



Austin, TX

The Area

Austin, TX is home to a vibrant and growing culture community. Because of this, the cost of living has greatly increased, leading to a large homeless and low-income population. In fact, one in every five families live in poverty and more than 2,500 people are sleeping on the streets each night.

Week of Hope participants will have an immense impact in the Austin area through serving with adult programs, homeless and veterans ministries, food banks, kids' programs, and much more.

Projects

During the summer we volunteer with over 20 local organizations. Some of our partners include:

- Adult Day Health Center – This partner provides a daytime program for seniors with memory loss, illness, or a disability. You will be able to play games, tell stories, make crafts, and even join in the many dance parties hosted here!
- Soup Kitchen – This ministry feeds the homeless population of Austin. You will work hard to put together plates of food to give out in the community.
- Therapeutic Horsemanship Program – This organization provides horse-based therapy sessions and camps for children with special needs. You will help escort children while they are on the horses and maintain the grounds. You will also help with other games and crafts.

Our Local Partner

Our Local Coordinator in Austin maintains connections year-round with the organizations we serve, creating sustainable service and relationships.

Lodging Information

You will stay in a local facility. There is *air-conditioning throughout the building, and indoor showers are provided. Chat with a trip advisor for all lodging details. **Subject to change.*

Area Activities

Austin is a hip city with lots of fun activities. Live music and delicious food are experienced all over the city! Austin is known for fantastic Tex-Mex food. If you're looking for a sweet treat, try out Gour dough's Dounts or Amy's ice cream. And if you want to try some real Texas BBQ you can't go wrong with The Salt Lick or Rudy's.

Don't miss seeing the famous Austin bats fly out from under the Congress Avenue bridge.

For water activities, try paddle boarding on Lake Austin, or take a dip at Barton Springs, a massive, natural spring-fed pool in Zilker Park.

There are also many colorful iconic murals throughout the city that make for a great photo opportunity!

