

Parish Group Summer Social Ideas

Active

1. **Austin Bouldering Project** -- Fun for all ages. <http://austinboulderingproject.com/>.
2. **Barton Springs Night Swim** -- It's free!
3. **Bowling Night** -- Blacklight or other.
4. **Dancing at the Broken Spoke**
5. **Hiking** -- Green Belt, Enchanted Rock, State Parks, etc.
6. **Kickball Tournament** -- Parish Group vs. Parish Group or take on another church, like All Saints!
7. **Peter Pan Mini-Golf** -- Maybe even grab snow cones after!
8. **Sand Volleyball at Pease Park**
9. **Top Golf**

Destination Socials

1. **Blue Hole in Wimberley** -- Enjoy this beautiful swimming hole 45 minutes away.
2. **Camping Trip**
3. **Day Trip to Fredericksburg** -- Eat at local restaurants, shop, hike Enchanted Rock, etc.
4. **Floating/Tubing the Guadalupe River**
5. **Hill Country Winery Tour**
6. **Gruene Hall** -- Concert and dancing at Gruene Hall. You could consider pitching in to rent a charter bus. Maybe dine at the Gristmill beforehand.
7. **Hamilton Pool** -- Another gorgeous swimming spot just 45 minutes away.
8. **Jester King Brewery** -- They also have great food and yard-games.
9. **Lake Travis Day** -- Either on a boat or at a dock. Picnic or eat out nearby. Bring yard-games.

General Entertainment

1. **Alamo Drafthouse** -- Especially check out the Signature Series, which includes quote-alongs, sing-alongs, and fun food and drink pairings.
2. **Baseball Games** -- University of Texas Longhorns or Round Rock Express.
3. **Blanton Museum** -- Especially Third Thursdays: a free, monthly themed event that features extended hours (until 9 PM), multiple programs including Yoga in the Galleries, tours, etc.
4. **Blues on the Green** -- Austin's largest free concert series.
5. **Brewery Visits/Tours** -- Visit Live Oak, Austin Beerworks, Hops & Grain, Adelbert's, (512) Brewing Company, Independence Brewing Co., Circle Brewing Company, Zilker Brewing Company, South Austin Brewery, Rogness Brewing, et. al.
6. **Duck Boat Adventure** -- Especially fun for families with kiddos.
7. **Escape Room** -- Live group game.
8. **First Thursdays** -- On South Congress. Food, music, and shopping.
9. **Lake Austin Party Boat** -- Some even have slides built on.
10. **Live Music** -- Duh.

11. **Parish Group Babysitting Swap** -- One Parish Group watches the kids of another Parish Group so they could go out and do something fun.
12. **Pottery Class at Ceramics Bayou**
13. **Segway Tour**
14. **Thinkery 21** -- Once a month on first Thursdays. After hours at the museum for adults only. Food and beverages for sale. You must purchase tickets. Fun and really easy to invite other couples and singles outside of church.
15. **Young Adult Game Night** -- Board and/or video.
16. **Zilker Hillside Summer Theatre**

Local Meet-ups and Meals

1. **Dog Meet-up Night** -- Start at Zilker then go get food afterwards at Shady grove, with dogs.
2. **Mount Bonnell Saturday Morning Meet-up** -- Maybe plan a picnic brunch and short devotional. Or just hike and enjoy the view together!
3. **Neighborhood Pool Meet-ups** -- Order pizzas and meet up with friends at a pool/splashpad on weekday evenings. Fun for families, couples, and singles.
4. **Picnic at Capitol Building** -- Bring a frisbee, football, and/or yard-games.
5. **South Congress Meet-up** -- Eat together at a restaurant and walk around the shops.
6. **Whole Foods Rooftop Dinner** -- Have a tapas dinner on the roof of Whole Foods downtown and everybody grab a different dish to share.

Outside

1. **Backyard Story Night** -- Make a fire, have a couple people prepare ahead of time to share a meaningful or funny story, and allow some time for response/discussion. Open the floor for others to share a story if they would like. Kind of like the Moth Radio Hour on NPR.
2. **Barton Springs Pool**
3. **Blues on the Green** -- Austin's largest free concert series.
4. **Concert in the Park** -- Musicians in our church and maybe some of their other musician friends could perform a concert. You could even sell food and beverages and give the proceeds to a local charity.
5. **Free Yoga** -- Led by instructors from our church, but open to the public.
6. **Hiking City Park** -- With dogs and kids! An easy trail winding around a creek.
7. **Mount Bonnell**
8. **Neighborhood Pool Meet-ups** -- See above.
9. **Outdoor Movie Night** -- Nate Oinonen has a projector and a blow-up screen. You could set it up either in a park or in someone's back yard or maybe at a park and play a classic flick while giving out popcorn, etc.
10. **Picnic at Capitol Building**

Parties

1. **Crawfish Boil** -- Do it in someone's front yard and invite the neighbors!
2. **Ice Cream Party** -- Everybody brings a different flavor.
3. **Lake Austin Boat Party** -- Rent a party boat. Some even have slides built on.
4. **Progressive Dinner** -- Include neighbors who are not a part of G+P!

5. **Summer Festival** -- Rent some blow-up toys for the kids to play on along with clowns, etc. and invite the whole neighborhood out for the fun.

Service

1. **Food banks/kitchens** -- Serving, packing, and/or donating food.
2. **Mobile Loaves & Fishes** -- Take a group to the Community First! Village, or other opportunities to serve with them this summer.
3. **Help with household/yard projects** -- Serve your Parish Group members or friends/neighbors by helping with house projects.

Summer Clubs

1. **Backyard Story Club** -- See above. You could make it a bi-weekly thing.
2. **Board-game Club** -- You could even keep records of the results from each gathering for a prize at the end of the summer.
3. **Book Club** -- Organize one for the summer. Maybe read a classic together and discuss the spiritual themes within and implications for life in our city.
4. **Dinner Club**
5. **Running Group**