Shadow a Scientist Program

Communication Plan
Summer 2019
Welcome

Shadow a Scientist is a free summer program that pairs two middle school students with a UT scientist. The experience is meant to help young students understand what it truly means to be a scientist and increase their understanding and enthusiasm for science.

Camp Contact Information

Program Director: Dr. Greg Clark (gbclark@utexas.edu, 512-467-0145)

Emergency Contact Information

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Contacting Campers (Emergency)

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Camp Location

University of Texas
205 W. 24th Street
Biological Laboratory Building RM 6
Austin, TX 78373

Shadow a Scientist Schedule

One Wednesday afternoon from 2-4pm.

Check-In

Students must be dropped off by a parent or guardian or a parent/guardian-approved adult. Parents/guardians must provide written consent allowing their child to be dropped off by another adult.

Checkout

Students must be picked up by a parent or guardian or a parent/guardian-approved adult. Parents/guardians must provide written consent allowing their child to be picked up by another adult.
Transportation to the University

Parents are responsible for dropping off and picking up their student and must submit the Transportation form.

Parking

Parents can park near 24th Street and Whitis in any available pay parking spots.

Getting Around the University

Students will be escorted to and from the labs by Shadow a Scientist staff.

Directions

The drop-off and pick-up location is the Barbara Jordan statue at 24th Street and Whitis.

Required Camp Forms

Required camp forms are available on the Shadow a Scientist website.

Returning Camp Forms

Completed forms must be returned to Greg Clark before students can participate.

Medical Care

Parents are required to provide information about any outstanding medical conditions that require additional care on the Youth Protection Program medical form. Full-time program staff are CPR and First-Aid certified. First Aid and emergency equipment are available on-site.

Medications

Parents are required to provide information about any medications students must receive.

Parent Visits

Parents are not permitted to visit.
ADA Accommodations

Parents are required to provide information about outstanding student disabilities that program staff must be aware made aware of.

What to Wear

• Long pants/skirt
• Closed-toed shoes

Youth Protection Program

All summer programs involving minors at The University of Texas at Austin follow guidelines set forth by the Youth Protection Program (YPP). The purpose of the YPP is to promote the safety of minors participating in camps or programs on university premises or participating in those programs sponsored or supported by the University. All camps and programs work closely with the YPP Manager to ensure that every program operates in accordance with all of the university’s policies, rules and regulations, as well as the laws of The State of Texas regarding the safety of minors. More information about the YPP is available online at www.youthprotectionprogram.utexas.edu, and questions can be directed to the YPP Manager at ypp@utexas.edu.

Campus Concealed Carry

On June 1, 2015, Gov. Greg Abbott signed S.B. 11, also known as the "campus carry" law. S.B. 11 provides that license holders may carry a concealed handgun throughout university campuses, starting Aug. 1, 2016. The law gives public universities some discretion to regulate campus carry.

The University of Texas at Austin and President Gregory L. Fenves take issues surrounding guns on campus very seriously and will strive to create policies that conform to the new law, protect the rights of citizens and ensure the safety and security of the entire campus.

S.B. 11 provides that after consulting with students, staff and faculty regarding "the nature of the student population, specific safety considerations and the uniqueness of the campus environment" the university may enact reasonable rules and regulations regarding:

• carrying of concealed handguns by license holders on campus; and
• storage of handguns in dormitories or other residential facilities
The law stipulates, however, that these rules and regulations may not either "generally prohibit" or "have the effect of generally prohibiting" license holders from carrying concealed handguns on campus.

The purpose of the Youth Protection Program (YPP) is to protect all minors in their university-sponsored activities and interactions involving members of The University of Texas at Austin community. Pursuant to S.B. 11 (the “Campus Carry Law”), the YPP Policy prohibits the carrying of a concealed handgun by any person involved in a University of Texas at Austin camp/program for minors. This Policy also applies to parents and guardians who are visiting or transporting a participating minor to and from camps/programs at The University of Texas at Austin.

“PURSUANT TO SECTION 30.06, PENAL CODE (TRESPASS BY LICENSE HOLDER WITH A CONCEALED HANDGUN), A PERSON LICENSED UNDER SUBCHAPTER H, CHAPTER 411, GOVERNMENT CODE (HANDGUN LICENSING LAW), MAY NOT ENTER THIS PROPERTY WITH A CONCEALED HANDGUN”

Please see the Campus Carry Implementation (www.campuscarry.utexas.edu/) website for more information.

**Social Media Communication**

Designated individuals will set their social media accounts to private for the duration of the camp. Personal emails, text messages, phone calls, and private social media communications with campers are not allowed.

**Post Camp Communication**

Campers may stay in contact with the camp director, faculty or staff via the camp/program social media accounts on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. Personal emails, text messages, phone calls, and private social media communications with camp staff and faculty are not allowed.