

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

EXPLORE UT

Join us for "The Biggest Open House in Texas" ★ SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2009 ★ 11 A.M. TO 5 P.M.



What is Explore UT?

Explore UT is a day when the doors of The University of Texas at Austin open wide to the people of Texas. It happens every year on the first Saturday of March.

We offer more than **400 activities** across the campus, allowing you to **experience** firsthand the vast world of **discovery** that is a part of daily life at the university.

Explore UT is free. It's open to everyone. It's perfect for families with children and for **explorers** of all ages. Come and join us for a day of **adventure, learning and fun.**

What can you do at Explore UT?

Be adventurous

Design a bridge, extract DNA, construct medieval shields, or learn how to order food in Italian.

See the university close up

Get your picture taken with Bevo, eat where UT students eat, or march with the Longhorn Band.

Join your kids in learning for fun

Build a fort, make *papel picado*, stir up a pharmaceutical compound, or watch robotic dogs play soccer.

With 400 activities, you won't be able to do them all. It's best if you plan in advance, using the list on the Explore UT Web site. Or you can simply wander the campus, choosing as you go along.

<http://www.utexas.edu/events/exploreut>



Where do I start?

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Explore UT Web site:

Use the Explore UT Web site to plan your visit in advance. The site contains a map and complete list of activities. Search by key word to find activities of interest. Create and print your own schedule online. In mid-February, you will be able to download the complete printed program from the Explore UT Web site.

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Printed program / list of activities:

The printed program contains a map in the center with colors that divide the campus into areas of interest called "realms of discovery." Select the "realm" – such as science, the arts, public service – you find most interesting. Turn to the pages with the corresponding color for a list of that area's activities. Color-coded Explore UT signs will help you find activities within buildings and outdoors.

3

Getting there:

Many schools in Austin and throughout Texas offer transportation to Explore UT on school buses. Check with your child's teacher to see if your local school has arranged a field trip, or come on your own with your family.



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Parking:

Arrive early and park free in three garages: the Trinity Garage, the Speedway Garage and the San Jacinto Garage. Follow signs guiding you to these garages, all easily accessible from Dean Keeton Street on the north side of campus. Additional parking is available for \$10 in the garages on the south side of campus accessible from Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

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Food:

Use the map to find food vendors, first aid, information booths and other services. You can buy lunch and snacks on campus or bring your own and have a picnic.

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Getting around:

To ease your travel around campus, hop on the Explore UT shuttle. See the Explore UT map for the route. The shuttle runs continuously throughout the day.

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Information Centers:

At the garage exits, look for volunteers wearing Explore UT T-shirts. They will guide you to the bright orange-topped tents that serve as Explore UT Information Centers. Here you can pick up a printed program with a list of all activities on campus.



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Grand finale:

Plan to end your day at 5 p.m. in front of the Tower for a "class photo" and free ice cream.



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Explore the realms

For Explore UT, the campus is divided into six "realms" of discovery. Each realm, listed below, appears in a specific color on the Explore UT map.



Arts Adventures:

Create a vision of the world through art, architecture and communication.



Cultural Crossroads:

Engage in the endless opportunities of the liberal arts, business and education.



Engineering Expeditions:

Embark on a journey to shape the world through engineering.



Longhorn Trail:

Travel the campus and discover what makes Longhorn life unique.



Public Service Passageway:

Chart a course of discovery into how society is enriched through the law, social work and public service.



Science Safari:

Search through the intricacies of science, find the fun of pharmacy, geosciences and other adventures.