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## THINGS TO DO

# 7 Fun Things to Do in Austin This Weekend: March 17–20

From smoked meat taste testing to dachshund races, here's the scoop on what to do in Austin this weekend.

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## Taste Test the Best Smoked Meat in Texas

Barbecue aficionados, this one's for you. At Come and Smoke It, you'll discover some of the top smoked meats in the Lone Star State—think melt-in-your-mouth offerings from Goldees, Interstellar, and more—along with unlimited free drinks. Celebrity chef/pitmaster Bruce Kalman will be on-site and only Texas-born and raised ranch meats will be featured. Learn more and buy tickets [here](#). *Saturday, March 19, 1-5 p.m., 403 Elm View Way, Manchaca*

## Peruse Poster Art at SXSW

Displaying illustrated memorabilia from your favorite performers, the Flatstock 77 poster show at the Austin Convention Center reigns the most unique way to get up and personal with the artists themselves. From modern pop art to gothic expression, browse the countless realms and dimensions of poster art and the music and people they represent. [This event](#) is free and open to the public—no badge required. *March 17-19, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., 500 E. Cesar Chavez St.*

## Pick Your Power at a Crystal Bar

At Neighborhood Goods, decide what needs you need manifested then select the appropriate healing crystals to match your situation. Throughout the evening, an in-house astrologer will perform readings to help you take charge of your future. Sign up for the complimentary event hosted by Smudge [here](#). *Friday, March 18, 5-7 p.m., 1007 S. Congress Ave., Bldg. 9, Ste. 120*

## Build Your Own Kaleidoscope

With hundreds of pieces of colorful glass made by a Portland artist (along with all the necessary tools and supplies needed), Ethereal Gift Collective is hosting a homemade kaleidoscope night. Guests will leave Kaleidxscape with their own unique creation—a piece of art that transforms with every turn. [Tickets](#) are \$85. *Friday, March 18, 6-8 p.m., 11300 Jolleyville Road*

## Learn Self-Defense in One Day

Specially designed for women and girls 10 and up, this two-hour class at Castle Hill Fitness will teach self-defense basics using some of the most lethal aspects of karate, judo, jiu jitsu, and other martial arts. Participants will leave with the ability to protect themselves, along with a sense of empowerment and a boost of confidence. Tickets start at \$35. Sign up [here](#). *Saturday, March 19, 10 a.m.-noon, 1112 N. Lamar Blvd.*

## Bet on the Fastest Dachshund

It's off to the races for these wiener dogs. A [\\$5 ticket](#) gives spectators entry to the competition, where the speediest Dachshund—along with the best dressed—will be named the champion. *Sunday, March 20, 2-5 p.m., 148 South Castell Ave., New Braunfels*

## Reconnect with Nature (and Yourself) at a Bluebonnet Festival

Don't get us wrong—there isn't a bad time to book a stay Miraval Austin—but if you're looking for another reason to visit the wellness resort, their annual Bluebonnet Festival is it. From now until the end of March, wildflower-themed events and classes are taking over the programming, offering a different way to celebrate the arrival of spring in the Texas Hill Country. Read about a few stand-out activities [here](#). *Now until March 31, 13500 FM 2769*