fees must be paid to be placed on a roster. Rosters due when you register. Registration deadline: March 3, 2018

Adult

Age: 16Y and up
Date(s): Mar 19-Apr 30
Day(s): Mon-Thur
Time: 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM
Location: Gary Softball Complex
Fee: $350

Summer Softball League

Do you enjoy the thrill of competition and being a member of a team? Enroll a team in our summer softball league. Levels of play include Men’s B, C, D, E, Church, Women’s Open, and Co-Rec. Season includes 8 games plus post-season tournament. All fees must be paid to be placed on a roster. Rosters due when you register. Registration deadline: May 26, 2018

Age: 16Y and up
Date(s): Jun 4 - Jul 12
Day(s): Mon-Thur
Time: 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM
Location: Gary Softball Complex
Fee: $350

Spring Volleyball

Bring your co-workers, church buddies, or your family for an exciting night of Coed volleyball fun! Registration deadline: March 10, 2018

Age: 16Y and up
Date(s): Mar 19-Apr 30
Day(s): Mon
Time: 7:00 PM - 7:45 PM
Location: Activity Center
Fee: $175.00
Summer Volleyball
Bring your co-workers, church buddies, or your family for an exciting night of Coed volleyball fun!
Registration deadline: May 30, 2018
Age: 16Y and up
Date(s): Jun 4 - Aug 13
Day(s): Mon
Time: 7:00 PM - 7:45 PM
Location: Activity Center
Fee: $175.00

Spring Basketball
Jump - Shoot - Pass - and Win! Join this fun-for-all basketball league.
Registration deadline: March 10, 2018
Age: 18Y and up
Date(s): Mar 20 - May 23
Day(s): Tue, Wed, Thu
Time: 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Location: Activity Center
Fee: $250.00

Youth
For those registering online, your registration is not complete until a waiver form and Parent’s Pledge have been signed and delivered through the mail or in person. You must also provide a legal copy (not church or hospital certificate) of your child’s birth certificate if not already on file. These forms should be delivered before the deadline to guarantee a roster spot.

SMYBSA Baseball
06U Boys T-Ball
Age: 5Y - 6Y
Date(s): Mar 6 - May 22
Day(s): Tue
Time: 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Location: Ramon Lucio Park
Fee: $85.00

08U Boys Coach Pitch
Age: 7Y - 8Y
Date(s): Mar 1 - May 24
Day(s): Thu
Time: 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Location: Ramon Lucio Park
Fee: $85.00

10U Boys Baseball
Age: 9Y - 10Y
Date(s): Feb 27 - May 15
Day(s): Tue
Time: 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Location: Ramon Lucio Park
Fee: $85.00

12U Boys Baseball
Age: 11Y - 12Y
Date(s): Mar 1 - May 10
Day(s): Thu
Time: 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Location: Ramon Lucio Park
Fee: $85.00

14U Boys Baseball
Age: 13Y - 14Y
Date(s): Feb 27 - May 15
Day(s): Thu, Thu
Time: 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Location: Ramon Lucio Park
Fee: $85.00

SMYBSA - Managers/Coaches
Managers/Coaches - Must pay $25.00 registration fee. Background check will be conducted. Managers/Coaches with children moving up in age division will go into draft with their child.
Age: 16Y & older
Fee: $25.00

SMYBSA Softball
06U Girls T-Ball
Age: 5Y - 6Y
Date(s): Mar 1 - May 24
Day(s): Mon Thu
Time: 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

08U Girls Coach Pitch
Age: 7Y - 8Y
Date(s): Mar 1 - May 14
Day(s): Mon Thu
Time: 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Location: Ramon Lucio Park
Fee: $85.00

10U Girls Coach Pitch
Age: 9Y - 10Y
Date(s): Mar 1 - May 14
Day(s): Mon Thu
Time: 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Location: Ramon Lucio Park
Fee: $85.00

10U Girls fastpitch with 11" ball and 35' pitching distance
Age: 9Y - 10Y
Date(s): Mar 1 - May 14
Day(s): Mon Thu
Time: 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Location: Ramon Lucio Park
Fee: $85.00

12U Girls fastpitch softball with a 12" ball and 40' pitching distance
Age: 11Y - 12Y
Date(s): Mar 1 - May 24
Day(s): Mon Thu
Time: 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Location: Ramon Lucio Park
Fee: $85.00

12U Girls fastpitch softball with a 12" ball and 40' pitching distance
Age: 11Y - 12Y
Date(s): Mar 1 - May 24
Day(s): Mon Thu
Time: 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Location: Ramon Lucio Park
Fee: $85.00

14U Girls Fastpitch softball with a 12" ball and 43' pitching distance
Age: 13Y - 14Y
Date(s): Mar 1 - May 24
Day(s): Mon Thu
Time: 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Location: Ramon Lucio Park
Fee: $85.00

USA Youth Developmental League
Development softball program for girls ages 6-14.
Program intended as an alternative to select softball.
Date(s): Jun 18 - Jul 30
Day(s): Mon
Time: 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM
Location: Gary Fastpitch Complex
Fee: $125.00

San Marcos Area Youth Soccer Association - SMAYSO
For more information visit: www.smsoccer.org
Park Spotlight

Children’s Park Playscape Renovation

Children’s Park is currently closed for renovations and is expected to open back up for use by the end of May 2018.

The original Children’s Park playscape was constructed in November of 1992 and has served thousands of San Marcos and Central Texas children over the last 25 years. The playscape was constructed through a community build process with both City funds and donations of money and materials. In 2013, due to the deteriorating condition and lack of ADA accessibility, the playscape was added to the 10-year Capital Improvements Plan with design being funded in 2016. In February of 2017, City Council authorized the selection of Leathers and Associates for the design of the Children’s playscape renovation.

The renovation features an all-inclusive design for children of all abilities. There will be two distinct play areas for children ages 2 to 5, and ages 5 to 12. The playscape will feature numerous components with increased accessibility focus, including the poured in place safety surface.

For more information and updates on the progress of the renovation, visit www.sanmarcostx.gov/playscape.

Get out in nature and enjoy our natural areas! SMGA sponsored and affiliate hikes www.smgreenbelt.org


March 17, Saturday, Plant Walk, 1 p.m. at Prospect Park, 1414 Prospect St., with Minnette Marr

April 7, Saturday, Bobcat Build, Schulle Canyon, 100 Ridgewood, http://smgreenbelt.org/volunteers/

April 28, Bug Walk, Saturday, 9 a.m., Spring Lake natural area, 685 Lime Kiln Road, with Ben Hutchins

May 11, Tree Walk, Friday 10:30 a.m., at Schulle Canyon 100 Ridgewood, with Kelly Eby, City of San Marcos Urban Forester

Meetup Groups:
Take A Hike https://www.meetup.com/San-Marcos-Take-a-Hike/
San Marcos Area Trail Walkers https://www.meetup.com/San-Marcos-area-trail-walkers/
Facility & Park Rental Info

Facility Rental How To:
1. Look at the facilities the city offers for rental on the website at www.sanmarcostx.gov/parks.
2. For facility rentals:
   A damage deposit is collected to secure your reservation date. Full rental fee is due 2 weeks prior to your rental date. For hourly rate or day rates, please refer to our Facility Pricing Sheet (PDF).
For park, picnic area, pavilion, and gazebo rentals:
   The rental fee is collected to secure your reservation date.
For athletic field rentals:
   Please contact the person or organization listed in the field description.
3. Call 512.393.8400 to check availability and reserve your date.

Special Event How To:
Special Events include festivals, concerts, community gatherings, races, cook-offs, and any other event open to the public. In order to reserve a facility or park for a special event, you must complete the Special Event (PDF) application and contact the Facility Events Coordinator at 512.393.8401 to check availability and set up a meeting. The application can be found at www.sanmarcostx.gov/parks.

PARK RULES
- Alcoholic beverage consumption/display prohibited
- No smoking or e-cigarettes/inhaled vapor devices
- No glass containers
- No styrofoam containers
- Motorized vehicles prohibited beyond parking areas
- Animals are to remain restrained at all times
- All wildlife and habitat are protected
- Parking in designated parking spaces only
- Parking for park users only
- No firewood collection
- Vending or sales prohibited without permit
- Park curfew 11:00pm to 6:00am
- Propane grills only
- No charcoal or wood grills
- Limit 1 grill per fixed picnic table site
- Limit 1 shelter or tarp per fixed picnic table site
- No shelters, grills, or tables between the sidewalk, path or within 25 feet of the river
Volunteer!

Event Volunteers Needed

**KSMB Live on the Lawn:** Help us with setup, parking lot monitoring, band hospitality, and clean up (pg. 14)
*Date:* April 5, April 12, April 19, April 26

**72nd Earth Day Festival:** April 28

**Farmer Fred’s Garden Spring Carnival:**
- Spring Carnival Prep Week – Help sort decorations, create signage, and organize games.
- **Carnival** – Volunteers will assist with set-up, decorating, managing a game booth, distributing candy and prizes, and more! (pg. 13)
*Dates:* March 26-28

**Dances for Adults with Disabilities:** Welcoming participants, selling concessions, mingling with participants, and clean up will be the duties involved. (pg. 12)
*Dates:* Apr 20, June 22, August 31

**Party in Your Park:** Volunteers will assist with event set-up, monitoring games, serving snacks and refreshments, and event break-down. (pg. 40)
*Date:* May 18, August 24, November 10

**Miss Beautiful Pageant & Rehearsal:** We need volunteers to help with lining participants up, ushering them to and from the dressing room, greeting the public, and with set up/clean up. (pg. 17)
*Dates:* June 8 & June 9

**Daddy Daughter Dance:** Help create a magical evening for young ladies and their father figures. Volunteers will assist with decorating, check-in, serving snacks and refreshments, crafts, the photo booth, and more. (pg. 18)
*Date:* June 15

**Summerfest**
- Assisting with set up, children’s costume contest and parade, eco station monitors, parking lot attendants, and clean up. (pg. 19)
*Date:* July 4

**Restoring Our Own Trees through Service (R.O.O.T.S.)**
- Give 2-3 hours of service to provide some tree loving care (TLC) to help keep our public trees healthy and strong.
- Some tools shall be provided. Please reserve your spot by contacting Kelly Eby at keby@sanmarcostx.gov.
*Date:* March 14th (9:30am-11:30am) April 11th (9:30am-11:30am) May 9th (9:30am-11:30am)
*Where:* Veterans Park Dunbar Park Eddie Durham Park
320 Mariposa St 801 W MLK Dr 213 W MLK Dr

For additional opportunities volunteering with our events and senior programs or to sign up for our Volunteer Newsletter, please contact Catherine Marler at cmarler@sanmarcostx.gov.
WHAT CAN A TREE DO FOR YOU?

A lot!! Check out all the ways, sometimes unexpected, that trees positively affect us, our communities, and our world.

Trees help clean our air.
Trees help clean our drinking water.
Trees provide much needed cooling & save us energy.
Trees contribute to our health.
Trees reduce crime.
Trees are good!

Fun activity to try:
You can calculate the benefits your trees at home provide. Visit www.treebenefits.com.

The Community Forestry Program responds to the needs of urban areas by maintaining, restoring, and improving urban forest ecosystems on more than 2004 acres. Through these efforts the program encourages and promotes the creation of healthier, more livable urban environments across the city. Follow SWX Community Services Facebook page for tree related events. Contact our city Urban Forester at kevy@sanmarcostx.gov for additional information or to speak at your next event.

www.arborday.org/trees/facts
Keep San Marcos Beautiful

KSMB is a city initiative that promotes community involvement in maintaining a visually and environmentally pristine environment. By working together, we can improve the environment in which we all live, work, and play.

Preserve & Beautify

Clean-Ups
A partnership with the Habitat Conservation Plan to remove litter that will affect the San Marcos River.
- Hot Spot Clean-Ups (first Saturday of the month)
- Great Texas River Clean-Up (first Saturday in March)
- Fall River Clean-Up (first Saturday of October)

Graffiti Removal
Our Community Enhancement Techs remove graffiti on public property using specialized environmentally safe sprays and color-matched paint.

Educate & Prevent

Environmental Education
KSMB works with schools and organizations by providing presentations, hands-on activities, and service learning projects that promote environmental sustainability.

Challenge SMTX
A city-wide initiative to promote awareness of litter. Residents and visitors are asked to pick up one piece of litter a day and post a picture to social media with #ChallengeSMTX

For more info contact 512.393.8419 or KSMB@sanmarcostx.gov

Master Composter Training Course

The City of San Marcos and Texas State’s Bobcat Blend invites you to a training course to become a Master Composter.

For $20, you can get your Master Composter Certification. This 30-hour course will include 3 text books, lectures, and discussion as well as hands-on training over a two-week period.

Learn:
- Compost pile troubleshooting
- Compost methods and techniques
- Compost biology
- Compost application

Get your hands dirty:
- Compost set up and maintenance
- Compost analysis

Outreach:
- Educate
- Volunteer
- Make a difference

Where: San Marcos Nature Center
435 Riverside Drive

When: Two weeks, three days a week

COURSE WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE SPRINGS AND THE FALL

Contact Amy Kivins to register or for more information: amy.kivins@sanmarcostx.gov

ADOPT-A-SPOT

Want to clean up your block but need help with tools and supplies?
The Community Connect Beautification trailer is designed to assist in neighborhood beautification.
The trailer is available on a first-come first-served basis.

Tools available:
- Basic garden supplies
- Shovels
- Rakes
- Pruners
- Saws
- Gloves

For more information or to reserve the trailer, call 512.393.8419

Looking to do a little spring cleaning?
Consider adopting a spot:
- Clean your spot 6 times per year
- Receive a sign after the first year

Adopt your spot today!
What’s Happening at the Discovery Center?

- **Vegetable Garden** that employs 3 methods:
  - Traditional Raised Beds
  - Keyhole Garden
  - Hugelkulture Mound

- **Native Plant Nursery**
  - Organic, eco-friendly methods of production to ensure our plants truly benefit your landscape
  - Two greenhouses for propagation and an outdoor display area

- **Monarch Conservation Program** strives to make San Marcos a “Monarch Champion City”. Come by the Discovery Center to see how you can help the monarchs.

- **Certified Monarch Waystation** with milkweed and native nectar plants

- **Adult Education Programs**:
  - Master Composter
  - Native vs. Invasive Plants
  - Monarch Waystation Workshop
  - Veggie Gardening 101
  - Tree Care 101

- **Youth Education Programs**:
  - Spring Break Camp
  - Discovery Summer Camp

- **Native Plant Demonstration Gardens**:
  - Come visit our gardens to gain inspiration on how to arrange native plants.

For volunteer information: discoverycenter@sanmarcostx.gov or 512-393-8327

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Join the MiGreat Challenge!

HERE’S WHAT YOU NEED TO DO:

- Register at www.sanmarcostx.gov/MiGreat
- Set up a Monarch butterfly-friendly garden.
- Enjoy your garden!

Participants must be residents of San Marcos, TX. Registration for the competition will end May 25, 2018 and judges will begin inspecting registered gardens on June 1, 2018. Remember, the most attractive monarch-friendly garden wins so let those creative juices flow!

For rules and guidelines visit www.sanmarcostx.gov/MiGreat
Pet Waste Stations

In a city with over 50,000 people, like San Marcos, that works out to more than a ton of dog waste EVERYDAY. More than 365 tons a year.

The waste from a 40 pound dog in one day contains more nitrogen than fertilizer companies recommend once or twice a year.

A natural eco-system can handle waste from two dogs per square mile. Urban areas average 125 dogs per square mile.

Some things last longer than you think. Harmful bacteria in pet waste can be transmitted for weeks.

- Pet waste is the 3rd LARGEST pollutant in urban watersheds.
- 1 gram of dog poop contains 23 million bacteria.
- One dog creates between 150-274 lbs. of waste PER YEAR.

20-30% of bacteria in urban RIVERS can be traced directly to DOG WASTE. Bacteria found in dog waste alone includes roundworms, whipworms, hookworms, bacterial E-coli, giardia and parvo.

Pet waste washed into the river, decays, using up oxygen and sometimes releasing ammonia. Low oxygen levels and ammonia combined with Texas heat kills fish and other sensitive species. Pet waste also contains nutrients that encourage weed and algae growth that also affects oxygen levels. More importantly, pet waste carries diseases which can make water unsafe for recreation.

THANK YOU

to all of our
Keep San Marcos Beautiful Adopt-a-Spot Volunteers:
Air Force ROTC
Beta Beta Beta
Blanco River Village HOA
Bluebonnet Lions
Buzz Mill
Central Texas Fly Fishermen
Chi Beta Delta
Corridor Landscaping
ECO Texas State
Embassy Suites – San Marcos
Friends of the Library
Texas State H.E.A.T.
Holland Hills Neighborhood Association
Hays County Juvenile Detention Center
Joan Byrd
Kappa Delta Chi
Mayor John Thomaides
Net Impact Texas State
Omega Phi Alpha
Phi Beta Sigma
Planet K
Raising Canes
San Marcos Facial Hair Club
Sierra Circle Neighborhood Association
Sigma Alpha Epsilon
Texas Skate
The North Face San Marcos
Animal-Proof Trash & Recycling Containers

- 25 pairs of new trash and recycling containers have been installed in the parks along the river from City Park to Rio Vista Park. These containers will help reduce litter going into the river.

- To help keep San Marcos beautiful, please remember to recycle all plastic and metal containers. Keep in mind, Glass and Styrofoam containers are prohibited in our parks.

These containers can be difficult to open for the first time. Follow the steps below to open.

1. Place fingers in opening slot
2. Lift metal piece upwards
3. Pull towards you

San Marcos Dog Park
250 Charles Austin Dr. » 6AM-11PM

San Marcos Skate Park
627 E. Hopkins St. » OPEN FROM SUN UP - SUN DOWN ALL WEEK LONG

Street Area • 10,000FT²
Flow Bowl • 6,700FT²
Pool • 800FT²

Keep a lookout for SKATE LESSONS

Our 2 acre dog park offers separate areas for large and small dogs along with watering fountains and free disposal mitts. It’s a great place to make new friends!