Sharks 'n Minnows  Beginner, intermediate, and experienced swimmers welcome! With the help of dedicated YMCA swim instructors, campers can improve their skills with four, 35-minute-long group lessons this week. Along with swimming, campers will set sail on a swashbuckling adventure to the 18th century with treasure hunts, shark crafts, and pirate games galore. Literature will include How I Became a Pirate by Melinda Long and Misunderstood Shark by Ame Dykman.

Olympiad  This week our time travelers find themselves among the gods and goddesses of Ancient Greece learning about the first Olympic traditions of the 8th century BC with the support of literature, Olympig! by Victoria Jamieson, G is for Gold Medal: An Olympics Alphabet by Brad Herzog, and Percy Jackson’s Greek Heroes by Rick Riordan. The week will be spent running, skipping, and laughing through various challenges to prepare for the end-of-week “Theme Camp Olympic Games” uniting campers from across greater Austin and countries from around the globe.

Castles, Kings, and Medieval Things  Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Campers are invited to catapult to the early days of knights, castles, kings, and peasants as they journey through Medieval Europe discovering the clothing, architecture, and storytelling of the time period. Students will wear their crowns as they build castle fortresses and prepare culinary delights from the middle ages. If You Were a Kid In a Medieval Castle by Josh Gregory, Train Your Angry Dragon: Teach Your Dragon To Be Patient by Steve Herman, and Knighthood for Beginners by Elys Dolan, will lend inspiration to period curriculum this week.

The Green Movement  Peace, Love, and Recycling! Far Out Fun will unfold as we travel to the 1970s where campers will experience the beginning of recycling and the celebration of the first Earth Day. Activities this week will focus on the Earth we call home and simple ways to show love to all things green! Supporting literature will include Not for Me, Please! I Choose to Act Green by Maria Godsey and What a Waste: Trash, Recycling, and Protecting our Planet by Jess French.

Explore Ancient Egypt  Adventure seekers will traverse the ancient civilization of Egypt with pyramid building, tomb raiding, mummy wrapping, jewelry crafting, and hieroglyphic code breaking. Their journey will explore the Nile River, continue past the Pyramids of Giza, and then end at The Great Sphinx with the books: Horrible Histories: Awesome Egyptians by Terry Deary and Peter Heaplwhite, The Secret of the Sphinx by Samuel Bavli, and Let’s Visit Cairo: Adventures of Bella & Harry by Lisa Manzione.

Dawn of the Dinosaurs  Stomp with the stegosaurus and twist with the triceratops as the “terrible lizards” that ruled the Earth 160 million years ago come roaring back to life through modeling crafts, fossil treats, and the books How To Catch a Dinosaur by Adam Wallace, Dinosaurs Love Underpants by Claire Freedman, and If You Happen to Have a Dinosaur by Linda Bailey & Colin Jack.
“Houston, the Eagle has Landed” Future astronauts, engineers, and scientists unite this week as we take a journey to the 1960s, where sending a human safely to the moon went from a dream to reality with Neil Armstrong. Our time travelers will be inspired by the decade’s race to space with activities that include designing a rocket, moon crater experiments, galaxy splat paint art, and reading the books *I am Neil Armstrong (Ordinary People Change the World)* by Brad Meltzer and *The Moon Book* by Gail Gibbons.

**How the West was Fun!** Howdy partner! It’s time to giddy-up and git-along to Wild West adventures with a ropin’ and wranglin’ playground rodeo and a rubber band shootin’ contest. Highfalutin’ literature will include the books *Pancho Bandito and the Amarillo Armadillo* by Mike Sundy, *The Brave Cowboy* by Joan Walsh Anglund, and *The Wild, Wild West* by Geronimo Stilton.

**Dear Future, I’m Ready!** Campers will be transported to the future this week, as they build their STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) skills as they experiment with everyday materials to engineer new inventions inspired by literature such as *Rosie Revere, Engineer* by Andrea Beaty, *Mistakes That Worked: 40 Familiar Inventions & How They Came to Be* by Charlotte Foltz Jones, and *Your Fantastic Elastic Brain: Stretch It, Shape It* by JoAnn Deak Ph.D.

**The Time is NOW!** Let’s build strength—inside and out! Campers will form healthy habits and stay active this week as they learn about mental health, hygiene, nutrition, and exercise. Mindfulness practices and the exploration of positive relationships will be complimented by the books *Fish in a Tree* by Mullaly Hunt, *Here and Now* by Julia Demons, and *Max and Marla* by Alexandra Boiger.

**A Night at the Sock Hop** Welcome to the Fabulous 50s, where you will experience diners and milkshakes, drive in movies, and rockin’ sock hops with the book, *Elvis: The Story of the Rock and Roll King* by Bonnie Christensen. Campers will be inspired by the decade’s pop art of Andy Warhol, through the book *Who is Andy Warhol* by Kristen Anderson, and the exploration of action paintings by Jackson Pollock for the creation of their own masterpieces.