

UBarU Summer Camps 2020

contact info: director@ubaru.org and 830-460-6002

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 100 campers ages 9 – 18 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 camp session is facilitated by a minister, director of religious education, youth minister or experienced adult lay leader dedicated to enriching the lives of Unitarian Universalists who works with 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 09/01	Rising Grade
June 8-14	Primary	9 – 11	4th- 6th
June 15 -21	Intermediate	12 – 14	7th-9th
July 19-25	Senior	15 – 18	10th-just graduated

Please read this entire document as it provides important information.

Camp Tuition

Early Bird tuition is until April 27th midnight then price will increase. 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. Early bird costs are \$600 for Primary and Intermediate camps, \$625 for Senior camp.

Registration

Electronic Registration

To register your child for a session at UBarU Summer Camp go to <http://ubaru.org/camps/> 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.**

Active will send a reminder of balance due or you can log in to your account for that information. The dates of payment depend on the camp you have registered for this year.

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 email after your camper’s registration has been processed. If you have questions regarding your camper’s registration, please contact us at director@ubaru.org or at [830-460-6002](tel:830-460-6002).

Camper Profile

The camper profile in Active is used to ensure that counselors and staff are prepared to care for and minister to your child’s specific needs. 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. If you need to edit your camper’s profile, log in to Active and make the needed changes as well as upload the immunization information. If you have trouble uploading and editing information in Active,

please email director@ubaru.org for assistance or to send the pertinent information.

About Scholarships

Please be sure to ask your minister, Cluster, DRE, or church president about church scholarships first. Limited additional scholarships from UBarU are available based on need and availability of funds. The scholarship application is an essential part of the request and should be completed at the Active registration site. A \$100 application fee, which will be applied to camp tuition, is expected at time of application. Your camper will be manually registered once the scholarship funds have been confirmed. Please be in contact with Robyn at director@ubaru.org regarding commitment of funds from your church, etc. If you live in North Texas area, scholarship go to NTUUC.org/RegAssist and fill out their form.

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. We follow the Southern Region UU Protection Policy which can be reviewed at www.uuasouthernregion.org. Look for the link at the very bottom of that page!

Senior campers are allowed to drive personal automobiles after approval has been received (in writing) from parents. A permission form must be completed and returned to help ensure the safety of the teen driver. See the UBarU website for the form. Email director@ubaru.org to return the necessary form. Thank you.

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). Please pick up your camper no later than 11:00 a.m. A bridging ceremony for the high school graduates occurs on the last morning of camp at the outdoor chapel (usually, weather-dependent). Please arrive by 9:30 to allow time to walk to the chapel and attend this important ritual.

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 may be 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 Primary or Intermediate camp aged child as they are strictly prohibited and will be confiscated and only 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 Programs Director 919-450-7212 (cell)

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 **Senior** camp has some policies designed to make camp comfortable and welcoming for all youth regardless of where they identify along the gender spectrum. Please contact Director@ubaru.org to discuss the particular needs of your Senior camper.

What to Bring

Please pack enough clothes for the entire week. Laundry facilities are not available. Campers will be provided with a UBarU t-shirt, bandana and water bottle at check-in.

- Twin sheet set (with blanket) OR light sleeping bag
- Pillow and pillow case
- Hat
- Swim suit(s)
- Life jacket if that is important for your camper to enjoy the pool
- Laundry bag
- Pajamas
- Close-toed Shoes (no open-toed, backless or sandals)
- Water shoes for walking to/from pool and while in pool (if preferred)
The pool bottom is rough and can scrape toes.
- Large flashlight (with new batteries)
- Rain poncho or jacket in the event of rain
- 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 (Senior campers only)
- Insect repellent
- Crummy clothes for messy events
- Small backpack or fanny pack for having necessary items with camper during the day and across various locations
- Books, items for indoor free time that camper might enjoy

- If your child will need to take prescription or more unusual 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 as the spreadsheet (see <https://ubaru.org/home/SummerCamp>) . 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. Senior Youth Camp only: iPods (for use only for community music), money and contributions for auction.

What not to bring

All camps: Knives, firearms, fireworks, aerosols, alcohol, drugs, non-prescription drugs, tobacco products, e-cigarettes or vaping devices/ paraphenalia, personal CD/DVD players, DVDs, radios, curling irons, hot rollers, straighteners.

Non-high-school camps: cell phones, 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. Visitors are welcome on opening and closing days only. No visitors are allowed during camp sessions. Please refer to "Phoning or Visiting" above.

LOCATION

UBarU Camp and Retreat Center is a wildlife preserve in the rugged ranch land of the Texas Hill Country, near Kerrville. It is 142 acres of prairie grasses, live oaks, and wild animals. There is a limestone rock swimming tank, a tree house, two labyrinths, a campfire ring, and lots of room for Frisbee, bocce ball, and other outdoor games. The staff provides bountiful, nutritious and yummy food. Linens are **not** provided. See www.ubaru.org for more information.

STAFF

Executive Staff: UBarU Executive Director is Robyn Stout.

Children's Camp Staff Co-Managers: Tavis McGeachin & Aija Duelm

Senior (Reeb) Camp Staff: Donna Harrison & Ondrea Hermerding will serve as managers, the leadership team directing the senior camp.

At all camps, we have adult counselors as well as the Camp Health officer, chaplain and kitchen staff to support the needs of the campers. For the Primary and Intermediate camps, Junior Counselors play a crucial role in making camp a meaningful and safe experience while giving the youth leadership and volunteer experience.

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 includes a "U3" ("U-cubed = UU & You) time exploring Our UU themes and values and a spiritual gathering (worship). 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 by 10:30 p.m. or 11:00 depending on camp.

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.

Thank you for supporting UBarU and our youth!

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