



ACSD 2024 EXCURSIONS

GUIDED EXCURSIONS

Magnolia



Magnolia Market at the Silos is located in Downtown Waco. Enjoy the food trucks, bakery, coffee shop, and products created by Chip and Joanna Gaines. Located in the center of downtown, feel free to check out the Dr. Pepper museum, Spice Village, and the suspension bridge, all within walking distance!

ACSD Annual Golf Scramble



Participate in the ACSD Annual Golf Scramble! Take time to rest and relax by playing a round of golf hosted by Sammons Golf Course. Compete in 4 person teams against other conference attendees.

Baylor University



Enjoy a tour of Baylor University's new Mark & Paula Hurd Welcome Center, hear about their different programs and offerings, and end with a demonstration from their live mascots, Lady, Indy, and Belle!

Kayaking on Lake Belton



Take on the heat by exploring Lake Belton on a kayak or paddleboard. Cool off with a swim in the lake!



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SELF-GUIDED EXCURSIONS Belton

● **Nolan Creek**

A popular Belton destination for recreation in, around, and on the water. Its headwaters are a series of Springs located in the Fort Cavazos area.

● **Cochran, Blair & Potts, Inc.**

A family-owned business that sells boots and other merchandise since 1869 in Belton. It offers a diverse line of products, such as dry goods, gifts, and saddles to tailored clothing, suits, and boots.

● **Graley's Goodies**

Family-owned frozen yogurt and ice cream shop located in downtown Belton.

● **The Gin at Nolan Creek**

The Gin at Nolan Creek grills over an open fire, fed only by seasoned mesquite hardwood. Enjoy delicious mesquite-grilled meats and fresh, flavorful, homemade salad dressings, sauces, and desserts. Like the great state of Texas, The Gin is a melting pot of Southern tradition, western flair, and Tex-Mex.

● **Miller's Smokehouse**

A Texas Monthly Top 50 "Best in Texas" BBQ joint offers various carefully smoked barbecue, homemade desserts, and specialty coffee.

● **Heritage Park Disc Golf Course**

A retired golf course converted into an 18-hole course with four distinct layouts to challenge all skill levels. Tees are turf, dirt, and concrete—no entrance fee is required. Discs can be rented from the UMHB Campus Rec building.



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- **Summer Moon Coffee**

This locally-owned Belton coffee trailer is known for its unique Oak Roasted Coffee and signature sweet cream Moon Milk. A kid-friendly favorite for locals and students, Mobile Moon (Belton) features online order ahead and pet-friendly outdoor seating.

- **Summer Fun Water Park**

A family-owned business that treats others as they'd like to be treated. Bring your own food and drinks. Cooler fees apply. Adult Tickets - \$18 for a full day. Hours: 3 PM-6 PM.

- **Chalk Ridge Falls/ Miller Springs**

Located just about 10 minutes away from campus, this park is a favorite with nature lovers and waterfall chasers. This scenic park offers a peaceful escape with its lush woods, turquoise waters of the Lampasas Rivers, cascading waterfalls, and a network of hiking trails—no entrance fee required.



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Austin

- **Inner Space Cavern**

Hidden for over 10,000 years, Inner Space Cavern is one of the best-preserved caves in Texas. It was discovered by a Texas Highway Department core drilling team in the spring of 1963 and was opened to the public in the summer of 1966. Since then, hundreds of thousands of visitors have seen this beautiful cave. This fantastic cave has beautiful formations, large rooms, prehistoric animal bones, and a truly unique discovery story. It remains a constant 72 degrees (but feels like 80 degrees with the humidity). Cost: Adults: \$23.95, Children: \$17.95.

- **The Domain**

Situated in a beautiful park-like setting, The Domain features 100 upscale and mainstream retail stores and restaurants, almost half of which are exclusive within the market. A sampling of retailers includes high-end boutiques such as Louis Vuitton, Gucci, David Yurman, Golden Goose, Tiffany & Co., and Austin's only Neiman Marcus, as well as more traditional retailers like Zara, H&M, Aritzia, American Eagle Outfitters and more. Restaurants include favorites like True Food Kitchen, Gloria's Latin Cuisine, Plank Seafood Provisions, North Italia, and many more.



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● **Bat Tours**

Starting in late March and continuing through early fall, North America's largest urban bat population calls Austin home. The bats begin to wake up and start their night flight around sunset. The first few bats begin to trickle out from under the bridge. After the sun sets, the show begins, and hundreds to thousands of bats pour out and cascade East over Lady Bird Lake. The best time to witness the bats is sunset, but the nightly show can occur anywhere from 7:30 to 9:45 p.m. It can take as long as 45 minutes for all bats to exit the bridge for the night. Plan to arrive early to find parking and get your spot.

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● **Dr. Pepper Museum**

The home of the original Dr. Pepper Soda. You can learn the history of the drink and tour the museum. The price of admission includes a free Dr. Pepper at the Soda Fountain. Price of admission - \$10.

● **Cameron Park Zoo**

It is a 52-acre natural habitat zoo located within Cameron Park in Waco, next to the Brazos River. Established in July 1993, Cameron Park Zoo has lush native vegetation surrounding splashing waterfalls, a picturesque lake, and ponds. Admission is \$16.

● **Top Golf/ Main Event**

Sprawling entertainment venue with a high-tech driving range. Prices start at \$30 per hour for Top Golf and \$5 for mini golf.



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- **The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum**
Waco, Texas is the state-designated official historical center of the famed Texas Rangers law enforcement agency – Admission is \$10.
- **The Waco Suspension Bridge**
The oldest suspension bridge is still standing in Texas. Built in 1870, it was the first bridge across the Brazos River. This stunning bridge was built with cables supplied by John Roebling’s firm, which built the Brooklyn Bridge. Today, it is a pedestrian-only bridge and is a wonderful place to watch the river roll by.
- **Waco Axe Company**
Waco’s Number One Venue to throw axes, knives, big axes, stars, shovels, etc.! Prices start at \$20 per hour.