

Little Hummingbird Society



Summer 2019

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THIS BOOKLET BELONGS TO

WELCOME!

Your monthly gift helps
Austin Parks Foundation build community and
improve Austin's 300+ public parks, trails and green
spaces! Enjoy this special pool-themed kit, just in
time for summer.

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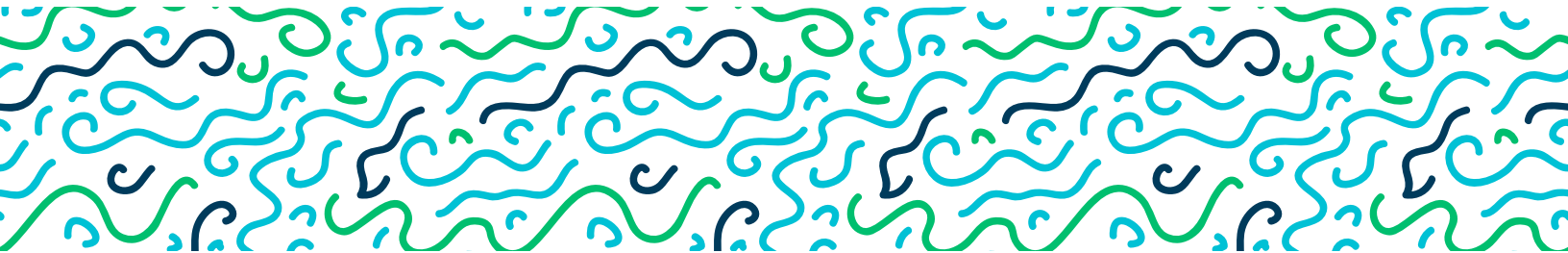
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ABOUT APF

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 (LHS),
you get the following perks:**

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



POOL SEASON

Summer means splash pads, sunshine and trips to your favorite pools! We want you to have a safe and fun summer, so we've filled this season's kit with fun pool-themed activities. Use the space below to draw your favorite summer activities for a chance to be featured on our social media and website! Email your finished drawing to development@austinparks.org or post on social with #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!



- 1) Use the next page to write a letter to your city council member about how important our parks and pools are to you.
- 2) Meet JR at our upcoming events and make a video we can share with city council. Check out pages 8-9 or visit austinparks.org/calendar for details.
- 3) Go on a hike and pick up trash for National Trails Day on June 1st.
- 4) Celebrate Austin's pools and join us at Forklift Danceworks' Givens Swims - a performance about our pools - July 19-28th.

SPEAK UP

Fill in the letter below and send it to your council member! Your voice makes a difference, and your elected officials want to hear from you. Find your council member's contact info at austinparks.org/advocate.

Dear Council Member _____ ,

My name is _____, and I'm one of your constituents. I'm writing to let you know that parks are important to me, and I want you to make sure they get the money they deserve as our city grows. Kids like me deserve great parks regardless of where we live. Parks are a place where I'm able to play, explore and be in nature. They also matter to me because _____

Thank you for all of your work, and please make sure our parks remain safe, fun places for me and kids throughout Austin!

Sincerely,



VOLUNTEER

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

UPCOMING PROJECT DETAILS

Bartholomew Park Spruce & Splash | Saturday, August 24th

Join us to spruce up Bartholomew Park with a trash pick up followed by play time at the splash pad.

First Saturday Work Days | June 1st, July 6th, August 3rd

Volunteer for one of our First Saturday Work Days. We feature different parks and projects every month!

Details and registration at austinparks.org/volunteer



EVENTS



MOVIES IN THE PARK

Come watch Angels in the Outfield, Space Jam and The Road to El Dorado completely FREE this summer.

Thursdays in June and July at parks across Austin

austinparks.org/movies



POOL MEET UP AT WESTENFIELD PARK

Join us at Westenfield Park to take a dip in the pool and play with your fellow Little Hummingbirds.

Saturday, June 22nd, 10:00am at Westenfield Park

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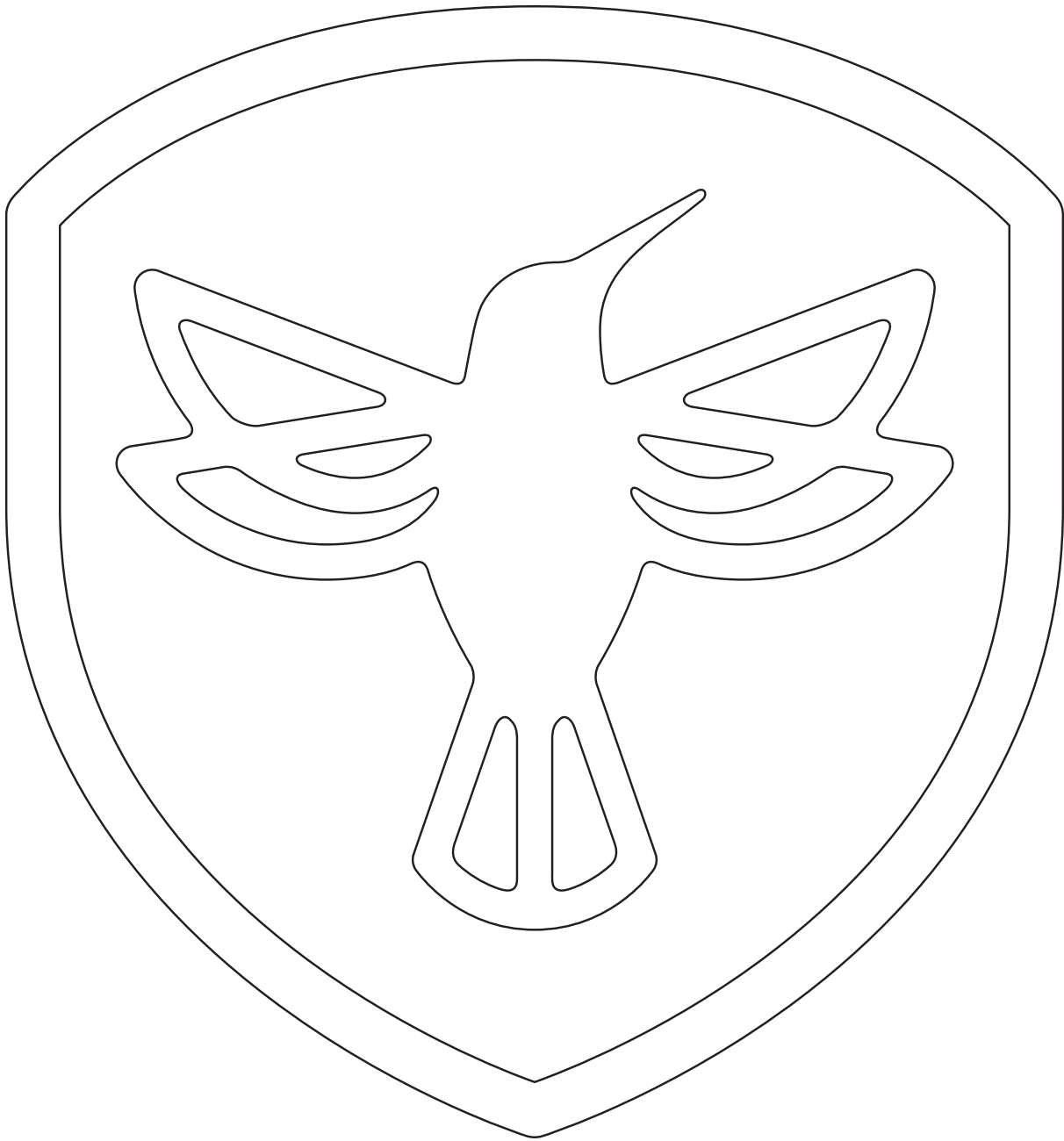
BILINGUAL STORYTIME

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

Saturday, July 20th at Rosewood Park

8:30 LHS Member Breakfast, 9:30 storytime, 10:30 swim

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Color the APF hummingbird for a chance to be featured on an upcoming cover!
Send completed images to development@austinparks.org by August 16th.

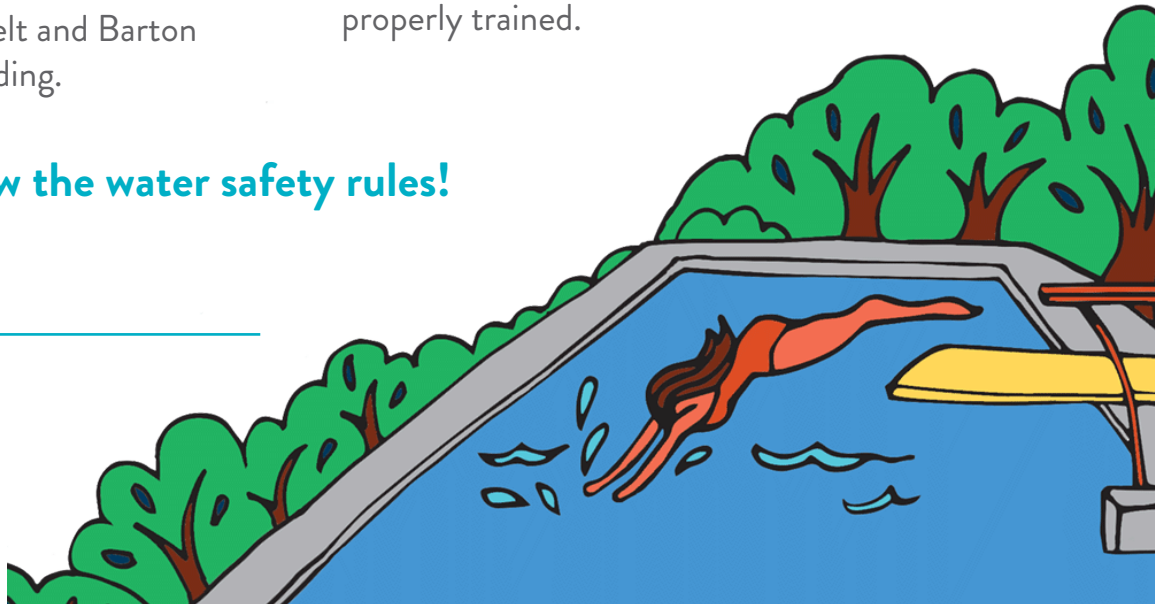
WATER SAFETY

Here are a few rules to follow when you're splashing this summer.

- 1) Never swim without an adult or lifeguard watching over you.
- 2) Always check to see how deep the water is before getting in.
- 3) Always walk, never run, near the pool or deep water.
- 4) Never swim during a storm.
- 5) Check with the City of Austin for closures of the greenbelt and Barton Springs Pool after flooding.
- 6) In natural waters, wear water shoes and watch out for snakes or loose rocks.
- 7) Don't play in rough water.
- 8) Never play in water runoff areas like ditches or retention ponds.
- 9) If you see someone that needs help in the water, get the attention of an adult, and try to get them a flotation device. Don't try to save them yourself unless you've been properly trained.

I promise to follow the water safety rules!

Your signature



MEET ASVINI



Asvini is a 10-year-old, award-winning, environmental hero. She implemented a battery recycling program in her home, school and then her community! Read below to learn more about Asvini and how she is saving our planet.

APF: When did you decide to advocate for the planet?

Asvini: In 2nd grade I learned that batteries have harmful chemicals that pollute our soil, water and air when we throw them in the landfill. This pollution is

not good for people, animals, birds and living things. From then on, I decided to do more to save the planet. I started small: like using less paper towels to dry my hands and encouraging others to reduce their paper usage. Now, I am working on advocating for the environment through my Environmental Talk (E-Talk) videos to explain the environmental issues we face and how we can solve them by doing small things daily like recycling.

APF: Why do you think it's important to take care of the earth?

Asvini: Earth is the only home we have. We kids are the future leaders of our world and can really make a difference by acting now to solve the world's tough environmental problems. We don't need to wait for adults to solve them! I want to inspire others to do a little more to save mother earth.

APF: What little things do you do every day to take care of the planet?

Asvini: I recycle properly, turn off lights when they aren't needed, and take reusable bags to the store.

APF: What advice would you like to tell other kids your age about how they can take care of the planet?

Asvini:

- 1. Participate in volunteer activities like tree planting, park, lake and river clean ups, or trail improvements.*
- 2. Recycle properly as much as you can.*
- 3. Spread the word - encourage your friends and family to do more to protect mother earth!*

Visit Asvini's project website to learn more about her efforts, view her E-Talk videos and learn how you can start saving the planet one step at a time.

www.asvinithivakaran.com



SUMMER SPORTS

Draw your favorite summer sport below for a chance to win a \$25 gift card from Academy Sports + Outdoors. Send your finished drawing to development@austinparks.org by August 16th, and we'll email the winner!

WORD SEARCH

WORD LIST

LIFEGUARD

SHALLOW

BUDDY

DEEP

SWIM

DIVE

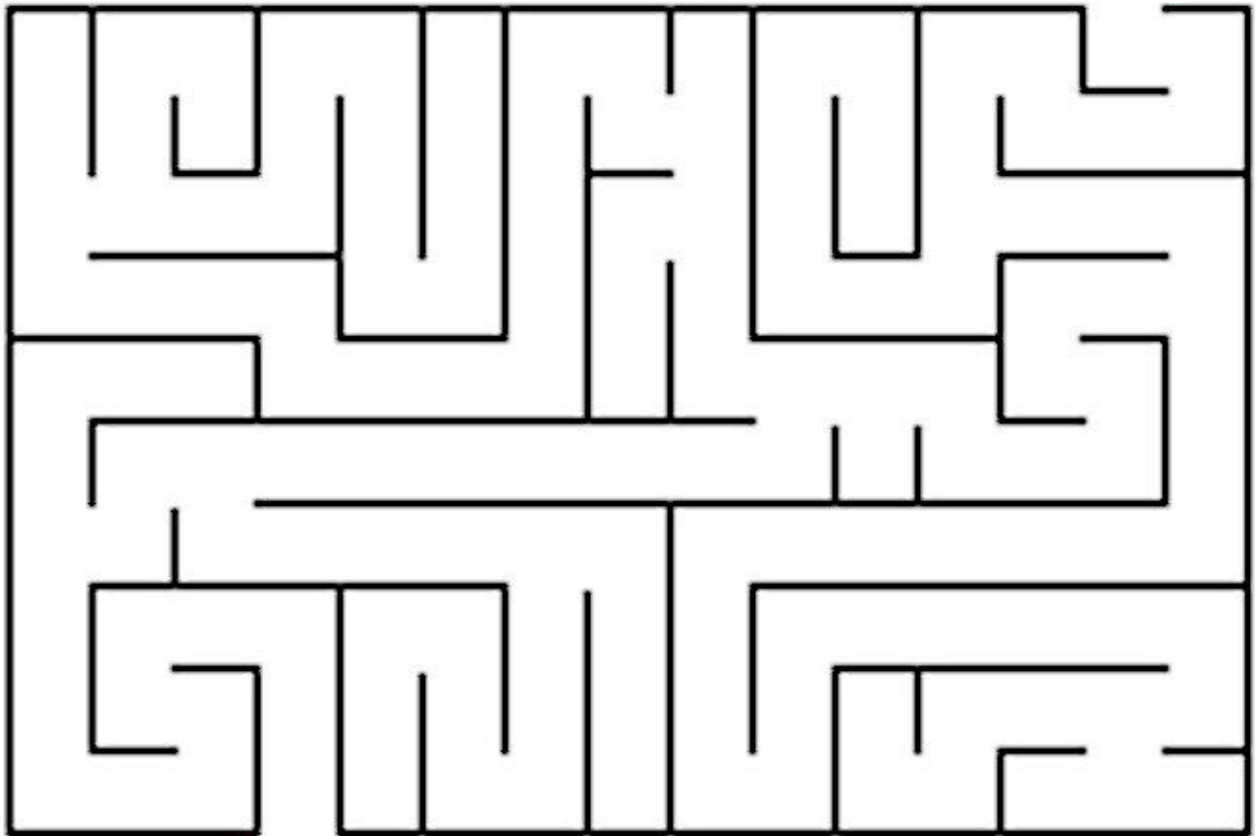
POOL



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A	Z	W	X	B	O
R	Q	E	I	P	W
D	I	V	E	M	C

POOL MAZE

Can you find your way home from the pool in the maze below?



HIDDEN MESSAGE

Fill in the blanks of these summer words to find the hidden message!

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1

C__MP
4

BARTON S__RINGS
2

__WIM
5

GOGG__ES
3

SUNS__INE
6

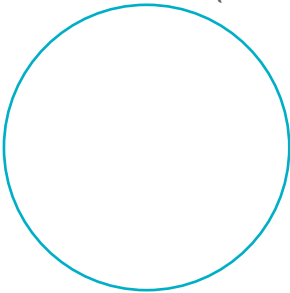
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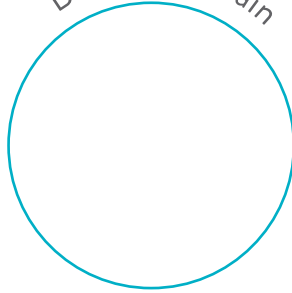
PASSPORT

Try to visit all of the splash pads below and place a sticker when you go! Post a picture of your finished passport on social media by August 16th with #kidsplusparks to enter for a chance to win \$25 to Academy Sports + Outdoors!

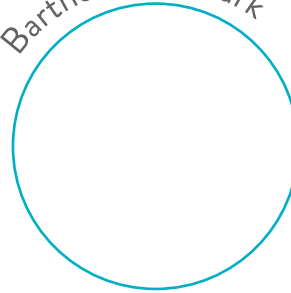
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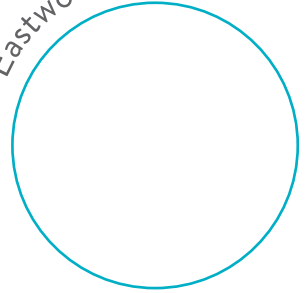
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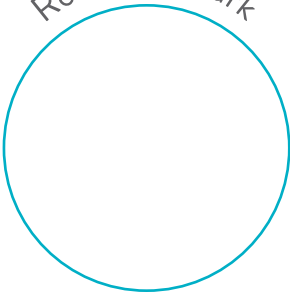
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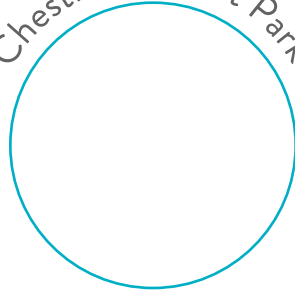
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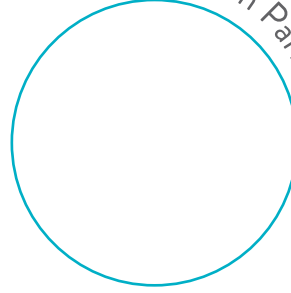
Rosewood Park



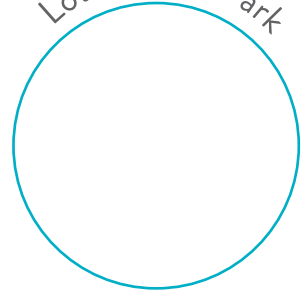
Chestnut Pocket Park



West Austin Park



Lott Pocket Park



Learn about how your membership is making these parks better when you use our park search function at austinparks.org/park-search.

THANK YOU!

We want to say a special thanks to these
Little Hummingbird Society supporters for their help
with this season's kit, and to YOU for joining us!

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