TDG Camp policies and FAQs:

- Pre-care drop off is at 8am. $25/week. (Pre-care is only available for week long camps)

- Post-care pick up is at 5:30pm. $35/week. Any pick up after 5:30 will incur a $1/minute additional fee to be paid after session via invoice from TDG. (Post-care is only available for week long camps)

-Ages are camper’s age at the time of camp.

-Each week-long camp includes field trips to other Fair Park attractions: Children’s Aquarium Dallas, African American Museum, Big Tex Urban Farms, and South Dallas Cultural Center.

-Lunch and an afternoon snack are provided daily. We will provide a daily menu at least one week before camp starts. There will be no substitutions available. If your child cannot or will not eat the provided food, please pack food for them that does not need to be heated, but can be refrigerated. Food must be contained and clearly labeled with camper name.

-Each day will include mindfulness activities like breathing exercises and stretching. We will incorporate mindfulness into everyday activities like eating, walking, listening, and interacting with others.

-After enrolling, you will receive an informational email about pick-up, drop-off, and parking information.

-TDG reserves the right to cancel or change any program for reasons we deem appropriate.

-All participants must be completely toilet trained. This means requiring no assistance in the restroom and being fully able to manage their clothing in the restroom. If your child is still wearing pull-up style diapers, they are not completely toilet trained.

-Who can I contact during the day if I need to speak to my camper or camp staff? Please call TDGs front desk at 214-428-7476 x341 between 10am-5pm.

-Waitlist: If the camp you want is sold out, please email education@txdg.org to reserve a spot on the waitlist. We will not take anyone’s waitlist information over the phone, as we need the emailed timestamp to know when each person signed up for the list.

Include the following information with CAMP WAITLIST as the email subject:
Your name
Your phone number
Which camp you are interested in
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What to wear to camp:
All programs take place rain or shine. Most programming will take place outside, so please dress campers accordingly. Please wear closed-toed shoes since we will be walking around quite a bit. Wear clothes that campers can get dirty both outside and with craft materials.

What to bring to camp:
A re-usable water bottle with the camper's name clearly labeled on it.
Apply bug spray and sunscreen before camp if you choose to do so. Pack bug spray and sunscreen if your child can apply it themselves in the afternoons.
A jacket if your child gets even a little bit cold. Some activities may take place indoors with air conditioning.
A bag clearly labeled with your student's name to contain things they've brought with them.
A full list will be provided in the weeks leading up to camp. No personal items will be left at TDG overnight. Everything goes home with them at the end of the day.

What not to bring to camp:
No weapons of any kind.
No unnecessary electronics. If your child needs a phone, please put any phones on silent during camp. Phones and electronics will be stowed away during camp hours, including before and after care.
Do not bring anything irreplaceable. TDG cannot be responsible for damage caused to items.
No animals.

Example schedule:
8-9:20am Pre-care activities- Free play: color/draw/read
9:20-9:30am Check-in
9:30-10am Circle Time: Camper intro and feelings check
10-11:45am Camp specific activities
11:45am-12:15pm Lunch
12:15-1pm Free play at the Natural Playscape
1-2:45pm Camp specific activities and/or Field trip to Fair Park Partner
2:45-3pm Snack
3-3:30pm Clean Up and Wind Down
3:30-3:40pm Pick up
3:30-5:30pm after care activities- Free play: color/draw/read
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Cancellation and Refund Policy: Camp fee is due at least two weeks before first day of camp. You are not fully enrolled in camp until the fee is paid. Camps are contingent upon a minimum of 5 children per session. Texas Discovery Gardens reserves the right to cancel a camp at any time up until one week prior to the start of the camp. All camp sales are final. No refunds will be issued for any reason after camp has begun, unless camp is cancelled by TDG. Cancellations two weeks or more before start date will receive a refund less 20% processing fee. No fees will be refunded if registration is cancelled less than two weeks before the start date. TDG vouchers for other programs or events may be issued on a case by case basis. TDG reserves the right to cancel or change any program for reasons we deem appropriate. In the event that we cancel your program, a full refund will be issued and individuals will be contacted directly.

Liability/Emergency: While my child is participating in Texas Discovery Garden Camp, I agree to assume full responsibility for such participation and release Texas Discovery Gardens from liability for any and all personal injuries and/or property damage or loss which I, or my child, may sustain thereby.

In the event of an emergency, I give my permission for the staff and/or volunteers of Texas Discovery Gardens to obtain emergency medical treatment for my child. I understand that, if necessary, my child will be transported by ambulance to the nearest emergency medical facility. I agree that any cost incurred for any transportation and/or treatment will be my responsibility. I give my permission to Garden staff to provide my child minor first aid treatment should the need arise until I can be notified and/or other higher level medical care is available.

COVID Protocols: TDG will adhere to CDC recommendations at the time of camp. While masks are currently optional, we reserve the right to require masks inside based on any changes. Updates will be sent as they become available. We will try to host much of camp outside to mitigate risk. If your child or anyone in your household is experiencing any COVID symptoms or has tested positive for COVID, please contact us immediately.

Health and special illness:
Please keep children home if they have a fever of 99.9°F or more, skin rash, and/or discharge from the eyes, ears, nose, or any other visible signs of illness. Children may return to camp after they have been free of fever for 3 days, free of other symptoms for 24 hours, and/or have been to the doctor and the doctor has cleared the child to return. If you have visited the doctor, please bring a note from the doctor stating that your child is cleared to come back to camp. We record attendance each day, so please call or email us if your child will not be attending camp because of illness or other reasons.
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In the event your child becomes ill at TDG or has an accident that requires a doctor’s attention, we will notify you immediately. If you cannot be reached, we will call the individuals listed on your emergency form. For the comfort and wellness of your child, we will expect you to pick your child up within one hour of that call. If a child has an accident that causes a scrape, bump, etc., we will take care of the injury and notify you when you pick up your child or by phone the same day.

**Behavior expectations:** Campers are expected to follow staff instructions, respect one another, and respect TDG property at all times. Violence is not tolerated at camp, and intentionally hurting another person on-site will result in automatic dismissal from camp without a refund. Other forms of disruptive behavior will be handled on a case by case basis. TDG reserves the right to contact parents directly or dismiss a camper from the program if repeated offenses are observed.

**Class size and camper to adult ratio:** Camps will have no fewer than 5 campers and no more than 20 campers. We will maintain a 10 to one camper to student ratio. Campers will be supervised at all times during camps.

**Contact:** Who can I contact during the day if I need to speak to my camper or camp staff? Please call TDGs front desk at 214-428-7476 x341 between 10am-5pm. Front desk staff will be able to relay any message to the appropriate person. For anything not included in that time, call 214-428-7476 x270 to leave a message with the Education Director. Calls and messages within 10am-5pm to x270 will not be answered during that time frame while camp is active.