

Little Aggie

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**ADULT, GRADUATE &
OFF CAMPUS STUDENT SERVICES**
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

OFFICES OF THE DEAN OF STUDENT LIFE

Welcome to Bryan-College Station!

Howdy! The Office of Adult, Graduate & Off-Campus Student Services would like to welcome you and your family to Aggieland! The Bryan-College Station community is far more than just a college town; our community features attractions, recreation facilities and resources that make Aggieland a great place for you and your family to call home.

This guide highlights many of the family friendly services available in the Bryan-College Station community. We hope that this information is useful and will allow you and your family to enjoy all that Aggieland has to offer!

The Office of Adult, Graduate & Off-Campus Student Services is glad you have decided to call the Bryan-College Station community home. Please contact our office if there is anything we can do to assist you or your family!



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Get Connected

Adult, Graduate & Off-Campus Student Services is here to help you, and in addition to providing you with the Little Aggie, we offer many other publications, programs and resources.

Aggies with Kids Listserv

The main purpose of the listserv is to share information and promote discussion on topics that are of interest to students with children at Texas A&M University. To subscribe, go to <http://studentlife.tamu.edu/agoss/resources/adult/listserv.htm>

Adult/Non-Traditional Student Listserv

The listserv helps adult/non-traditional students connect and form friendships with other adult students. To subscribe, go to <http://studentlife.tamu.edu/agoss/resources/adult/listserv.htm>

Facebook

The Texas A&M Non-Traditional Student facebook group is available so non-traditional students can connect and find others with similar interests. The group is also frequently updated by the AGOSS office with upcoming events and helpful announcements. To join, go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/TAMUnontrads/>

Support & Advocacy

If you are experiencing frustration while attending classes, working in groups or balancing the stress of being a parent and a student, please stop by our office in Cain Hall C-106.

We are here to listen and assist when possible.

Attractions Around B/CS

Adamson Lagoon

1900 Anderson
College Station, TX 77840
979-764-3735
<http://cstx.gov/index.aspx?page=579>

Spirit Ice Rink

400 Holleman Drive East
College Station, TX
979-779-5437
www.spiriticearena.com

Brazos Valley Natural History Museum

3232 Briarcrest Drive
Bryan, TX
979-776-2195
www.brazosvalleymuseum.org

Bryan Aquatic Center

3100 Oakridge Drive
Bryan, TX 77802
979-209-5222
www.bryantx.gov/departments/?name=parks_pools

Bryan Premiere Cinemas & IMAX

950 North Earl Rudder Fwy
Bryan, TX
979-774-4200
www.pccmovies.com

Attractions Around B/CS (Continued)

Children's Museum of the Brazos Valley

111 E. 27th Street
Bryan, TX
979-779-5437
www.cmbv.org

Cinemark Hollywood U.S.A – College Station

1401 Earl Rudder Fwy
College Station, TX
979-764-9692
www.cinemark.com

George Bush Presidential Library and Museum

1000 George Bush Drive West
College Station, TX
979-691-4000
www.bushlibrary.tamu.edu

Grand Station Entertainment

2400 Earl Rudder Freeway
College Station, TX
979-696-1100
www.grandstationent.com

Kingsbury Blueberry Farm

760 County Road 316
Caldwell, TX
979-567-9138



Attractions Around B/CS (Continued)

Royalty Pecan Farms

10600 State Highway 21E
Caldwell, TX
800-694-8362
www.royaltypecans.com

Santa's Wonderland

*Only Open During Holiday Season
18898 S. Highway 6
College Station, TX
979-690-7217
www.santas-wonderland.com

Texas Renaissance Festival

*Only Open Weekends October-December
21778 FM 1774
Todd Mission, TX 77363
www.txrenfest.com

Washington on the Brazos

23400 Park Road 12
Washington, TX
979-878-2214
www.birthplaceoftexas.com



Camps & Classes for Kids

Allen Academy: Offers a variety of summer camps including art extravaganza and cooking camp.

<http://www.allenacademy.org/>

BCS Art Camp: Summer camp that allows children to pursue art and science.

<http://www.bcsartcamp.com/>



Benjamin Knox Art Camps: Summer Camps that provide children with the opportunity to develop and expand their artistic skills.

<http://www.benjaminknox.com/gallery-info/art-classes-and-workshops>

Brazos Glassworks: Offers summer camps and classes year round teaching the basics of glass work.

<http://www.brazosglassworks.com/classes.html>

Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History: Offers Summer, Winter & Spring camps that engage children through science and history based learning activities.

<http://www.brazosvalleymuseum.org/education>

Brazos Valley Troupe: Children explore their creative side through performing, designing sets, costumes, lighting and sound. Offers summer camp and classes throughout the year.

<http://www.bvtroupe.com/YOUTHProgramfall.html>

Camp Adventure: Two week summer camp facilitated by Texas A&M's Health and Kinesiology Department. Outdoor day camp where children experience activities like archery and recreational games.

<http://campadventure.tamu.edu/index.htm>

Camps & Classes for Kids (Continued)

Camp Coyote: Traditional overnight camp activities plus extras like horseback riding and scuba diving, located an hour away from Bryan/College Station.
<http://campcoyote.com/>



Children's Museum of the Brazos Valley: Offers a wide variety of summer day camp options.
<http://www.cmbv.org/>

City of Bryan: Summer parks and H.E.R.O day summer camps offer unique experiences to campers.
http://www.bryantx.gov/departments/default.asp?name=parks_can

Class Act Etiquette Summer Camp: Summer camp teaches children social skills, dance technique and confidence.
<http://www.susansballroomdance.com/etiquette-summer-camp/>



College Station ISD: Offers summer day camp with varied activities including swimming, crafts, movies, and field trips.
<https://sites.google.com/a/csisd.org/college-station-isd---summer-day-camp/home>

George Bush Presidential Library and Museum: Offers "Mysteries in History" summer camp.
<http://bushlibrary.tamu.edu>

Kindermusik: Spend time with your child learning through music classes offered for ages birth-7 year olds.
<http://www.kindermusikofcollegestation.com/#>

Camps & Classes for Kids (Continued)

Modern Dance Arts: Offers summer camps and year round dance classes.
<http://www.modern-dancearts.com/index.html>

Powersports: Offers summer and school holiday camps which give children the opportunity to be active with activities like free play, arts & crafts, and moonwalks.
<http://powersportskids.com/day-camps/>

Spirit Ice Arena: Offers a summer camp on the ice; children enjoy skating, broomball, and much more.
<http://www.spiriticearena.com>

The Theatre Company: Week long theatre summer camp concluding with a performance.
<http://www.theatrecompany.com/>

Three Brothers Stable: Offers camps during summer and spring break as well as riding lessons throughout the year.
<http://3brothers.vpweb.com/Camps.html>

Thunder Elite: Offers summer day camps where children get to go on field trips as well as participating in arts & crafts and free play.
<http://www.thunderelitecollegestation.com/summer-day-camp/>

Visionary Equine: Offers summer camps and year round riding lessons.
<http://www.viseq.com/camps.html>

Recreation Sites

City of Bryan: Offers a number of parks, trails and green spaces. For a complete list please visit: http://www.bryantx.gov/departments/?name=parks_pf

City of College Station: Offers a number of walking trails, playgrounds, ponds and athletic facilities. For a complete list please visit: <http://www.cstx.gov/index.aspx?page=3734>

Lake Somerville State Park: Offers camping, picnicking, boating, fishing, hiking, and biking. For more information visit: <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/state-parks/lake-somerville>



Kid Friendly Day Trips

Houston

Approximately 1.5 Hours by car

The Houston Zoo – www.houstonzoo.org

The Children’s Museum of Houston – www.cmhouston.org

Houston Museum of Natural History – www.hmns.org

Houston Space Center – www.spacecenter.org

Houston Arboretum and Nature Center – www.houstonarboretum.org

Houston Funplex – www.funplex.org

Austin

Approximately 2.5 Hours by Car

Tour the Capitol – www.tspb.state.tx.us/SPB/Plan/Tours/Tours.htm

Zilker Botanical Gardens – www.zilker garden.org

Austin Nature and Science Center – www.ci.austin.tx.us/ansc/default.htm

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center – www.wildflower.org

San Antonio

Approximately 3.5 Hours by Car

The Alamo – www.thealamo.org

The Buckhorn Saloon and Museum – www.buckhornmuseum.com

San Antonio IMAX Theatre at Rivercenter – www.imax-sa.com

The Guinness World Records Museum, Ripley’s Haunted Adventure and Davy

Crockett’s Tall Tales Ride – www.haunted-guinness-crockett.com

San Antonio Missions National Historical park – www.nps.gov/saan

Restaurant Discounts for Kids

Every Day

Golden Corral – Kids 3 & under eat free from the buffet with the purchase of an adult meal

Double Dave's Pizzaworks – One child age 7 & under eats free with adult meal purchase from 11am-2pm

Monday

Sully's Sports Grill & Bar – Kids 6 & under eat free from the kid's menu with adult entrée purchase

Potbelly Sandwich Shop – One free kid's sandwich per adult entrée purchase from 5-9pm

Ninfa's Mexican Restaurant – Kids 12 & under eat free with adult entrée purchase after 5:30pm

Chick-fil-a – One free kid's meal per adult meal purchase

Kolache Rolf's – One free kids meal for children 12 & under with each adult purchase

Freebirds – Kids 12 & under receive free kid's meal with purchase of an adult entrée



Restaurant Discounts for Kids (Continued)

Tuesday

Denny's – Kids 10 & under eat free with the purchase of an adult entree from 4-10pm

Applebee's – Two free kids meals per adult entree purchase

Genghis Grill – One free kid's meal per adult regular bowl & drink purchase

Chick-fil-a – One free kid's 4-pack nuggets per adult meal purchase

Los Molcajetes Mexican Food – One free kid's meal per adult entree purchase

Freebirds – Kids 12 & under receive free kid's meal with purchase of an adult entree

Casa Rodriguez – Kids eat free with the purchase of an adult entree

Wednesday

Dickey's Barbecue Pit – Kids 12 & under eat free with purchase of adult meal

Chicken Oil Company – Kids eat free with purchase of adult menu item from 5-9pm

Wings 'N More – Kids 7 & under get \$1 off their kid's meal and a free ice cream or root beer float with an adult meal purchase after 5pm

C & J Barbeque – Kids eat free with purchase of an adult meal after 5pm

Boston's – One free kids meal with purchase of adult meal from 11am-close

Lakeside Icehouse – Kids 12 & under eat free with purchase of adult entree and drink

Restaurant Discounts for Kids (Continued)

Saturday

Denny's – Kids 10 & under eat free with the purchase of an adult entree from 4-10pm

Sunday

Shipwreck Grill – Kids eat free with purchase of adult entree

Dickey's Barbecue Pit – Kids 12 & under eat free with purchase of adult meal

Potato Shack – Kids eat free with adult meal purchase

Freebirds – Kids 12 & under receive free kid's meal with purchase of an adult entree after 3pm



Pediatricians

ABC Women & Children Clinic

1651 Rock Prairie Rd Ste 102
College Station, TX 77845
(979) 693-7400
<http://www.abcclinic.org/>

Bryan Family Medicine Clinic

2709 Osler Blvd
Bryan, TX 77802
(979) 776-2200
<http://www.familymedicinebryantx.com/>

College Station Medical Center

1604 Rock Prairie Road
College Station, TX 77845
(979) 764-5100
<http://www.csmedcenter.com/>

Family Medicine Center of Brazos Valley

1301 Memorial Drive, Ste 200
Bryan, TX 77802
(979) 776-8440
http://www.familymedicine_brazosvalley.yourmd.com/

Pediatricians (Continued)

Scott & White Healthcare

1600 University Dr E
College Station, TX 77840
(979) 691-3300
<http://www.sw.org/>

St. Joseph Pediatrics (Bryan)

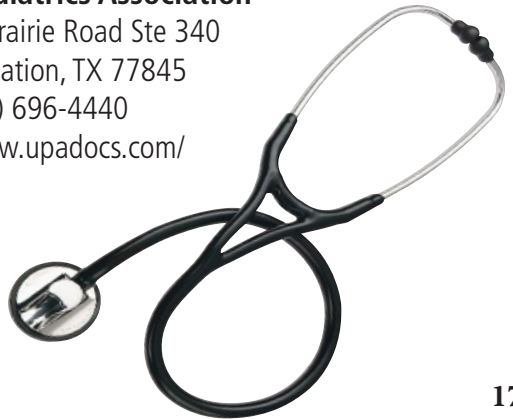
2901 E 29th Street, Ste 123
Bryan, TX 77802
(979) 776-9400
<http://www.st-joseph.org/Pediatrics>

St. Joseph Pediatrics (College Station)

4421 State Highway 6 S
College Station, TX 77845
(979) 690-4480
<http://www.st-joseph.org/Pediatrics>

University Pediatrics Association

1602 Rock Prairie Road Ste 340
College Station, TX 77845
(979) 696-4440
<http://www.upadocs.com/>



Pediatric Dentists

Brazos Valley Pediatric Dentistry

1109 Rock Prairie Road, Ste 300
College Station, TX 77845
(979) 694-5200
<http://brazosvalleysmiles.com/>

Light Pediatric Dentistry

3318 Longmire Drive
College Station, TX 77845
(979) 694-8877
<http://www.lightpediatricdentistry.com/>

Pediatric Dentistry & Orthodontics

1326 Memorial Drive
Bryan, TX 77802
(979) 776-8100
<http://www.greatsmiles4kids.com/>



Immunizations

Immunization Clinics

Children's Vaccines (2 months to 18 years of age): \$5 per child per visit
Call (979) 361-4440 for more information

Location	Hours
Brazos County Health Department	Monday 8:30-11:30am Tuesday 9-10:30am Wednesday 8:30-11:30am Friday 10am-12pm
Lincoln Center	Tuesday 9am-12pm
Shots for Tots & Teens (BCHD)	3rd Thursday of every month 3 - 5:30pm

Immunization Schedule - Texas

Up To Date Immunization Schedule for State of Texas can be found at: http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/immunize/Schedule/schedule_child.shtm

Types of Childcare

Day Care Centers

Licensed Child-Care Centers

- Provide care for 7 or more children under 14 years old for less than 24 hours per day at a location other than the permit holder's home
- Published standards they are required to follow
- Routinely monitored and inspected at least once every 12 months
- Licensed providers submit to background checks
- Licenses are issued after on-site inspection ensures minimum standards are being met

Day Care Homes

Licensed Child Care Homes

- Provide care for less than 24 hours per day for 7-12 children under 14 years old in the permit holder's own home
- Published standards they are required to follow
- Routinely monitored and inspected at least once every 12 months
- Licensed providers submit to background checks
- Licenses are issued after on-site inspection ensures minimum standards are being met
- Inspected every 1-2 years

Types of Childcare (Continued)

Registered Child Care Homes

- Provide care in the caregiver's home for up to 6 children under age 14 and 6 additional school-age children
- Provider must submit to background check
- Registration certificate is issued after on-site inspection ensures that minimum standards are being met
- Inspected every 1-2 years

For more detailed information regarding classifications of childcare in Texas please visit: <http://www.dfps.state.tx.us/>



Questions to Ask Potential Childcare Providers

Deciding on the best option for childcare can be difficult. Here are some questions to ask potential childcare providers that can help you decide which facility is best for your family.

- How long do employees typically stay with your facility?
- What is the educational background of your employees?
- Is training/professional development required for employees?
- Are criminal background checks performed on employees?
- How do employees talk with parents regarding a child's needs or conduct?
- What do you try to accomplish with the children?
- How are the developmental needs of each age group met?
- What is your typical daily routine?
- What kinds of food are provided?
- How many meals or snacks are provided?
- What is the policy on television use? Are children allowed to watch TV or are they engaged in other ways?
- Are places available for quiet play?
- What are the disciplinary procedures and/or guidelines?
- What happens when a child hits, bites or uses inappropriate language?
- What is the policy regarding a child who is ill? What if the parents can't be reached?
- Are "parent-teacher" conferences held? How often?
- What are the policies and procedures for after school care?
- Can parents drop in?

Possible Warning Signs

These signs, if observed during a facility visit or after the child is in the facility's care, could be a signal that a child care facility may not be the best fit for a child.

- The staff avoids or does not answer questions.
- Parents cannot be involved in child care practices.
- Child speaks of problems or is not happy.
- Activities are not planned and children are left to entertain themselves.
- There are not enough toys for the children to play with appropriately; this causes fighting over the toys that are present.
- Adults speak in negative ways.
- The adults caring for the children do not seem interested in the children.
- You feel uncomfortable in the facility.
- The caregiver has lied or stolen from you.
- Your child is unsupervised.
- Your child becomes moody, withdrawn or has difficulty sleeping.

If concerned you can report abuse to
http://www.dfps.state.tx.us/child_protection/ .



Helpful Links

We hope that the Little Aggie has provided you with helpful information for getting the most out of the Bryan/College Station community with your family! Listed below are some links that will provide you with additional information. If you have any further questions please contact our office at (979) 845.1741.

Bryan College Station Parent Network
<http://www.bcsparentnetwork.com/>

College Station Independent School District
<http://www.csisd.org/>

Bryan Independent School District
<http://www.bryanisd.org/>

City of College Station
<http://www.cstx.gov/>

City of Bryan
<http://www.bryantx.gov/>