

U-U News

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Anniversary Celebration Hayride and Tour

Upcoming Events:

- Summer Youth Camps 6/8-28
- YA weekend 6/28-7/1
- SWUUSI Camp 7/22-27
- GenderfUUI 8/15-17
- Star Party 8/29-9/1
- Bioblitz 10/3-5

Need to get away?

Come to UBarU for a personal or family retreat.

Email -director@ubaru.org

With your preferred dates & enjoy a quiet weekend at camp.



UBarU Camp and Retreat Center is a privately owned and operated, non-profit 501c3 organization. We rely solely upon usage fees and donations to operate our UU sanctuary in the Texas Hill Country. Many thanks!

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Spring arrives at UBarU!

Spring in All Her Green Glory

By Lorelei Greenwood-Jones

Quick! Look about you! The snows of Winter are gone and the Earth has awoken once more!

Hail the Spring in all her green glory! The brave small flowers push up from the warming soil; birds return from their southerly homes; the first buds appear on the trees.

Our days are full of the songs of the feathered ones; our nights grow warmer as the sun strengthens.

Warm air caresses us, filled with the scent of fresh earth and a thousand blooming flowers.

We shrug off the inactivity of colder days and move briskly through the delightful days.

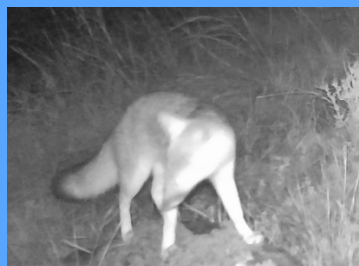
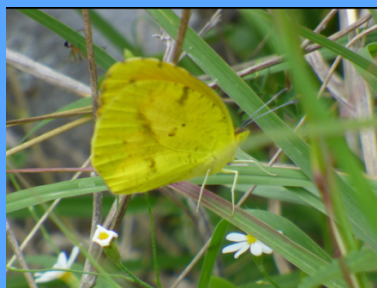
Birth and rebirth, new life from seeming death - the promise of old coming true once again.

The sleeping seeds awaken, the sap rises. Everything is renewed.

What was once laid in stillness now bursts forth in riotous activity; frozen dreams blossom.

Within us and around us, new life is blossoming; within us and around us, the promise of spring has come.

Some Spring Bioblitz Pictures



Photos by Michael West, Paula Pebsworth, Joy Hayes, Kathy Johnson-Throop

Family Camp



We had a record turnout for Summer Family Camp this year on Memorial Day weekend. Lots of fun (including swim time in the refinished pool) and worship and activities led by Rev. Art. Severance..

Cielo Grande available to rent

Our new cabin, Cielo Grande, is available to rent. Contact director@ubaru.org to reserve it.



Bioblitz



Every spring and fall we hold a bioblitz where we document the wildlife of all sorts at UBarU using the iNaturalist application. With 10 observers, we documented 292 species and 808 observations. This was our best effort to date. On Friday and Saturday night, we conducted moth surveys. On Saturday, Mark & Teri McClellan gave a wonderful presentation on Hill Country birds and the plants that support them. You can see our results here: <https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/2025-community-nature-challenge-bioblitz-at-ubaru>



Summer Youth Camps

Primary camp for campers ages 9-11 or rising* grades 4-6th - June 7-14, 2025

Intermediate camp - for campers age 12-14 or rising grades - 7-9th June 15-21, 2025

Senior camp - for campers age 15-18 or rising grades 10th-2024 HS graduates - June 22-28, 2025
Swimming, archery, community service, games, crafts, worship and more!

Young Adult Weekend: June 28-July 1, 2025!

YA come to help bridge HS grads and stay for a long weekend of fun and fellowship.

SWUUSI Camp: July 22-27, 2025

“The Good Faith is Messy”

SWUUSI camp (Southwest Unitarian Universalist Summer Intergenerational camp) is community, relaxation, nature, worship, and programming for all ages. Sunset speaker: Rev. Art Severance

GenderUUU Retreat: August 15-17, 2025

UU trans, non-binary and agender folks gather for a weekend of relaxing and community building. Nature walks, spiritual discussions, crafts, and more.

Star Party: August 29-September 1, 2025

Come to UBarU for star gazing, star parties in our observatory, presentations, and more!. Join us for this 3 night event during the new moon.

Fall Bioblitz: October 3-5, 2025

Each spring and fall we have a nature speaker and gather info about plants and wildlife at UBarU. We will have a presentation on birds and the native plants that support them. Outdoor enthusiasts of all ages are invited to attend this event.

Fall Women-Aligned Retreat: October 10-12, 2025

This is a weekend to recharge your body, mind and spirit in the companionship of other Unitarian Universalist women to dance, meditate, write, draw, read, talk, hike our gorgeous 142 acre campus, walk the UBarU labyrinth, lounge on the Meeting House porch or do just what your spirit needs.

[Register for Events!](#)



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