



Make Waco your Education Destination! Waco offers something for almost every curriculum. Waco attractions are student-friendly and education-focused. If you would like assistance with a student tour, a specific curriculum, a custom student itinerary, a step-on-guide or other services, please contact Susan Morton, Tourism Manager, at (254)750-8610 or susanm@wacotx.gov.

ATTRACTIONS:

Costs vary by attraction and program. Please check websites for details.

Armstrong Browning Library <https://www.baylor.edu/library/index.php?id=975448>

School groups of all ages are always welcome for tours during the week. We are happy to provide preliminary literature about the Library and the Brownings upon request.

Pied Piper Tours

Throughout the year, the Armstrong Browning Library offers special tours to elementary and middle school classes and day camps. These tours focus specifically on Robert Browning's poem "The Pied Piper of Hamelin," featuring an exhibition of various illustrations created for the poem and a 1-hour showing of Faerie Tale Theatre's version of the story. If you are interested in bringing a school group or day camp to visit, please contact Glenda Ross Glenda_Ross@baylor.edu, (254) 710-4964 to schedule a tour.

Art Center Waco <https://www.artcenterwaco.org/childreneyouth-classes>

Schools, preschools, groups and classes get personalized tours and fun arts activities related to the current exhibit.

Cameron Park Zoo <https://www.cameronparkzoo.com/education/>

Cameron Park Zoo's Education Department aims to provide diverse educational opportunities that foster an appreciation for the natural world and inspire life-long learning while broadening awareness concerning the conservation of wildlife and the preservation of biodiversity. <https://www.cameronparkzoo.com/visit/group-trips/>.

Dr Pepper Museum <https://drpeppermuseum.com/educators/>

Here at the Dr Pepper Museum, our mission is to education and entertain. In 1997, the Free Enterprise Institute was created for the specific purpose of educating Texas school children and adults about the economic system that underlies American life. We want to help empower teachers and educational providers with the resources to continue to be experts at what they do best- teach!

Historic Waco Foundation <https://www.historicwaco.org/field-trips>

Educational programs include school tours, slide presentations on Waco history, and lectures on the history of the families that lived in our house museums. Call (254) 753-5166 for current options and details.

Homestead Heritage <https://www.homesteadcraftvillage.com/tours/school-field-trips/>

Schedule a memorable spring field trip for your school class or home school support group.

An average of 5,000 public, private and home school children visit Brazos de Dios annually on spring field trips. Here, many see and experience for the first time, the simplicity of an alternative culture based on rural living, agricultural skills and quality craftsmanship set within a community context of service and care.

Tour activities include a horse-drawn hayride, a sheep dog demonstration, a guided tour to see some of the farm animals and a visit to our petting pen. Tour our homestead gardens and orchard and see an audio-visual presentation of our community life throughout the seasons of the year.

Watch our craft apprentices demonstrate various homesteading crafts such as spinning, blacksmithing, pottery, and woodworking using natural materials and basic hand tools. Cap the day off with a cup of all natural homemade vanilla ice cream.

Lake Waco Wetlands www.lakewacowetlands.com/research.html

Wetlands Research and Education Center has proven to be a valuable resource to many area schools and universities.

The center augments existing and future water-related educational programs at Baylor University, provides professional and technical training and support services, and implements outreach efforts to educate the community and local school children about reservoir systems and related water issues.

The Research and Education Center is the site of classes for students of Baylor University's Biology Department. Baylor calls their program CRASR, the Center for Reservoir and Aquatic Systems Research.

A comprehensive evaluation of Lake Waco will provide Baylor scientists and students with a living lab and the City of Waco with important information for managing its water supply for years to come. Contact Nora Schell noras@wacotx.gov (254) 848-9654.

Martin Museum of Art www.baylor.edu/martinmuseum/index.php?id=32800

The Martin Museum of Art offers both guided and self-led tours for college classes, K-12 classes, special interest groups and organizations, and for the general public. Reservations are required. To schedule a tour or art activity, or for more information regarding tours, please contact Elisa Crowder elisa_crowder@baylor.edu (254) 710-6371.

Mayborn Museum Complex <https://www.baylor.edu/mayborn/index.php?id=943212>

The Mayborn Museum Complex offers 1-2 hour(s) of programming, depending on the grade level and topic you choose for your group. All of the programs provide the opportunity to touch, explore, and investigate exhibits linked to cultural history and natural science. Cindee Millard at Cindee_Millard@baylor.edu.

Texas Ranger Hall of Fame & Museum <https://www.texasranger.org/texas-ranger-museum/education/>

The museum offers guided tours and programs designed to meet TEKS for all grade levels. Topics include Texas history, government, crime investigation, public safety, geography, and more! Our new education center at the museum provides a classroom environment, and we are also available for outreach programs.

<https://www.texasranger.org/texas-ranger-museum/education/group-reservations/>

- Educational programming opportunities include:
- Lesson plans and activity ideas for teachers
- Research resources for students
- Special events
- Camps
- Resources for scouting and homeschool groups

Texas Sports Hall of Fame <https://www.tshof.org/visit/tours-fieldtrips/>

The Stephen and Mary Birch Health, Fitness, & Education Center is an educational learning center designed to emphasize the core values of physical fitness, nutrition, cardiovascular health and drug awareness. Therefore, it is imperative to instruct students from as early as possible on these themes, so that they may be adopted as values for a lifetime.

- **Calories Count** - 4th & 5th Grade thru High School
- **Healthy Hearts, Healthy Kids** - 4th-5th grade
- **Major League Math** - 4th Grade thru 8th

Waco Civic Theatre <https://wacocivictheatre.com/>

Waco Civic Theatre produces six Main Stage Productions, ranging from works by Shakespeare to Neil Simon. Additionally, aspiring local artists and youth work in partnership to produce Studio Shows that are scheduled between Main Stage Productions and other events. Check with the box office for ticket prices and availability.

Waco Mammoth National Monument <https://www.waco-texas.com/cms-waco-mammoth/page.aspx?id=176#gsc.tab=0>

Education is one of the primary goals of the Waco Mammoth National Monument. The site is a great place for students to discover the worlds of geology, paleontology and archeology. We welcome field trips and school tours (Tues. - Fri.), and we offer a variety of educational programs for all ages.

Waco Symphony <https://www.wacosymphony.com/>

The Waco Symphony Orchestra offers a variety of concerts and features world renowned soloists. WSO also features the Waco Symphony Youth Orchestra.

For more information, contact Susan Morton, Tourism Manager, susanm@wacotx.gov
254-750-8610 www.wacohreartoftexas.com

To get the maximum benefit from your educational tour, please make tour arrangements at least 4-6 weeks in advance. Admission prices are subject to change.