Welcome

As the Spring/Summer activities come to an end and our Fall/Winter activities kickoff, I would like to reflect on all the exciting things that have happened and are to come in our diverse park system.

In the past season we have completed several enhancement projects such as a complete rebuild of the 25 year old Children’s Playscape into an all-abilities wonderland and the addition of public art in the form of colorful mermaids in and around our parks.

In the season to come we will renovate Dunbar Park with a new basketball court, walking paths, and a skate spot. We will also be making much needed improvements to the Dog Park, El Camino Real Park, and Anita Reyes Park. Other big projects included in this season are the renovation designs for the Adult Softball Complex and the start of both the Purgatory Creek ADA Trail and the San Marcos Bike and Pedestrian Trail, which will be a multi-use pathway along the San Marcos River from I-35 to Hopkins St., crossing under Cheatham Street and the Railroad tracks at Rio Vista and going over a new bridge at Purgatory Creek.

We now have over 2100 acres of parkland with over 27 miles of hike and bike trails! These amazing places give San Marcos residents a unique abundance of opportunities to get out and enjoy the countless activities we have to share with this spectacular community!

Bert Stratemann
Parks Operations Manager
VIEW AND REGISTER FOR ACTIVITIES ONLINE WITH ACTIVENET!

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

www.sanmarcostx.gov/activeSMTX
City of San Marcos Community Services

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Community Enhancement
Keep San Marcos Beautiful

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Phone: 512.393.8400

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Discovery Center
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Phone: 512.393.8400

Dunbar Recreation Center
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Phone: 512.393.8400

Gary Softball Complex
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Rio Vista Pool
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Phone: 512.393.8400

San Marcos Dog Park
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Mission Statement
To provide the citizens and visitors of San Marcos with the highest level of programs, parks, facilities, and services that will positively enhance our vision of community.
Registration

Parks & Recreation Classes and Programs:
To register for any of the classes and programs EXCEPT for fitness classes held at the San Marcos Activity Center and Activity Center membership:

- Go to www.sanmarcostx.gov/activeSMTX register online (see page 1 for instructions);
- Call the Parks & Recreation Main Office at 512.393.8400;
- Go to the Parks & Recreation Main Office at 401 E. Hopkins and register in person; or
- Go to the San Marcos Activity Center at 501 E. Hopkins and register in person.

Fitness Classes & Membership:
- Go to the San Marcos Activity Center at 501 E. Hopkins and register in person.

Athletic Programs:
- Go to the Parks & Recreation Main Office at 401 E. Hopkins and register in person; or
- Go to the San Marcos Activity Center at 501 E. Hopkins and register in person.

Proof of Residency
You must provide proof of residency the first time you register in order to receive the “Resident” rates. Once you are in our system, you will not need to prove residency again unless your address changes. The only acceptable forms of proof include a current electric, gas, water, or garbage bill that shows your address. “Resident” rates are only available to those who live within the city limits of San Marcos.

Waitlists
Waitlists are automatically created when we have more registrations for a program than we have space. Your receipt will indicate if you are registered for a program or have been placed on the waiting list.

Refunds
- Full refunds will be issued for any program cancelled by the Parks & Recreation Department.
- Cancellations initiated by the customer will be charged a 5% refund fee.
- Participants may request refunds for classes up to three business days before the program’s first meeting. In athletic programs and leagues, the program is considered to begin with its first practice. There may be exceptions to this policy; see program descriptions.
- Refunds for trips, camps, and contractual workshops will only be issued if the spot can be filled from the waiting list. Some trips are non-refundable.
- Fees charged to credit cards will be refunded back to the original credit card within three to five days unless there is an issue with that card. If there is an issue with the card, a check will have to be processed which will take two to four weeks.

Scholarships
Scholarships will be available on a limited basis to City of San Marcos residents who meet the CDBG HUD Guidelines for low-to-moderate income families. For information regarding scholarships, call 512.393.8400 or go to http://www.sanmarcostx.gov/youthactivity

Program Fees

Resident/Non Resident Fees
San Marcos residents make significant contributions to the operation of this agency through the payment of property taxes. These contributions are in addition to the fees that they pay for programs and services as offered by the Parks and Recreation Department. In recognition of this contribution, San Marcos residents qualify for a “Resident” rate for some programs. Those who live outside of the boundaries of the City of San Marcos and who participate within programs qualify for the “Non-Resident” price.
Program Changes

Programs are sometimes cancelled or altered due to low registration, changes in staff or facility availability. If a program has been cancelled or altered, we will work with you to transfer your registration to another program of your choice.

Disclaimers

Guide Changes/Errors Disclaimer
Due to the large amount of information available in the San Marcos Parks and Recreation Activity Guide, errors before or after publication may occur. We apologize for any errors in this guide and we will advise you of any changes as quickly as possible. We will also attempt to keep information on our website, www.sanmarcostx.gov, as current as possible. For the most up-to-date information follow us on Facebook! facebook.com/smtxCS

Photo Disclaimer
Participants of programs and special events permit the San Marcos Parks and Recreation Department to take photos and videos of themselves and their children for City publications, promotions and any third party media coverage as the department deems necessary unless the participant expressively files a written objection as to the use of photos and videos of themselves and/or their children.

Facilities

All facility participants are expected to follow the rules of the facilities. All City of San Marcos parks and facilities are smoke free zones. Speciality areas of the facilities (example: fitness center and the pools) have posted signs stating additional rules specific to that area. Disregard or abuse of facility rules may result in removal from the facility by staff or police for a designated length of time or permanently and/or loss of deposit due to damage.

Warning of Risk

Program participants agree to the terms and conditions of the following Participation and Release Agreement:
1) That your participation in programs with the 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.

ADA

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (“ADA”), the City of San Marcos will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs or facilities.

Individuals requiring an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the City of San Marcos should contact the office of ADA Coordinator, Cindy Conyers (512.393.8065 or Voice/711 Texas Relay Service) or ADArequest@sanmarcostx.gov as soon as possible but no later than 72 hours before the scheduled event. The City’s ADA Notice and Grievance Procedures can be found at www.sanmarcostx.gov/ADA

De conformidad inglés pueden pedir ayuda llamando a la Ciudad al 512-393-8400.
Our clean, well-maintained center has a 25 yard, four foot deep, indoor heated swimming pool. We also have two full-sized gymnasiums, three raquetball courts, a variety of cardio-fitness training machines including treadmills, upright and recumbent bikes, stair steppers, eliptical 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-lit 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.
## 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.

## Activity Center Daily Use Fees

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All fees subject to change.

## 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.

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**Personal Training - one session**

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Contact Lane Supak or Carolyn Clay, Total Wellness Director

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Carolyn: 512.245.1972 or CarolynClay@txstate.edu
Total Wellness - San Marcos
at The San Marcos Activity Center

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Step Aerobics
Aquatic Fitness
Senior Fitness
Yoga
& More!

Unlimited Access
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Fitness Professionals for
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✓ Fit Kids Club included with all Adult Memberships!
✓ Activity Center Membership NOT Required!
✓ Annual Enrollment Option!

Contact:
wellness@txstate.edu
512 245 1972

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

The City of San Marcos Parks and Recreation hosts Dances for Adults with Disabilities every other month with DJ music, door prizes, and LOTS of fun! Admission to each dance is free. Concession items are available. Participants that require assistance must be accompanied by an assistant. Every dance has a specific theme and participants are encouraged to dress for the occasion.

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

Costume Dance
October 19 – Come dressed in costume.

Holiday Dance
December 14 – Wear your favorite holiday attire.

Sweetheart’s Dance
February 15 – Valentine themed dance party.

Join us for a reception celebrating
ARTS & CULTURE MONTH
as we present the seventh annual

Refreshments & Hors d’oeuvres

OCTOBER 11 • 6:00-7:30pm
Centro Cultural Hispano de San Marcos
211 Lee Street
San Marcos, TX 78666
Public is invited.
SAN MARCOS PARKS & RECREATION PRESENTS:

Mother Daughter Tea

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 29
DUNBAR RECREATION CENTER
SESSION 1 - 10 AM | SESSION 2 - 12:30 PM
$5 PER PERSON
REGISTRATON OPEN AUG. 1-SEPT. 21

CALL 512-393-8400 FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO PURCHASE TICKETS
Farmer Fred’s Harvest
FALL CARNIVAL

{DATE CHANGE}

CITY PARK
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26
6:00-9:00 PM

ADMISSION
FREE

GAMES
CANDY
PRIZES

CONCESSIONS AND
ATTRACTIONS AVAILABLE
FOR AN ADDITIONAL COST

512-393-8400 for more info

CHILDREN’S COSTUME CONTEST
6:00-6:45 PM - REGISTRATION
JUDGING TIMES
7:00 - 3 AND UNDER
7:30 - 4-6 YEARS
8:00 - 7-9 YEARS
8:30 - 10-12 YEARS
San Marcos Parks and Recreation Presents

HOLIDAY MOVIE in your PARK

San Marcos Plaza Park

December 4, 2018
5:30-8:00 PM
All ages welcome
Bring your blankets/chairs
Free Cookies and Hot Cocoa

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

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sights & sounds of Christmas
20th Annual

Golden Sweethearts Ball

February 8, 2019
6pm - 10pm
San Marcos Activity Center

Come celebrate with dinner, dancing, music, and door prizes!

Advance tickets only.
Tickets available beginning December 3 for $16
$20 after February 1
Please order your tickets by calling 512.393.8400
Camps

HOLIDAY CAMP

Dec 27, 28, Jan 2, 3, 4

SAN MARCOS REC HALL
170 Charles Austin Dr.

$20 per child per day
Limited to 25 kids

Ages 5-11 | 7:30 AM-5:30 PM

Lunch and morning snack will be on your own | Afternoon snack will be provided

To register: In person @ Parks & Rec 401 E. Hopkins, 393.8400 starting Nov 1, 2018
Hobbies & Interests

Aquatics

Private Swim Lessons for All Ages
You will receive four (4) 30 minute one-on-one instruction 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.

Age: 18M and up
Date(s): Oct 1-6
    Oct 8-13
    Oct 15-20
    Oct 22-27

Day(s): Mon-Sat
Time: TBD
Location: Activity Center
Fee: $50 res/ $55 non-resident

Ceramics - Intro to Advanced Hand-building & Wheel
Explore hand-building, throwing on the wheel, sculptural technique, and surface treatments in an instructor guided setting while working at your own pace and level of experience. You will produce your own original forms from clay (no premade bisque forms). The registration fee includes one 25lb. bag of clay and firing of work. Attendees are responsible for purchasing their own glazes. Some tools are provided, but it is recommended that students purchase a basic potter’s tool kit (small sponge, cut-off wire, wood rib, metal rib, needle tool, wood trim tool, small loop tool, and pear-pitter tool). A list of other optional tools will be provided on the first day of class. Pre-registration is required to attend. Register online or in-person at the Parks and Recreation Office. This class will be taught by Suzanne Shield-Polk, MFA.

Age: 18 and up
Day: Wed
Dates(s):
    Course 6990: August 15 - September 5
    Course 6992: September 19 - October 10
    Course 6993: October 24 - November 14
    Course 6994: November 28 - December 19
    Course 6995: January 9 - January 30
Time: 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Location: Dunbar Arts & Crafts Room
Fee: $35.00

Arts & Crafts

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
Beginner Bellydancing
Learn this beautiful form of art and dance in this fun and invigorating class! You will learn how to shake, shimmy, and move your body to the beat of the music! This is also a great class for mother/daughter participation. Eight week sessions begin the first Tuesday of each odd numbered month.
Age: 12Y and up
Date(s): Ongoing
Day(s): Tue
Time: 6:45 PM - 7:45 PM
Location: Activity Center
Fee: $7/Class

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 are 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

Square Dance
Wheel N Deals Square Dance Open House
September 6th, Time: 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Modern Western Square Dance Classes for Beginners
13 classes: Sep 13 - Dec 13
Attend the open house on September 6th, 6:30pm.
Late registration is September 13th. Square dancing is very beneficial exercise for both the body and mind. Past and current medical studies continue to validate this fun activity. With all its moving, twisting, and turning, square dancing provides more than the daily dose of heart and bone-healthy physical activity. Remembering all the calls keeps the mind sharp. And the companionship that regular square dancing offers is an antidote to depression and loneliness, a statement confirmed by square-dancing advocates everywhere. If you can walk, you can square dance. Please come and let us introduce you to fun, fitness, and new friends. Remember the open house is open to the public.
Contact: Billy: 830-305-9114/Brooke: 210-392-5433, or wheel-n-deals.org/openhouse
Registration: Adults $40; Ages 10 to 17 Free with adult enrollment (Only ~$3/class)
Location: Dunbar Recreation Center
Project Healing Waters fly fishing is sponsored by Central Texas Fly Fishers (ctff.org). Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday at Dunbar Recreation Center and 4th Tuesday at the Rec Hall each month. They are involved in all aspects of fly fishing and help disabled American military veterans benefit from the healing nature of fly fishing. Interested persons can contact mschlimgen50@gmail.com.

San Marcos Board Games Meetup
Join the fun as we play family games, party games, and light strategy games like Ticket to Ride or Settlers of Catan. We have a variety of games to play at each meeting, or bring a favorite of your own! All ages and levels of experience are welcome, but participants under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Age: All
Date(s): Ongoing
Day(s): Thursday
Time: 7:30 PM – 11:00 PM
Location: Cephas House at Eddie Durham Park
Fee: Free

Hill Country Karate
Karate can improve your self-esteem, promote a good attitude, and provides 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

Day(s): Tue
Location: Activity Center
Fee: $65

Youth
Age: 5Y - 12Y
Time: 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Date(s): Sept 11 - Nov 27
Jan 22 - Mar 26

Adult
Age: 13Y and up
Time: 8:00 PM - 9:30 PM
Day(s): Tue
Date(s): Sept 11 - Nov 27
Jan 22 - Mar 26
Discovery Center Workshops

Pre-registration is required for all workshops. Register at www.sanmarcostx.gov/activeSMTX or by calling 512.393.8400.

Fall Veggie Gardening
Join Alex at the Discovery Center to learn the ins and outs of growing vegetables in the fall. Learn which crops grow best during the cool seasons and what to look out for as you tend your fall garden. Gain valuable insights, tricks, and tips on protecting your garden from the cold and when to harvest for cold tolerant vegetables.
Age: 10Y & up
Date(s): Sep 5
Day(s): Wed
Time: 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Location: Discovery Center
Fee: Free

Ferment, Pickle & Preserve
Have you ever been curious about the fermenting process? Learn how with Alex as she shows you the ropes on how to best ferment, pickle, and preserve your vegetables! Learn how to make kombucha, pickles, kimchi and other fermenting delights!
Age: 10Y & up
Date(s): Sep 19
Day(s): Wed
Time: 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Location: Discovery Center
Fee: Free

Why Are Invasive Species So Bad?
Join us for a workshop with renowned expert Hans Landel, of the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, as he discusses invasive species and why they are such a nuisance to the native ecology in Central Texas. Learn which plants may be considered invasive and why, and which native plant could be used in the landscape as a substitute. Do you have questions about native vs. invasive species? Now’s your chance to ask a specialist, so save the date!
Age: 10Y & up
Date(s): Sep 15
Day(s): Sat
Time: 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Location: Discovery Center
Fee: Free

Monarch Watch
What do you think about having a Monarch Watch program in our community? Cathy Downs, Monarch Watch specialist, will teach us about the importance of monarch conservation, the role of Monarch Watch and how to get involved in citizen science projects. Learn how you can make a difference, not just for monarchs, but for all native pollinators in Central Texas. If you are concerned about the decline in native pollinators, come learn how you can help save them.
Age: 6Y & up
Date(s): Sep 26
Day(s): Wed
Time: 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Location: Discovery Center
Fee: Free

Pruning with a Purpose
Pruning or trimming trees is more than just removing branches. There is a science and an art to it. If done incorrectly it can harm your tree’s health, shorten the life of your tree, be costly and possibly lead to tree removal. Learning the science and methods can help promote sound tree structure to help trees grow to resist failure, be attractive, and promote long life.
Age: 12Y & up
Date(s): Oct 3
Day(s): Wed
Time: 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Location: Discovery Center
Fee: Free
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): Sep 6, Oct 4, Nov 1, Dec 6, Jan 3, Feb 7
Day(s): Thu
Time: 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Location: Activity Center
Fee: Free

50+ Game Day Club
Join the San Marcos Game Day Club. This free social club meets every Monday at the San Marcos Activity Center, Meeting Room 1, from 12:30-4 PM. Game materials for Bridge, Mexican Train Dominoes, Hand & Foot, and 42 are provided. New members are welcome. Pre-Registration is required, same day registration is not allowed! Members, make sure you arrive on time to get in on a game! Call Parks & Recreation at 512-393-8400 to register.
Age: 50Y and up
Date(s): Ongoing
Day(s): Mon
Time: 12:30 PM - 4:00 PM
Location: Activity Center
Fee: Free

Duplicate Bridge
The City of San Marcos Parks and Recreation has partnered with the Texas Capital Bridge Association to offer Duplicate Bridge every Friday (except City Holidays) 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 duplicated 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.

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. Come and enjoy some great food, entertainment and company!

Masquerade Theme, October 10, 2018
Wear your decorated masks. Dress up and have fun.

Holiday Theme, December 12, 2018
Wear festive sweaters and charms. Show your holiday spirit.

Valentine’s Theme, February 13, 2019
Wear your fancy attire to celebrate Valentine’s Day with us.
50+ Thanksgiving Luncheon
San Marcos Parks and Recreation invites you to join us for our Thanksgiving luncheon sponsored by Central Texas Medical Center. You MUST pre-register for this event. Registration begins October 1st and you can register at the Activity Center or at the Parks and Recreation Main Office. Lunch will be from 12-1, with Bingo to follow. Doors will not open until 11:45. Please DO NOT bring a dessert to this luncheon; dessert will be provided. There is ALWAYS a wait list for this luncheon, so register early. Also, if you are unable to come, please cancel your reservation so someone else is able to attend. Please call 512-393-8400 if you have any additional questions!
Age: 50Y and up
Date(s): Nov 15
Day(s): Thu
Time: 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM
Location: Activity Center
Fee: Free, registration required

50+ Facebook for Seniors
Wednesday, September 19, 2018
Do you want to be part of the social media population? Join us for a free technology day and learn how to sign up for Facebook and stay connected with friends and family members! The City of San Marcos Parks and Recreation and the San Marcos Public Library are partnering up to bring you Facebook for Seniors on Wednesday, September 19, 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, for a FREE onsite Facebook Workshop. Find long lost friends and relatives, learn how to share pictures, get involved with people and groups around you and follow your interests and hobbies. Space is limited to 40 participants and registration is required. Twenty computers will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own. To register or for more information stop by the Activity Center at 501 East Hopkins, The Parks and Recreation Main office at 401 East Hopkins, call 512.393.8400 or visit www.sanmarcostx.gov/activeSMTX and search Facebook.

50+ Special Holiday Bingo Social
Wednesday, December 19, 2018
The San Marcos Parks and Recreation Department is hosting a free Holiday Bingo Social sponsored by UnitedHealthcare. Take a break from the crazy rush of the holiday season and come enjoy some games of bingo! This event is different from our regular bingo socials, as the prizes, sponsored by UnitedHealthcare, are presented with a twist! All 12 of the prizes will be wrapped and presented in a White Elephant fashion. Participants who win will have the option of selecting a wrapped prize, or selecting a prize that has already been opened. If the gift is stolen, then the person whom the gift has been taken from gets to in turn steal another prize from a different participant or choose another wrapped item. This adds another whole element of fun! Location: San Marcos Activity Center 2:00 PM. FREE! For more information, call 512-393-8400.

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

Bowling Social

Join us every month for a SMASH Social Club, Bowling Social. The City of San Marcos Parks and Recreation and Sunset Bowling Lanes are hosting a Bowling Social every month. These bowling events are for ages 50+ and will be held from 2-4 PM at Sunset Bowling Lanes, 1304 HWY 123, San Marcos, TX. The fee for this event is $5.00/ person and includes shoe rental and 2 games of bowling. We do ask that you RSVP to nriali@sanmarcostx.gov or call (512) 393-8275 so we can get a head count to reserve enough lanes. The $5.00 cost will be paid to Sunset Bowling on the day of the event. For more information call 393-8400. Bring a friend, it will be a SMASH!

Dates: Sept 20, Oct 18, Nov 29, Dec 20, Jan 17, Feb 28

Theatre Socials

Great news! Texas State’s Department of Theatre and Dance will continue to offer a Senior Rate for all of their theatre performances. Ticket prices are $12 for Tuesday – Thursday, and $15 for Friday – Sunday (price includes a $2 processing fee). You will need to purchase tickets on your own from Texas State. It is suggested to purchase tickets online in advance at http://www.txstatepresents.com. A live box office will be open one hour before each show. Discounted parking passes are available for the Edward Gary Street Garage for $6.00. These can be purchased online with your order, or purchased on the day of the show at the box office. Feel free to contact Texas State’s box office at 512-245-6513 with any questions regarding the purchasing of tickets. SMASH Theatre Socials are brought to you by San Marcos Parks and Recreation in coordination with Texas State’s Department of Theatre and Dance.

Dates subject to change:
Mr. Burns: A Post-Electric Play, by Anne Washburn, directed by Issac Byrne (Harrison 10/2-10/7)
Cabaret, by Masteroff, Kander and Ebb, directed by Tom Delbello (Harrison 11/13-11/18)
The Tempest, by William Shakespeare, directed by Bruce Turk (Harrison, 2/12-2/17)

We want your suggestions for 50+ events. If you have an idea, please contact Nick Riali at nriali@sanmarcostx.gov
50+ Two-Stepping Around Texas Walking Program - Hill Country Tour

Kickoff Event - Wednesday, September 5, 2018 at 6:00 PM at the San Marcos Activity Center
The San Marcos Parks and Recreation Department is starting a free walking program for the 50+ community. Our goal is to get people up and exercising in a fun, healthy and interesting way, and to create a social community to help motivate you in your walking. The program will start on September 5, 2018 and will run for 14 weeks. The first trek will be a virtual walking tour through the Hill Country looping through the following towns and back to San Marcos, totaling 191 Miles; Wimberley, Blanco, Fredericksburg, Kerrville, Boerne, and New Braunfels. Participants who complete the entire virtual tour will receive a special item of recognition. Walk on your own, with a friend or with a group, inside, outside or on a treadmill. We encourage you to sign up and invite your family and friends to join you!

We will have group walks every Monday at the San Marcos Activity Center so we can encourage each other and update our mileage logs. We do not want to leave anyone out, so every Monday there will be a morning and evening group meeting. You can keep track of your miles and steps with a smartphone, Fitbit or other simple pedometer. We will also schedule other group walks led by volunteer group leaders. These will occur outdoors at places like CTMC Creation Health Trail, Crook Park or Five Mile Dam. Membership to the San Marcos Activity Center is not required for this program, however if you would like to walk on the indoor track at times other than our scheduled group walks then you will need to become a member.

We will be holding a kickoff event on Wednesday, September 5, 2018 at 6:00 PM. The kickoff event and this program are sponsored in part by CTMC Creation Heath, UnitedHealthcare and WellMed. It will include registration and information sessions, guest speakers and light refreshments. Kickoff event attendance is not mandatory to participate in the program. If you would like to participate but are unable to attend the kickoff event, you can stop by the San Marcos Activity Center, pick up a registration packet, and receive all of the information you will need. We will have a wrap-up celebration during the CTMC Creation Health Social Spin on Wednesday, December 12 from 2-4 PM at the San Marcos Activity Center. The Walking Program is free and open to ages 50 and up. For more information, call Nick Riali at (512)-393-8275 or visit http://sanmarcostx.gov and visit the 50+ page under Park and Recreation - Activities.

SMASH 50+ Sack Lunch Social & 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.
Age: 50Y and up
Date(s): Sept 13, Oct 11, Nov 8, Dec 13, Jan 10, Feb 14
Day(s): Thu
Time: 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM
Location: Activity Center
Fee: Free
Travel Group Trips

Adult Trips
This 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 visit our website for more information on registration, payments, transportation policies, etc. You must fill out a trip liability release form when you register. You can register online, 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 and on the way back for meals and bathroom breaks. We will depart the Activity Center at 9 AM and arrive at the casino by 4 PM on August 28. The pool will be open so pack a swimsuit. We will check out of the Inn at Noon on August 30 and leave from the casino at 2 PM. We will arrive back at the Activity Center around 9 PM. Please bring money for gambling, other meals, and shopping. Please park in the back of the Activity Center parking lot. Trip cost is $85 per person, double occupancy. This includes round-trip transportation, $23 coin coupon per person, two night room fees, and portage fees. Remember to pair up with the person you would like to room with when you register! Ages 21+! No refunds. Please sign up for the wait list if the trip is full. We will be taking a second bus if we have enough people. Registration is only available at the Parks and Recreation Office, 401 E. Hopkins.
Age: 21Y and up
Date(s): Aug 28-30
Day(s): Tue, Wed, Thu
Fee: $85.00

San Antonio Botanical Gardens and the Witte Museum
Join us as we tour the San Antonio Botanical Gardens and The Witte Museum. We will leave San Marcos Activity Center at 8:00 am and arrive back at 5:00 pm. The trip cost is $43 and that will include all transportation and guided tours of the Gardens and the Museum. Make sure to wear comfortable walking shoes! Bring money for lunch at the Rosella restaurant inside the Gardens. Registration begins August 13, 2018 and ends September 10, 2018.
Age: 18Y and up
Date(s): September 26
Day(s): Wednesday
Time: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Fee: $43 a person
Sonora Caverns and Downtown Museum Tour

Come with us as we tour the Caverns of Sonora and the historic Downtown of Sonora. The caves are warm so make sure to dress in comfy shoes and cool clothes. We will leave the Activity Center at 7:00 am and arrive back at 7:30 pm. The trip cost is $48 and that includes transportation, guided tours of the caverns and 3 guided museums tours in downtown Sonora. Bring money for lunch, location to be decided, and don’t forget your water! Registration begins September 4, 2018 and ends October 8, 2018.

Age: 18Y and up
Date(s): October 25
Day(s): Thursday
Time: 7:00 am to 7:30 pm
Fee: $48 a person

Fredericksburg Christmas Shopping and Johnson City Lights

Get a head start on your Christmas shopping in downtown Fredericksburg then enjoy seeing the Johnson City square lit up with over a million lights! We will be leaving the Activity Center at 1:00 pm and will arrive back at 8:45 pm. The trip cost is $10 and that includes transportation, so remember to bring money for your shopping and dinner in Fredericksburg! Registration begins October 1, 2018 and ends November 21, 2018.

Age: 18Y and up
Date(s): December 11
Day(s): Tuesday
Time: 1:00 pm to 8:45 pm
Fee: $10 a person
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

{Partnered Out of School Time}

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS {SEPT. 25-NOV. 15}
4-6 PM
*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, AT CMARLER@SANMARCOSTX.GOV

DRUMTASTIC EXTRAVAGANZA

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST

5:30-7 PM
CITY PARK REC HALL
170 CHARLES AUSTIN DR.

INTERACTIVE DRUMMING FOR ALL ABILITIES
This will be a multicultural, creative integration of music, moves, grooves and drums from around the world.

FREE EVENT
SPACE FOR 200 PEOPLE!

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TEXAS STATE
HEALTH AND HUMAN PERFORMANCE
**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; $30 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; $30 per month; $50 six-class pass; $60 per month when combined with Gentle Yoga on Thursdays

All Ages
Date(s): Ongoing
Day(s): Tue
Time: 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Location: Activity Center

**Total Wellness**
See pages 9 -11 for more information about Total Wellness classes and personal training.

**Blood Pressure Clinic**
Come have your blood pressure and pulse checked, FREE! Everyone needs to keep up with this important information! CTMC Home Health is hosting this FREE blood pressure clinic at the Activity Center before Bingo. The Clinic will be from 12:00-2:00 PM in the Multipurpose Room at the Activity Center. There is no registration required.

All Ages
Date(s): Sept 6, Nov 1, Jan 3
Day(s): Thu
Time: 12:00 PM - 2:00 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+ of all activity levels. The class will be offered on the third Tuesday of every month from 2-3 PM at the San Marcos Activity Center. Participants need to wear loose/ stretchy, 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): Sept 18, Oct 16, Nov 20, Dec 18, Jan 15, Feb 19
Life Long Learning
San Marcos Parks and Recreation will be offering new Life Long Learning courses for the greater San Marcos area beginning this fall. 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 www.sanmarcostx.gov/activeSMTX and search LLL for Life Long Learning courses.

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. To register for this program, you can call 512-393-8280 or visit the San Marcos Activity Center.
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. To register for this program, you can call 512-393-8280 or visit the San Marcos Activity Center.
Ages: 3-17
Day: Fridays
Time: 12:00-2:00 PM
Location: San Marcos Activity Center, Gym 2
Fee: $5 per family, per class
Outdoor Activities

San Marcos Neighborhood All-Star Games

Neighborhood vs Neighborhood

Good Old Fashioned Fun

Saturday, September 22, 2018
Rio Vista Park

Registration begins on July 30, 2018.

For more information visit our Facebook event page at facebook.com/smtxCS
CELEBRATE POLLINATORS WITH US!

Monarch Fest!

SAN MARCOS DISCOVERY CENTER
(430 RIVERSIDE)

SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 13
9AM-4PM

-NATIVE PLANT SALE
-FREE ACTIVITIES & GIVE-AWAYS
-FAMILY-FRIENDLY

CONSERVATION ORGANIZATIONS-
FOOD & DRINK-
LIVE MUSIC-

Learn about the importance of pollinators like the monarch butterfly and what conservation efforts the Discovery Center has started to spread awareness and change!
HONORING ALL WHO HAVE SERVED

2018 San Marcos

VETERANS DAY

Parade

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH

8:30AM - 12:00PM

DOWNTOWN SAN MARCOS

FREE BREAKFAST ★ KIDS BIKE BRIGADE PERFORMANCES
PARTY IN YOUR PARK!

VETERANS PARK
NOVEMBER 16

SWIFT MEMORIAL PARK
FEBRUARY 22

6–9 PM

FREE!

GAGA BALL, GAMES, SNACKS,
BEAN BAG TOSS, GIANT CONNECT 4,
MEGA JENGA, PARACHUTE
AND MUCH MORE!

FOR MORE INFO:
512.393.8400
**Sports**

**Flag Football**
For all the die-hards who simply cannot wait until the Spring, Fall Flag Football is just right for you.
Registration deadline is Saturday, September 1, 2018.
Age: 16Y and up
Date(s): Sept 10 - Nov 5
Day(s): Mon
Time: 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Location: Activity Center
Fee: $250.00

**Fall 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 is Saturday, September 1, 2018.
Age: 16Y and up
Date(s): Sept 10 - Oct 22
Day(s): Mon - Thu
Time: 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM
Location: Gary Softball Complex
Fee: $350

**Fall Volleyball**
Bring your co-workers, church buddies, or your family for an exciting night of Coed volleyball fun!
Registration deadline is Wednesday, September 5, 2018.
Age: 16Y and up
Date(s): Sept 10 - Oct 29
Day(s): Mon
Time: 7:00 PM - 7:45 PM
Location: Activity Center
Fee: $175.00

**Winter Volleyball**
Bring your co-workers, church buddies, or your family for an exciting night of Coed volleyball fun!
Registration deadline is Wednesday, January 2, 2019.
Age: 16Y and up
Date(s): Jan 7 - Feb 25
Day(s): Mon
Time: 7:00 PM - 7:45 PM
Location: Activity Center
Fee: $175.00

**Fencing Open**
Open Electric Fencing practice for ages 13 and up.
Must provide your own personal electric equipment. Foil, Epee and Sabre.
Age: 13Y and up
Day(s): Mon
Time: 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Location: Activity Center
Date(s): Nov 5-26
Dec 3-10
Date(s): Sept 10-24
Oct 1-29
Jan 7-28
Fee: $20.00

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Pickleball

Adult Pickleball open play is offered on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9:00 – 11:00 AM at the San Marcos Activity Center! We have six courts for Pickleball, which has allowed us to designate three courts as competitive courts and three courts as recreation courts. This has helped us accommodate our growing number of advanced and beginner level Pickleball players.

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. Non-members will be charged the daily use rate of $3.25 for residents and $4.25 for non-residents. 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 512.393.8275.

Jr. NBA/WNBA Basketball League

They may be small, but they play with the same passion as the pros! Register your future basketball star for this fun program. Boys and girls teams will be formed for ages 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10 & 11-12. Sign-up early for this popular program! Registration deadline is Wednesday, January 2, 2019.

Date(s): Jan 19 - Feb 23
Day(s): Sat
Time: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Location: Activity Center
Fee: Resident: $40.00. Non-resident: $50.00.

Fall Slam Youth Volleyball

Learn to Bump-Set-and Spike in this modified version of youth volleyball! Registration deadline is Saturday, September 1, 2018.

Age: 3Y - 12Y
Date(s): Sept 15 - Nov 10
Day(s): Thu
Time: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Location: Activity Center
Fee: Resident: $40.00. Non-resident: $50.00.

Snake League Soccer

Indoor Soccer for boys and girls ages 3-12. Registration deadline is Thursday, October 25, 2018.

Age: 3Y - 11Y
Date(s): Nov 10 - Dec 15
Day(s): Sat
Time: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Location: Activity Center
Fee: $50
Jr NFL Flag Football
Spend your Saturdays enjoying the flag version of the ‘Fall Classic’. Participants get the opportunity to develop basic motor skills, learn the rules and terminology, make friends, and have fun! Registration deadline is Saturday, September 15, 2018.
Age: 4Y - 12Y
Date(s): Sep 16 - Oct 28
Day(s): Sat, Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu
Time: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Location:
Fee: Resident: $40.00. Non-resident: $50.00.

USA Fall Youth Developmental League
Developmental softball program for girls ages 6-14. Program intended as an alternative to select softball. Registrations is by team sign-up. Registration deadline is Wednesday, September 5, 2018.
Date(s): Sept 17 – Oct 29
Day(s): Mon
Time: 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Location: Gary Fastpitch Complex
Fee: $125.00 per team

Fencing Class for Youth
Group Fencing Lessons and Practice for ages 9-14. Participants will focus on footwork, blade work, and tactics through drills and bouting. Open to all levels of youth fencers although it is suggested they participate in at least one fencing camp if possible. Equipment is provided for beginning fencers. Coach Gary van der Wege is a certified Fencing Master, six-time US National Champion and member of Team USA in Athens (2004) and London (2012).
Age: 9Y - 14Y
Day(s): Mon
Time: 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Location: Activity Center
Date(s): Nov 5-26
Dec 3-17
Fee: $37.50
Date(s): Sept 10-24
Oct 1-29
Jan 7-28
Feb 4-25
Fee: $75.00

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

San Marcos Youth Baseball Softball Association - SMYBSA
For more information visit: www.eteamz.com/sanmarcosyouthsports/
Children’s Park Playscape

205 S. CM Allen Parkway

The playscape is an accessible and inclusive place for children to play and exercise. It features a poured rubber safety surface, wide ramps throughout, a roller slide, 4 seat We-saw, Expression Swing, Liberty Swing, Omni Spinner, Team Swing, and a therapeutic seat on the Zip Krooze.
Visit our website for trail maps and full descriptions of natural areas.

Purgatory Creek Natural Area
Enter at 1414 Prospect, 1751 Valentina Way, or 2101 Hunter Road

- The largest natural area, in excess of 700 acres
- Ashe juniper groves, grassland meadows, ephemeral wetlands, oak mottes
- A favorite of mountain bikers and trail runners

Spring Lake Natural Area
Enter at 921 Aquaroma Spring Drive, 685 Lime Kiln Road, or 1414 Lime Kiln Road

- The second largest natural area, with 251 acres of undeveloped park land
- Located just above the headwaters of the San Marcos River
- More than 6 ½ miles of trails with elevation changes from the hillside down to the meadow
- A wide variety of flora and fauna, including large mammals

Ringtail Ridge Natural Area
Enter at 1814 Old Ranch Road 12

- 45 acres with ½-mile calciche trail circling three wet-weather ponds
- Additional 2 ½-mile single-track trails for beginner mountain bikers
- Stock ponds great for birding and bug walks

Schulle Canyon Natural Area
Enter at 100 Ridgewood

- 21 acres of natural parkland
- Includes a ½-mile, 6-foot wide accessible trail of crushed limestone
- Great spot for the beginner biker or person with limited mobility

Blanco Shoals
Enter at 1201 E. River Ridge Road

- 81 acres west of the Blanco River and east of IH-35
- No defined trails
- High bluffs and shoals
- Great for walking, birding

Sessom Creek Natural Area
Enter at 915 Chestnut Street

- 14 acres, one block from Texas State University
- Adjacent to Sessom Creek, which runs into the San Marcos River
- Two trails, one a woodland ramble, one a pedestrian path

We are creating a legacy of conservation for the health and vitality of our community that we hope will last for centuries. You can support this effort by donating or becoming a member.
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 protected
- Parking in designated parking spaces only
- Parking for park users only
- No fire wood 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
Event Volunteers Needed

Two-Stepping Around Texas 50+ Walking Program: Volunteers are needed to lead walks. Contact Nick Riali @ nriali@sanmarcostx.gov or 512.393.8275. (pg. 25) Days and times will vary beginning September 5–December 12.

San Marcos Neighborhood All-Star Games: We are having a good, old-fashioned field day! Teams are made up of neighborhoods in San Marcos. We need your help with set up, running the games, serving lunch, and clean up. (pg. 31) Date: September 22

Dances for Adults with Disabilities: Welcoming participants, selling concessions, mingling with participants, and clean up will be the duties involved. (pg. 12) Dates: October 19, December 14, February 15

Farmer Fred’s Harvest Fall Carnival: Fallen Carnival Prep Week – Help sort decorations, create signage and organize games. Dates: October 22-26 Carnival – Volunteers will assist with set-up, decorating, managing a game booth, distributing prizes and candy, and more. (pg. 14) Date: October 27

Veterans Day Parade: Come help decorate the courthouse lawn, set up for the parade, and serve breakfast. (pg. 33) Date: Nov 10

Thanksgiving Luncheon: Welcoming participants, serving food, mingling with participants, and clean up will be the duties involved. (pg. 23) Date: Nov 15

Party in Your Park: Assist with event set-up, monitoring games, serving snacks and refreshments, and event break-down. (pg. 34) Dates: November 16 and February 22

Sights & Sounds of Christmas Festival: Join us at this annual San Marcos holiday tradition. Volunteers can assist with various tasks, including but not limited to, serving hot chocolate, making cotton candy, Santa photos, entertainment, scavenger hunt, costumes, the Jingle Bell Run 5K, and more. Dates: November 28-December 1 and December 5-8

Holiday Movie in Your Park: Greet guests, serve cookies and hot cocoa, maintain the event area and assist with the photo booth. (pg. 15) Date: December 4

Golden Sweethearts Ball: Welcoming participants, serving food, mingling with participants, and clean up will be the duties involved. (pg. 16) Date: February 8

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.
THANK YOU

SAN MARCOS PARKS AND RECREATION WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF OUR SPONSORS AND PARTNERS FOR THEIR SUPPORT THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

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VISIT ALL THE
MURALS
OF SAN MARCOS

Discover hidden mini-murals and larger than life wildlife paintings scattered throughout San Marcos’ coolest art scene! Since 2014 San Marcos Mural Arts Program has been beautifying our city one mural at a time. SMMA works with local artists and business owners to create murals that cover graffiti hot spots in our town. For a slideshow of more awesome art and a map of locations check out the San Marcos Arts Website.

Stay up to date with the latest murals in progress and how YOU can help KEEP SAN MARCOS BEAUTIFUL.

www.sanmarcostx.gov/arts
COMMUNITY FORESTRY PROGRAM

TREE WALK & TALK

Tree ID Walk
Join the City Urban Forester for a tree identification and discussion about native trees for wildlife.
For more information contact keby@sanmarcostx.gov
10am-11am
Cost: Free
October 12 - Spring Lake Natural Area, 1414 North LBJ Dr.
November 9 - San Marcos Discovery Center, 430 Riverside Dr.

FRIENDS OF THE TREES

Help give 2-3 hours of service to provide some tree loving care (TLC) to help keep our public trees healthy and strong. Learn skills that you can take home with you to care for your own trees. These sites below were picked because there are playgrounds nearby. Kids need trees! Trees encourage outdoor play, teaching opportunities, and a wide variety of environmental benefits, including cool shade! Contact Kelly Eby at keby@sanmarcostx.gov to reserve your spot today. Some tools will be provided. Activities will vary by site and may include spreading mulch, pruning, planting, root collar excavations and more. No prior experience necessary.
Date: September 14th Where: San Marcos City Park, 170 Charles Austin Dr When: 9:30-11:30am
Date: October 19th Where: Skate Park, 627 E Hopkins Street When: 9:30-11:30am
Date: November 16th Where: Willow Springs Park, 325 Ellis Street When: 9:30-11:30am
Date: December 14th Where: Franklin Square Park, 1902 Bishop When: 9:30-11:30am
Date: January 11th Where: Conway Park, 504 Bliss Street When: 9:30-11:30am
Date: February 8th Where: Veramendi Plaza, 206 N CM Allen When: 9:30-11:30am

STAY TUNED TO THE COMMUNITY SERVICES FACEBOOK PAGE FOR UPCOMING TREE RELATED EVENTS IN NOVEMBER.
FALL RIVER CLEAN UP

Date: Saturday, October 6th
Sign in: 8:30am
City Park Rec Hall
(170 Charles Austin)
Clean Up: 9am-Noon
Clean up along and in the San Marcos River and its creeks.
Lunch: Noon-1pm

For more information, contact: Amy Kirwin
akirwin@sanmarcostx.gov
512.393.8419

Master Composter Training Course

Become a Master Composter by enrolling in the training course hosted by the City of San Marcos and Texas State’s Bobcat Blend!

For $20, the 20 hour course includes:
- 3 Textbooks
- Lectures and Discussion
- Hands on Training

The course is held over a two week period, three days a week

After completing the course, volunteer 20 hours of your new expertise to become a certified Master Composter!

Learn:
- Compost pile troubleshooting
- Compost methods and techniques
- Compost set up and maintenance
- Compost biology
- Compost analysis
- Compost application

Fall Class Schedule:
- October 15th, 17th, 22nd, 24th
  6pm-8:30pm
- October 20th, 27th
  9am-2pm

Where: San Marcos Discovery Center
430 Riverside Drive

To register or for more information, Contact: Amy Kirwin
akirwin@sanmarcostx.gov

LIVE THE LOOP
SAN MARCOS RESOURCE RECOVERY
CITY OF SAN MARCOS

COMMUNITY CONNECT BEAUTIFICATION TRAILER
Funded by the Community Enhancement Fee

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

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)

Grafitti Removal
Our Community Enhancement Techs remove grafitti 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

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Bring Your Best Friend to the Park

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!

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