

# OUTSIDE OF THE CLASSROOM EXPERIENCE MENU

*Getting students outside of the classroom can be beneficial to their experience!  
This is a menu of different outside of the classroom activities for students. Enjoy!*

## Aggie Amazing Race

**Contact:** [hullabaloou@tamu.edu](mailto:hullabaloou@tamu.edu)

**Webpage:** [tx.ag/fyeinstructor](https://tx.ag/fyeinstructor) > supplemental lesson plans > aggie amazing race

Students can meet at the flagpole in the Academic Plaza to begin! This is a great activity for anytime in the semester! Aggie Amazing Race consists of a series of riddles to test students knowledge of Texas A&M traditions and notable campus locations. This can be used as a fun activity to get students up and moving, interacting with one another, and familiarized with campus traditions.

## TAMU Libraries– Field Trip (Evans/Annex)

**Contact:** [Firstyear@tamu.edu](mailto:Firstyear@tamu.edu)

**Webpage:**

[https://library.tamu.edu/services/service\\_request\\_forms/request\\_instruction.php](https://library.tamu.edu/services/service_request_forms/request_instruction.php)

Students will participate in an engaging session to learn more about library resources. Students will learn about study rooms and spaces, how to contact the libraries and a librarian, materials available for checkout, and more!

This experience can be set up as soon as you have a date in mind. Please give at least two weeks notice to accommodate scheduling needs and conflicts. Instructor must be present for library tours!

## TAMU Libraries– Field Trip to Cushing

**Contact:** [fmarini@library.tamu.edu](mailto:fmarini@library.tamu.edu)

**Webpage:**

[https://library.tamu.edu/services/service\\_request\\_forms/request\\_instruction.php](https://library.tamu.edu/services/service_request_forms/request_instruction.php);

<https://cushing.library.tamu.edu/programs/current.html>

A field trip to Cushing Memorial Library & Archives will introduce students to the archival and special collections on campus. Students will have the opportunity to learn about the collections housed at Cushing from university history to pop culture collections and will be able to view items from these unique collections! Students are also welcome to study in the reading room. Please give at least two weeks notice to accommodate scheduling needs and conflicts. Instructor must be present for library tours!

Cushing Memorial Library & Archives curates 3-4 new exhibits every year on the first and second floors of the library. Students are encouraged to come to the exhibits to learn more about our collections and view the unique items that we have at the university. Students may attend individually, in groups, or as a class. If students bring backpacks or bags, they will need to be stored in one of the free lockers on the first floor of Cushing Library. No appointment is required to view the exhibits.

# TAMU Challenge Works (\$)

**Contact:** [challengeworks@tamu.edu](mailto:challengeworks@tamu.edu); 979.845.4574

**Webpage:** [challengeworks.tamu.edu](http://challengeworks.tamu.edu)

Facebook– TAMU ChallengeWorks; Instagram – @tamuchallengeworks

ChallengeWorks is part of the Department of Health and Kinesiology and has been in business since 1979. ChallengeWorks operates on Texas A&M University's very own challenge/ropes course, just 3 miles from the university. The course is unique and one of a kind; they have a variety of low and high elements including a zip line, 50 ft. climbing/Rockwall, giant swing, and much, much more!

ChallengeWorks' mission is to provide quality-action based experiences through which individuals and groups can make personal discoveries and acquire skills for increased interpersonal effectiveness. They customize programs based on group's goals/needs - whether that be improving or developing trust, communication, leadership, climate, camaraderie, teamwork, or simply reconnecting a group after being apart for so long due to the pandemic. As a group/team, you will go through a series of problem-solving tasks where the group must work together to find a solution. They then help the group reflect on what they can learn from these activities, how they can apply them to "real life" experiences and help them evolve together and individually. They are open for in-person and virtual services, 7 days a week! The program is open to all, whether you are within the university or outside. They have had a variety of groups out from learning communities, student organizations, sports teams, youth groups, corporate groups, staff groups and more. ChallengeWorks enforces and follows all COVID-19 policies put in place by the university.

ChallengeWorks needs at least 2-4 weeks in advance to book so they can staff the program appropriately. Availability does vary – the beginning of the semester and middle are typically busier times. This activity does have associated costs which vary based on the activities you choose; be sure to submit a [Hullabaloo U Course Fund Request](#) once you know the estimated cost.

## TAMU Rec Center

**Contact:** Miranda Price/ Jason Kurten; Phone: (979) 845-7826

**Webpage:** <https://recsports.tamu.edu/>

Take your class on a tour of the Rec Center! The Rec Center offers a Climbing Wall and Bouldering, Outdoor Trips, Outdoor Gear Rentals, Courts, Fitness Classes, Swimming / Diving, Strength and Conditioning Room, Intramurals, and Sport Clubs.

Some areas have specific policies, they can be found here: <https://recsports.tamu.edu/about-us-2/#tab-d1059f940fd2b84064e>

## Memorial Student Center (MSC)

**Contact:** [toursandtraditions@msc.tamu.edu](mailto:toursandtraditions@msc.tamu.edu)

**Webpage:** <https://hospitality.tamu.edu/tours/>

MSC Hospitality offers tours of the Memorial Student Center with a focus on history and traditions. The MSC Tour is entirely within the building. Beginning point is usually across from the Student Programs Office (SPO). These tours have to be booked in advance at the link provided. These are tours with a tour guide and NOT walking tours on your own.

MSC Hospitality also offers tours of the Bonfire Memorial focusing on the history of the memorial. Meeting point is at the beginning of the memorial. The university also offers audio guided tours for accessibility.

# Association of Former Students Tour

**Contact:** khutka97@aggienetwork.com; 979.845.7514

Visit The Association of Former Students to learn more about the Aggie Network, take pictures of the Aggie Ring, give your students the opportunity to see where they will one day order their Aggie Ring, and hear about the many resources available to current and former students. Contact Kelli Hutka with potential dates to schedule a tour of the Alumni Center. Available Monday - Friday, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Recommend mid-late semester for more context.

## Art Galleries

**Contact:** Jennifer Korolenko; jkorolenko@uart.tamu.edu

**Webpage:** <https://hospitality.tamu.edu/tours/>

Did you know that the MSC is home to three art galleries? Schedule a tour of one or all three spaces. The J Wayne Stark Galleries features changing national exhibits. Its permanent art collection focuses on American paintings, prints, drawings, and photographs of the 19th and 20th centuries, with a strong emphasis on Texas art. The Reynolds Gallery on the second floor is curated by students. Its exhibits may tackle topics like social justice or showcase artwork created by faculty or students. Closed on Mondays.

## Career Center

**Main Office:** 209 Koldus

**Satellite Offices:**

Engineering Satellite Location: 100A Zachry Engineering Education Complex

Business Satellite Location: 235 Wehner

Agriculture & Life Sciences Satellite Location: 515 AGLS Building

**Webpage:** <https://careercenter.tamu.edu/>

Come visit the Career Center! The Texas A&M Career Center's mission is to promote career learning and development, empower all Aggies to realize their potential and establish Texas A&M University as a preferred source of talent. They are a comprehensive career planning and employment service for Texas A&M students of ALL majors and classifications, providing one centralized point of contact to expedite the recruiting efforts of companies and organizations. They have career advisors for every bachelor, master, and doctoral program at Texas A&M. These advisors have specialized knowledge in the majors they serve and can give you in-depth information about your career options and work closely with you to plan your career every step of the way. Their team also includes experts who can assist students in gaining admittance to professional schools, including medicine, law, dental, and other health professions. They also have staff members dedicated to assist Former Students, regardless of graduation date and level of work experience. Annually, their staff has more than 16,000 advising contacts with Students and Former Students, and facilitates more than 750 programs and presentations with more than 37,000 attendees. The students' futures start here!

**Services offered:** Major and Career Exploration; Job, Co-op, and Internship Opportunities; Career Assessments; Resume and Cover Letter Critiques; Workshops and Programs; Career Exploration Days; Experiential Education; Career Fairs; Interview Preparation; Applying to Graduate School; Professional School Advising; Offer & Salary Negotiation; And More! Basically any questions they have regarding their career or professional future can be answered by the Career Center.

# ADDITIONAL OFF CAMPUS RESOURCES:

**First Friday – <https://www.downtownbryan.com/first-friday-activities>**

**Things to do in College Station –  
<https://visit.cstx.gov/things-to-do/>**

**Parks & Outdoors in College Station –  
<https://visit.cstx.gov/things-to-do/>**

**HEB -- health center/nutrition – Food delivery to campus for \$5 fee; Eating Healthy on a Budget resources at [www.HEB.com](http://www.HEB.com)**