

Explore UT March 2

The University of Texas at Austin will host Explore UT on Saturday, March 2, 2013, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The annual open house is free, open to all ages, K-12, and there's no registration for students to participate in the more than 350 learning activities.

Explore UT Bus Registration Begins

Beginning Jan. 2, register your school's buses or vans for Explore UT at www.utexas.edu/events/exploreut. Click on the K-12 Connections tab, fill out the form and submit it. Registering your buses helps the University plan parking and welcoming activities. We will continue accepting registrations through the end of February.

Be among the first 100 buses to register, and the University will provide a \$25 incentive to help defray your bus expenses. (We'll provide instructions for requesting the incentive after you have attended the event.) Beyond that incentive, the University does not offer scholarships or grants for this field trip. Remember that you're responsible for arranging a bus and paying the transportation costs charged by your school district or transportation company.

Make Plans for Lunch

After registering your bus, you will receive a return e-mail that gives preliminary instructions for entering campus and arranging lunch, if you choose, at Jester Center. Or go directly to <http://www.utexas.edu/events/exploreut/lunch.html> to arrange group lunch.

The Explore UT lunch price is \$5.75 a person. Jester Second Floor Dining and Kinsolving Dining will stop selling group meal tickets when capacity is reached or by Feb. 18.

Of course, you may bring sack lunches or buy food from campus vendors, if you like

Coming by Car?

If you bring students in a car, you will find your own parking in a University garage or other location. Families and teachers are welcome to come on their own independently of a school.

Check out activities on the Explore UT Website

Information for **college-bound students** will include the following:

- Get tips on how to choose a major.
- Talk with University students about what college life is really like.
- Find out how to apply for scholarships and financial aid.
- Get a 30-minute tour of campus with a UT student guide.

Explore UT offers **learning activities for all students** that gets them excited about learning and **opens their eyes to career and life possibilities**. Here's a sampling:

- Watch teams of Sony Aibo robot dogs and Aldebaran humanoid robots in action.
- See 3-D virtual images of fossil and modern skeletal remains, using the latest digital laser technology.
- Tour an aerospace lab where UT scientists are designing and building satellites.
- See how fire ignites and how flames spread on different materials.
- Get your picture taken with an infrared camera.
- Learn how to make batteries out of lemons and potatoes.
- View the hidden – and beautiful – world of microbes through powerful microscopes.

- Learn why Earth is warming and brainstorm solutions to the problem.
- Find out why superheroes are popular around the world.
- Discuss the career of Ulysses S. Grant, led by bestselling author and professor H.W. Brands.
- Learn the alphabet basics of Arabic, a language spoken by 300 million people.
- Make a paper puppet of the Dragon of Cracow, a legendary character familiar to Polish children.
- Watch UT students perform scenes from Shakespeare's "Othello," the tragedy about the Moor of Venice.
- Watch as UT law students conduct a trial of Gold E. Locks in a real courtroom.
- March with the Longhorn Band.

See the Full Schedule

Check the Explore UT website, <http://www.utexas.edu/events/exploreut/>, for a full schedule of activities. Download a printer-friendly version of the complete Explore UT schedule - but not until in mid-February.

How to promote in your school?

Request a PDF file of one-page flyers, English on one side and Spanish on the other, that you can copy and distribute or post. You can also request a copy of last year's program, which gives an excellent overview of activities, to show teachers, students, and parents.

Questions?

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