

Little Hummingbird Society



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THIS BOOKLET BELONGS TO

WELCOME!

Your gift each month is helping Austin Parks Foundation build community and improve Austin's parks, trails and green spaces! This packet is a special Earth Day themed kit thanks to an Urban Forest grant from the City of Austin.

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ABOUT APF

Austin Parks Foundation supports parks of all sizes and in every area of Austin. We host volunteer days and free Movies in the Park. We help neighborhoods improve and fund their parks, and we help Austinites find ways to get involved in the future of our parks.

**As a member of Little Hummingbird Society
you'll get the following perks:**

- New activity packets, like this one, every season
 - Fun freebies like stickers, pencils and more
 - Special volunteer and educational events just for LHS members



EARTH DAY

Earth Day was created in 1970 to help us all remember how important nature, our planet and protecting our green spaces truly is. This year, Earth Day is on April 22nd. Use the space below to draw your favorite thing in nature to celebrate Earth Day. Be sure to send us a picture and use #kidsplusparks!

ADVOCACY

ad·vo·ca·cy | noun | public support for a cause

At APF we want all of our friends to become advocates and speak up for our parks. Here is JR's advice for how YOU can become a park advocate and celebrate Earth Day!



- 1) Join us at a volunteer day and invite a friend to come with you.
- 2) Read a book or watch a movie on the history of Earth Day.
- 3) Write a letter to your City Council Member with your parents sharing what you like about parks and open space, and why they're important to you.
- 4) Next time you're at your favorite park, ask your parents and friends to help you look for, pick up and properly dispose of any trash.

VOLUNTEER

As one of our LHS members you get to join us at volunteer projects made just for families! These projects are a great way for parents and kids to make an impact together in Austin's parks.

UPCOMING PROJECT DETAILS

First Saturday Volunteer Day | Saturday, April 6th

Join us for mulching and gardening at Williams School Park from 9am to noon! Details and registration at the link below.

austinparks.org/volunteer



EVENTS



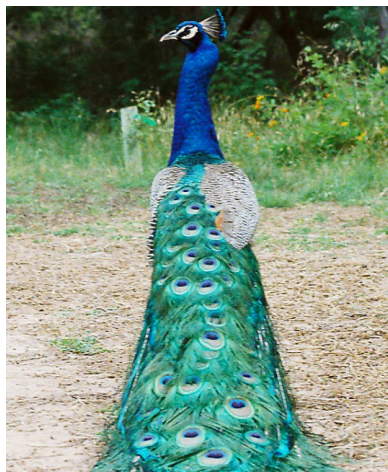
BILINGUAL STORY TIME

Join APF and Texas Book Festival for a special story time and day of fun. PLUS - exclusively for members - we'll host a special breakfast before the story!

Saturday, March 30th at West Austin Park

- 8:30 - 9:15am LHS Member Breakfast
- 9:30 - 10:30am Story Time and Activities

[AUSTINPARKS.ORG/CALENDAR](https://austinparks.org/calendar)



FAMILY HIKE AT MAYFIELD PARK

Join us at Mayfield Park and Preserve for a guided hike through the gardens, grounds and trails. Dress for the weather and come with your camera to capture Mayfield's iconic peacocks!

Saturday, April 13th, 9:00 - 10:30am at Mayfield Park

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MEET MALIHA

By Liz McGuire

For Maliha and her parents, Micaela and Rex, Saturdays are for volunteering. Not just some Saturdays, but every single one. As members of APF's Little Hummingbird Society, they are able to work alongside other families on projects that are specifically designed for young volunteers.

Maliha loves to get her hands dirty and has been known to climb right up to the top of a giant mulch pile. If you ask her about favorite memories from volunteer events, you will hear stories of dragging the mulch sleds, planting baby saplings and then naming them, and *"that one time there was water and we got mud all over us!"*

Volunteering with Little Hummingbird Society also guarantees that the project is family friendly. Micaela says her daughter makes a new friend at every event.

"Some organizations don't welcome kids or maybe don't allow kids under 12, so just being able to take Maliha with us is important," Micaela said. *"First of all, we're parents and we don't have the option of leaving her behind, but also we want to make her a part of what we're doing. She gets to grow up seeing the importance of these projects and seeing other children doing the same thing. We're building the next generation of volunteers."*





ID THAT TREE

Match the tree name below with the shape of its leaf!

BALD CYPRESS

COTTONWOOD

MEXICAN SYCAMORE

AMERICAN ELM

POST OAK



ANSWERS: 1) Mexican Sycamore 2) Cottonwood 3) American Elm 4) Bald Cypress 5) Post Oak
Leaf images courtesy Missouri Department of Conservation

POP QUIZ!

WHICH OF THESE TRASH ITEMS LASTS LONGEST?

Number the following from 1 to 12 based on which ones you think last the shortest to longest amount of time in a landfill before it breaks down. Help our parks by picking up litter when you see it, and be sure to put recyclables in the blue bins!

_____ Rubber sole of a shoe

_____ Cotton rag

_____ Plastic jug

_____ Paper bag

_____ Plastic 6-pack rings

_____ Banana

_____ Styrofoam cup

_____ Cigarette

_____ Aluminum can

_____ Leather boot

_____ Wool sock

_____ Tin can

ANSWERS: 1) Banana: 3 to 4 weeks 2) Paper bag: 1 month 3) Cotton rag: 5 months 4) Wool sock: 1 year 5) Cigarette: 2 to 5 years 6) Leather boot: 40 to 50 years 7) Rubber shoe sole: 50 to 80 years 8) Tin can: 80 to 100 years 9) Aluminum can: 200 to 500 years 10) Plastic 6-pack rings: 450 years 11) Plastic jug: 1 million years 12) Styrofoam cup: unknown/forever

SONGS + PARKS

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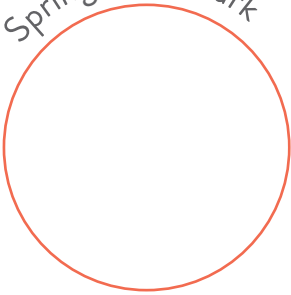
We recycle what we use;
Separate things - you should too!
Glass and paper, plastic, tin
Go in your recycling bin.
We must start now, we can't wait.
This is how we operate.



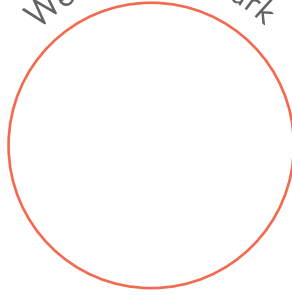
PASSPORT

Try to visit all of the fantastic playscapes below, and place a sticker when you go! Learn about how your membership is helping us make them better when you use our park search function at austinparks.org.

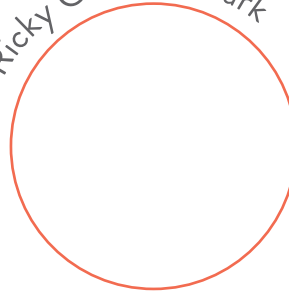
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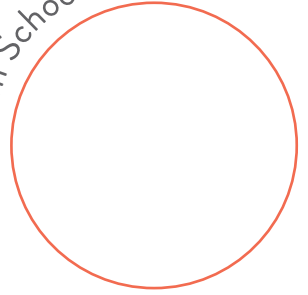
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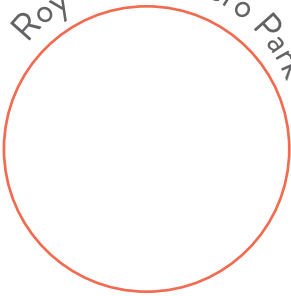
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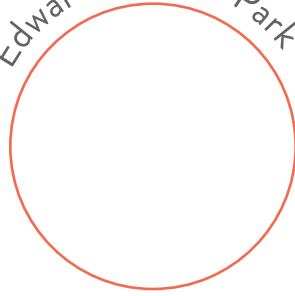
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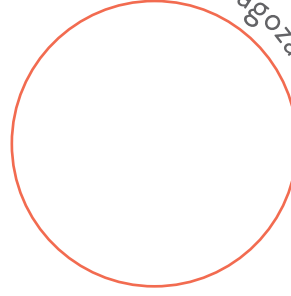
Roy G. Guerrero Park



Edward Rendon Park



Parque Zaragoza



Dove Springs Park



THANK YOU!

We want to say a special thanks to these Little Hummingbird Society supporters for their help with this activity packet plus the goodies in this season's kit. And to YOU for joining us!



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