

# UBarU Summer Camps 2019

## About UBarU Summer Camps

UBarU Summer Camp programs offer the opportunity to experience the unconditional love and friendship of a Unitarian Universalist community through each of our week long sessions. Over 110 campers ages 9 – 19 years attend camp at UBarU each summer. Our mission is to provide a unique, faith-full environment for young people and families to experience liberal religious community, establish valuable relationships within the camping community, and facilitate personal growth through a variety of creative, safe, and challenging opportunities.

Each UBarU session is led by a minister, director of religious education, youth minister or experienced adult lay leader dedicated to enriching the lives of Unitarian Universalists. These session directors are assisted by paid and volunteer staff, all of whom bring a strong sense of love and caring for children and youth and for our Unitarian Universalist faith.

## Sessions

Dates	Camp Name	Age as of 06/01	Rising Grade
June 9– June 15	Beginner	9 – 11	4 – 6
June 16 –June 22	Intermediate	12 – 14	7 – 9
June 23 –June 29	Senior/Reeb	15 – 19	10- 2019 graduates

## **Camp Tuition**

Tuition is \$600-\$625 (before April 1, 2019) . Part of this includes a \$200 non-refundable deposit. Tuition includes lodging, food, supervision, programming, activities, all craft supplies, and a whole lot of fun.

## **Registration**

### **Electronic Registration**

To register your child for a session at UBarU Summer Camp go to <http://ubaru.org/home/SummerCamp/> click the “Register Here” button. Please note that a deposit of at least \$200 is required at the time of registration. **Your camper is not FULLY registered until we receive ALL the signed forms and full payment.**

All balances are due by April 1, 2019. Registrations received after April 1 are payable in full. No phone registrations will be taken.

**Space is limited and acceptance is granted on a first-come, first-served basis, based on electronic reservation, full payment and completed registration forms.** Campers whose registrations are incomplete may be placed on a waiting list if the session fills before all completed paperwork and full payment is received. The \$200 deposit is applied toward the total camp tuition and is a non-refundable, non-transferable deposit unless registration is denied due to lack of space. Refunds will be made of all money, less deposit, upon receipt of a physician’s authorization if a camper is ill and cannot attend. No refund will be given after a camper has arrived at camp. You will receive a confirmation letter after your camper’s registration has been processed. If you have questions regarding your camper’s registration, please contact us at [director@ubaru.org](mailto:director@ubaru.org) or at 830-460-6002.

### **Camper Profile**

In the Active registration process, there are questions to answer to ensure that counselors and staff are prepared to care for and minister to your child's specific needs. Please answer these with the most current information and with thoroughness. Knowledge of each camper's individual physical and emotional needs is paramount in equipping our staff to provide excellent quality of care. All information will be seen only by the appropriate counselors and staff and will be kept confidential. Please take great care and consideration when filling this form out. Non-disclosure of this information prior to your child attending camp may result in a camper being sent home from camp in which case, no refund will be given.

### **About Scholarships**

Please be sure to ask your minister, DRE, or church president about church scholarships first. More money is available when your church helps as well. Additional scholarships from UBarU are available based on need and availability of funds. Please be in communication with the Director ([director@ubaru.org](mailto:director@ubaru.org)) to let her know the status of the support from your local community. The scholarship application is an essential part of the request and should be completed through the Active website. Once the commitments have been made from UBarU, yourself and your congregation/cluster/other, the Director will convert your camper's registration from a scholarship application to a camp registration. You will receive notification of the completion of the registration via email.

### **Health and Safety**

Each camper's health and safety is important to us. We will have a designated Camp Health Officer on staff at each event to care for ill or injured campers and to distribute medicines. For the health and safety of every camper, please make sure to let us know of your camper's health issues, including severe allergies (by answering the questions at Active when camper is registered).

### **Arrival and Departure**

Check-in will occur from 4 – 5:30 p.m. at the UBarU Meeting House on the opening Sunday of each session. Please arrive during check-in hours only. Pick-up time is 10:30 a.m. with the option of arriving in time for closing worship (9:30 am) on the Saturday at the end of your camper's week. Please pick up your camper no later than 11:00 a.m.

### **Departure Procedure**

In order to insure the safety and security of our summer campers, the following procedure will be used for picking up campers. At registration, the name of the person authorized to pick up the camper at 10:30 a.m. on their departure day will be written on the registration master list. If unknown, the designated pick-up person MAY BE ASKED TO PRESENT PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION. If the person picking up your camper needs to change, please call UBarU at 830-460-6002. If there is any reason to suspect a person may attempt an unauthorized pick-up of a camper, please notify UBarU.

### **Camper Mail**

Mail is very important to your camper, especially those who are away from home for the first time. We encourage you to mail letters before the actual session begins (or not later than Wednesday), to assure the camper receives them. We can make no guarantee on postal delivery. If sending a package, please send with care understanding that "goodies" can sometimes negatively affect morale. All letter and packages must include:

Camper's first and last name  
UBarU Camp and Retreat Center  
277 U-Bar-U Drive  
Mountain Home, TX 78058

### **Phoning or Visiting**

We are fully conscious of our great responsibility in the care of your child. In the case of any emergency, either physical or otherwise, you will be notified promptly. We do not allow personal phone calls, either incoming or outgoing, or personal visitation during the camp session due

to the interruption to the schedule and the effect on camper morale. Please do not send cell phones with your non-Senior camper as they are prohibited and will be secured and returned upon departure on Saturday. If a serious concern arises, you may contact the Camp Director to discuss the situation.

Emergency Telephone Number:

UBarU 830-460-6002

### **Camp Property**

Responsible care of buildings, beds, doors, windows, trees, etc. is expected of all campers. Articles willfully destroyed will be charged to campers or their parents.

### **Everyone is Welcome!**

Rules for acceptance and participation are the same for everyone without regard to gender, ability, political belief, race, gender identity, sexual orientation or religion.

The **Reeb** camp has some policies designed to make camp comfortable and welcoming for all youth regardless of where they identify along the gender spectrum: We have gender- neutral bathrooms available. Both gender-neutral and gendered sleeping areas are available.

### **What to Bring**

Please pack enough clothes for the entire week. Laundry facilities are not available.

- Twin sheet set (with blanket) OR light sleeping bag
- Pillow and pillow case
- Hat
- Swim suit(s) and towel
- Laundry bag for dirty clothes
- Pajamas
- Shoes, including for hiking & river play (no open-toed, backless or sandals)
- Water shoes (which can be a second pair of athletic shoes)

- Large flashlight (with new batteries)
  - Rain poncho or jacket
  - Toilet articles (soap, shampoo, tooth care, etc.)
  - Towels and washcloths
  - Underwear and socks
  - Simple sports clothes (shorts, short-sleeved shirts, light colors)
  - Sunscreen
  - Sunglasses
  - Jeans and light long-sleeved shirt for service project
  - Insect repellent
  - Crummy clothes for messy events
- + If your child will need to take prescription or non-prescription medications while at camp, they will need to bring them with them in the bottle from the pharmacy or in the OTC packaging. Printed instructions from the parent included with the medications is very helpful as well. The medications will be kept in a safe location and distributed by the Camp Health Officer as you instruct. Any unused medication will be returned to you at the end of camp.
  - + If your child has particular dietary limitations which we may not be able to accomodate fully, you are welcome to bring food (labeled with camper's name) to supplement their diet during the week.

\*\* Optional items: journal, camera, stationery, envelopes and stamps, Frisbee. Senior Youth Camp only: money and contributions for auction.

### **What not to bring**

**All camps:** Knives, firearms, fireworks, aerosols, alcohol, drugs not prescribed to the camper, unnecessary non-prescription drugs, tobacco/vaping products, personal CD/DVD players, cell phones (for younger campers), DVDs, radios, curling irons, hot rollers, straighteners, food or drinks (see above for explanation of the food exception).

**Non-high-school camps:** iPods, money, gaming systems, CDs and tapes.

Please do not send valuable items with your camper. UBarU is not responsible for jewelry and other valuables or articles left or lost at camp. Campers are only allowed to drive personal automobiles if the parent has signed the “Youth Driving Permission” form found at <http://ubaru.org/home/SummerCamp> and it has been returned to [director@ubaru.org](mailto:director@ubaru.org) prior to the start of being at camp. Visitors are welcome on opening and closing days only. No visitors are allowed during camp sessions, except for senior bridging. Please refer to “Phoning or Visiting” above.

### **LOCATION**

277 U-Bar-U Dr Mountain Home, TX 78058

Use Thrill Hill Dr. in your GPS and camp is at the end of the road through the gate.

### **Faith Development**

Summer camp is loads of fun! And this is church camp, so we do spend some time learning about and going deeper into our faith. Most days include a “U3” (“U-cubed = UU & You) time exploring Our UU themes and values. Campers lead some worship services while the designated chaplain leads others. Our nightly camp meeting involves creating and discussing how we are living into our camp covenant.

### **A Day in the Life of a Beginner and Intermediate Summer Camper**

Wake up at UBarU camp is around 7:00-7:30 a.m. followed by breakfast at 8:00. After breakfast the campers spend a brief period of time on light cleanup of their cabins and the campsite. Each day begins with a short worship service, led by either the chaplain or the campers themselves, with time in small groups afterward. The rest of the morning is spent participating in outdoor activities, spiritual development, arts and crafts, and nature discovery programs.

Lunch is served at noon, followed by “turtle time”, a period for rest, reading, and reflection. The heat of the afternoon is spent indoors playing games, doing arts and crafts inside and outside in our new ArtSpace, and having fun “hanging out” together. Around 4:00 we go to

the tank for a swim, then spend time learning about Unitarian Universalism. Days also include many special activities – possibilities include a ropes course, canoeing, geocaching, river tubing on the South Llano River, swimming in the Guadalupe River, and a hike up Enchanted Rock.

Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. Each night after supper, an all-camp meeting is held to reflect on how well we have all been living up to our camp covenant. The evening program includes such activities as on-site service projects, evening worship, small group time, challenge games, talent show, skit night, astronomy, night hikes, campfire, and maybe a dance. Lights out happens no later than 10:30 p.m.

### **A Day in the Life of a Senior/Reeb Summer Camper**

Each day at the senior camp is a unique and enriching experience. Every day will include three meals at 8:30 a.m., noon and 6:30 p.m., and various community building and spiritual activities throughout the day. The activities to look forward to include: powerful worship services twice a day, workshops (ranging from crafts and discussion groups to meditation and drum circles), exploration of religious and social issues, camp-wide special events and community building activities, dances, camp-wide social action, bonding times with cabin groups, cabin competitions (anything from a cook-off to a dance-off), an auction where proceeds go to charity (feel free to bring something to contribute!), ultimate Frisbee, campfires, and much, much more.

What makes this camp unique is that the programming is planned and executed by a staff of youth and adults who work together to make the week as inspiring and meaningful as possible.