



*Academic Leadership Camps for
Outstanding 4th-8th Graders*

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Frequently Asked Questions

Who is Education in Action?

Education in Action is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to empowering young people to be informed and active leaders in their communities. Education in Action fulfills this mission by providing the Lone Star Leadership Academy camp experience for young Texas leaders.

What is the Lone Star Leadership Academy?

Lone Star Leadership Academies are weeklong (Sunday-Friday), overnight summer camps for outstanding Texas 4th-8th graders. Camps are offered in Dallas/Fort Worth, Austin/San Antonio, and Houston/Galveston. Each day participants develop leadership skills, explore unique, historically significant, and notable Texas sites, and learn about unique careers from professionals at sites visited. In addition, participants gain self-confidence and independence and have fun while making new friendships with other high-achieving students from across the state. Program dates, cost, and deadlines are available on the camp application and at www.educationinaction.org/dates.

When are the camps?

The Sunday-Friday camps are offered in each location most weeks throughout the summer. Camp dates for each location are available in the camp application and at www.educationinaction.org/dates.

For which camp location may a student apply?

Students select their camp location based on their current grade level. 4th, 5th, and 6th graders may apply for Dallas/Fort Worth camps; 5th, 6th, and 7th graders may apply for Austin/San Antonio camps; and 6th, 7th, and 8th graders may apply for Houston/Galveston camps. Education in Action recommends that 4th-6th graders sign up for the Dallas/Fort Worth program first so that during future summers they may take part in all Lone Star Leadership Academy programs.

Who are the adult staff members?

All Lone Star Leadership Academy Facilitators are Texas educators. In addition to the Facilitators, there is a Director and an Assistant Director on each program. Student/staff member ratio is 10:1. Education in Action conducts a background check on all adult staff members prior to each summer's programs.

Are updates provided to parents throughout the camp week?

Yes. Camp pictures are posted online daily.

Are students supervised at all times?

Yes. The schedule is very structured and at no time are students unsupervised.

Where do the students stay at night?

Lodging facilities are air-conditioned, group bunk dormitories with private showers. There are no fewer than two adults in each group bunk dormitory to supervise students overnight.

Where are the camps?

While participants travel on charter buses to fun and interesting sites each day of their camp week, they spend each night and eat breakfast each morning at their camp's lodging location.

- ★ Dallas/Fort Worth Camp - lodging is in Keller, TX.
- ★ Austin/San Antonio Camp - lodging is in Wimberley, TX.
- ★ Houston/Galveston Camp - lodging is in Crosby, TX.

How can students raise funds to go?

Scholarship opportunities and a Fundraising Guide are available at www.educationinaction.org/financial-aid. Many students fundraise in order to cover a portion or all of their tuition to attend the Lone Star Leadership Academy. In addition to raising money, students that fundraise develop planning, organizational, communication, and leadership skills.

Are scholarships available?

Yes. There are many scholarships available for students and parents willing to research opportunities. Education in Action posts known scholarships at www.educationinaction.org/financial-aid.

Can participants bring a friend?

Yes. Education in Action encourages all eligible students to apply.

Are parent references available?

Yes. Contact Education in Action to request parent references from your area.

What are the program requirements?

Eligible students maintain an overall average of B (85 or 3.5) or higher, are recommended by an educator based on demonstrated leadership ability, and are involved in school and/or community activities.

Are there additional opportunities for Lone Star Leadership Academy alumni?

Lone Star Leadership Academy alumni are invited to participate in Education in Action's alumni organization, the Lone Star Leadership Academy Alumni Council, to continue their leadership development during the school year. Members receive online leadership lessons, lead a service project, and may return on Lone Star Leadership Academy camps as Youth Facilitators.



Staff members are educators



Group bunk dormitories



Dallas/Fort Worth lodging



Austin/San Antonio lodging



Houston/Galveston lodging



Lone Star Leadership Academy Dallas/Fort Worth for 4th, 5th & 6th graders

Team building at Climbing Gym
Louis Tussaud's Waxworks
Fort Worth Stockyards and Fort Worth Herd Cattle Drive
Amon Carter Museum of American Art
Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza
National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame
Perot Museum of Nature and Science
United States Bureau of Engraving and Printing
American Airlines C.R. Smith Museum
Texas Civil War Museum
Dallas Cowboys' AT&T Stadium
Texas Rangers' Globe Life Field



Inclusions:

- Lodging for five nights in supervised, air-conditioned, group bunk dormitory
- All meals Sunday dinner through Friday breakfast
- Charter bus transportation throughout program
- All excursions including entrance fees
- 10 to 1 student-facilitator ratio

Because of the academic nature of the program, all facilitators are educators.

- 24 hour supervision
- Interactive, hands-on, higher-level thinking curriculum
- Education in Action t-shirts each day
- Education in Action backpack and water bottle
- Electronic link to all pictures taken by staff upon receipt of parent survey
- Program souvenirs

"It is an AWESOME way to learn about Texas and its history and it's really fun too! It's also cool to meet other kids from all over. Thanks for the AWESOMELY fun time!!!!"

Participant, Frisco, TX

"What a wonderful program. My son has never been so excited about learning. My son's week at the Dallas/Fort Worth program brought all his history lessons from school to life. He can't wait to go to Austin next summer."

Participant's Parent, Mansfield, TX



Lone Star Leadership Academy

Austin/San Antonio for 5th, 6th & 7th graders



Team building at Escape Room
LBJ Library and Museum
The Witte Museum
The Alamo



San Antonio River Walk Boat Tour
Texas State Capitol and Offices of Students' Legislators
Bat Watching on the Lone Star Riverboat
The Meadows Center for Water and the Environment



Glass-Bottom Boat Tour
Supreme Court of Texas
Texas State Cemetery
Natural Bridge Caverns



Also:

Learn about various **careers** as people we meet tell you about their work.

Leadership Notebooks include activities and materials to enrich your visit to each site.

Develop creativity, leadership skills, and problem-solving abilities during daily **simulations**.

Discuss what you learn, complete activities, and practice your presentation skills in your **Leadership Group**.

"Our son said it was 'the best week of his life'. What a fantastic program!"

Participant's Parent, Ingram, TX

"I commend Education in Action for the opportunity it is providing young people to experience their state government and learn the importance of being involved in their communities."

The Honorable Jane Nelson, Texas State Senator, District 12



Lone Star Leadership Academy

Houston/Galveston for 6th, 7th & 8th graders

San Jacinto Monument

Port of Houston – Sam Houston Boat Tour

Houston Museum of Natural Science

Moody Gardens on Galveston Island

Ocean Star Offshore Drilling Rig and Museum

Lone Star Flight Museum

Galveston Harbor Tour with Marine Biologist

Space Center Houston

Tram Tour of NASA's Johnson Space Center

George Observatory &

Challenger Learning Center

Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts



Fundraising:

Many service clubs, community organizations, and school sources are able to sponsor students' participation in the Lone Star Leadership Academy. Students are encouraged to visit www.educationinaction.org/financial-aid for ideas on how to raise money for the program application fee. A sponsorship template letter is also provided to help you get started. Students are always welcome to contact Education in Action with questions regarding sponsorships.

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"This program truly helped me to grow - not only as a leader, but also as a person. After completing three years of camp, I really feel qualified to go out and make a difference."

Participant, Kingwood, TX

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