



What is an Audubon Conservation TREK?

Audubon Conservation TREKs (ACT) is an outdoor education and leadership program designed to provide intense conservation field experiences to diverse and traditionally underserved students, ages 14-18. These are memorable outdoor experiences focused on interpersonal growth opportunities, environmental science competency, and skill development to which they may not otherwise have access. ACT experiences drive participants towards environmental stewardship, allowing them to make decisions that positively impact the environment. ACT programs are multi-day expeditions that expose students to incredible natural ecosystems and environments across Texas by utilizing national and state parks. During these excursions, students are challenged physically and intellectually in a safe way all the while establishing in them an environmental ethic that will last their entire lives.



Quick Program Details:

- Program is **FREE** to Title 1 schools.
- Male and female students from ages 14-18 are accepted.
- No teachers or chaperones are required; students are led by Audubon staff members.
- We provide everything: transportation, tents, sleeping mats, cooking equipment, food, camping fees and program fees.



Why Audubon Conservation TREKs?

We believe in the transformative powers of the natural world. Nature constantly provides real world examples for students to encounter that directly correlate to TEKS; these experiences happen every day during our 5-day, 4-night excursions. Students encounter these examples first-hand, up close and personal.

Our goal is to encourage students to interact with the natural world in a positive way. We hope to inspire these young adults to stay tuned into nature once they return home. So many of them correlate what they see at the park with what they see on the streets in their neighborhood. It begins to really hit home for them and they develop a sense of obligation to protect the planet.



“This program influenced my career goals by sparking my interest to study environmental studies in college and intertwine conservation with my future career goals.” - TREKs Participant

“This trip served as a validation of my strong passion for environmental conservation. It only strengthened my interests and desire to obtain more knowledge.” - TREKs Participant

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