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ENJOY, LEARN ABOUT, AND CARE FOR GOD'S GOOD CREATION

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES IN HOUSTON

HOLIDAY PARTY Dec. 16, 6 – 9 p.m., Houston Canoe Club party, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 1819 Heights Blvd., http://www.houstoncanooclub.org/content.aspx?page_id=2&club_id=496051
enjoy, boat, Houston

LIGHT DISTRIBUTION RIDE Dec. 12, 6:30 p.m., cyclists distribute bike lights to those riding after dark without lights, meet at Bike Houston at 7 p.m., 616 Hawthorne St., <https://bikehouston.org/calendar/#!/calendar> care, enjoy, cycle, Houston

Hermann Park STUDENT PERFORMANCE Dec. 15, 10 & 11 a.m. and Dec. 16, 11 a.m. & noon, kids perform in the park, Lake Plaza, 6100 Hermann Park Dr., <http://www.hermannpark.org/calendar/>
enjoy, kids, park, Houston

REI LEARN TO CLIMB Dec. 14, 6 – 9 p.m., instructional course plus 3-week membership at climbing gym, 1401 Silver St., see classes & events at www.rei.com learn, class, climb, Houston

CHRISTMAS PARTY & JINGLE BELL RIDE Dec. 21, 6 – 9 p.m., refreshments, ugly sweater contest, & raffle followed by ride in River Oaks to view holiday lights, Urban Bicycle Gallery, 4814 Nett St., <https://bikehouston.org/calendar/#!/calendar> enjoy, cycle, Houston



REI CLIMBING KNOT BASICS Dec. 19, 6:30 – 8 p.m., learn basics of climbing know tying, all gear provided, covers when, how & why to use: figure 8, Kleimhurst, overhand, water knot, clove hitch, girth hitch, bowline & double bowline & more, 1401 Silver St., see classes & events at www.rei.com
[learn](#), [class](#), [climb](#), [outside](#)

RUN FOR WELLNESS Dec. 16, 7:30 – 9:30 a.m., free 10K run, starts from My House Fitness, 1507A W. 18th St., <https://thehworg.presencehost.net/news-events/event-calendar.html> [enjoy](#), [walk](#), [Houston](#)

CAMPFIRE COOKING Dec. 16, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., class on cooking over a campfire, Kickerillo-Mischer Preserve, 20215 Chasewood Park Dr., http://www.hcp4.net/Portals/1/Launch/December_UpcomingPrograms_KMP.pdf [learn](#), [enjoy](#), [camp](#), [Houston](#)

HOLIDAY FARMERS & ARTISTS MARKET Dec. 16, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., purchase foodstuffs & hand-crafted holiday gifts, Grisby Square, 14710 Grisby Rd., https://www.twrcwildlifecenter.org/event/the-farmers-and-artist-market/?instance_id=2342 [care](#), [enjoy](#), [farmers](#), [Houston](#)

RAINFALL, DRAINAGE & FLOOD DAMAGE REDUCTION Dec. 22, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., moderated panel discussion on Atlas 14, federal effort to update rainfall intensity, duration & frequency estimates for TX, Jacobs Engineering, 5995 Rogerdale Rd., <http://ascehouston.org/meetinginfo.php?id=248&ts=1510153143> [learn](#), [lecture](#), [water](#), [Houston](#)



OPEN HOUSE Dec. 14, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m., light refreshments & conversation about Air Alliance Houston's accomplishments in 2017, 3914 Leeland, <http://airalliancehouston.org/events/> **enjoy, learn, Houston**

REI WILDERNESS FIRST AID Dec. 16 - Dec. 17, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m., learn wilderness medicine skills in this two-day course, Environmental Institute of Houston, UH – Clear Lake, 2700 Bay Area Blvd., see classes & events at www.rei.com **learn, class, Houston**

HOUSTON ZOO LIGHTS Dec. 13, 4:15 p.m., senior outing, trip to Houston zoo to enjoy holiday lights display, transportation provided from Oaks Presbyterian Church, 1576 Chantilly Ln., <http://apps.hcp4.net/sapevents/> **enjoy, animals, Houston**

Texas Wildlife Rehabilitation Center WACKY FOR WILDLIFE Dec. 16, 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., girl scout juniors badge workshop, 10801 Hammerly Blvd., <http://www.twrcwildlifecenter.org/> Next Opportunity **TBD** **learn, class animals, kids, Houston**

OPEN HOUSE Dec. 12, 4 p.m., cookies & cocoa at Bayou Land Conservancy open house, book signing for *Backroads of Texas along the Byways to Breathtaking Landscape and Quirky Small Towns*, 10330 Lake Rd., Bldg. J, <http://www.bayoulandconservancy.org/all-events> **enjoy, Houston**

ANCIENT ART OF FERMENTATION Dec. 16, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m., learn basics of fermentation, taste homemade ferments, start sauerkraut, fruit kimchi & garlic carrots, Eastside Farmers' Market, Eastside between Richmond & Alabama, <http://urbanharvest.org/classes-calendar> **learn, class, Houston**



Discovery Green SKATE WITH SANTA Dec. 16 & Dec. 23, 5 - 6 p.m., kids get to skate with Santa, 1500 McKinney, <http://www.discoverygreen.com/> **enjoy, kids, park, Houston**

LEARN TO RIDE CLASSES Dec. 13/Dec. 14 & Dec. 20/Dec. 21, 4 – 5 p.m. & 5:30 – 6:30 p.m., and Dec. 16, 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m., one-on-one classes by certified instructors to learn to ride a bike, for all ages, this is a two-part class, Bethany Methodist Church, 3511 Linkwood Dr., <https://bikehouston.org/calendar/#!/calendar> **learn, class, cycle, kids, Houston**

BLUE LINE BIKE LAB MOVIE NIGHT Dec. 15, 6 – midnight, night of bike games, raffle, contests, vendors, movies & more, Raven tower, 310 North St., <https://bikehouston.org/calendar/#!/calendar> **enjoy, cycle, Houston**

Houston Zoo CAMP ZOOFARI FOR ADULTS: CANINES & CLAWS Dec. 14, 9 a.m. - noon, learn fun facts, take part in animal enrichment & meet the keepers that work with brown bears, cheetahs & the king of the jungle, 6200 Hermann Park Dr., <http://www.houstonzoo.org/plan-your-visit/events-calendar/> **enjoy, learn, animals, Houston**

Houston Zoo PHOTO DAY: ELEPHANTS Dec. 16, 7:30 – 9 a.m., take photos of elephants when they are most active, 6200 Hermann Park Dr., <http://www.houstonzoo.org/plan-your-visit/events-calendar/> **enjoy, animals, photo, Houston**

ANIMAL SKULL INVESTIGATION Dec. 13, 9 & 10:15 a.m. and 12:30 & 2 p.m., students learn structures/functions of skulls of native TX animals, also feeding habits, adaptations & identify mystery specimens, online, <https://www.texas-wildlife.org/resources/events/> **learn, class, kids, animals, media, Houston**



Discovery Green [SKATING STARZ](#) Dec. 24, 6:30 – 6:45 p.m., figure skating performance in the park, 1500 McKinney, <http://www.discoverygreen.com/> [enjoy](#), [park](#), [Houston](#)

[SPORTING CLAYS SHOOT FUNDRAISER](#) Dec. 18, 1 - 7 p.m., raffles, exhibitors, food, shooting & more to raise money for Texas Wildlife Association, Greater Houston Gun Club, 6700 McHard Rd., <https://www.texas-wildlife.org/resources/events/> [care](#), [Houston](#)

Houston Zoo [ANIMAL ENCOUNTER: GIRAFFES](#) Dec. 14, 1 – 1:45 p.m., behind the scenes eye-to-eye encounter with giraffes, join keepers for feeding opportunity, 6200 Hermann Park Dr., <http://www.houstonzoo.org/plan-your-visit/events-calendar/> [enjoy](#), [learn](#), [animals](#), [kids](#), [Houston](#)

[LIFE UNDERGROUND: PARTNERING WITH SOIL MICROBIAL COMMUNITIES](#) Dec. 12, 1 p.m., USDA webinar on challenges & benefits of managing soil biology instead of relying only on chemically-based systems; also learn key roles played by microbes in agroecosystems, <http://www.climatewebinars.net/webinar-calendar/month> [learn](#), [media](#), [lecture](#), [farmer](#), [animals](#), [Houston](#)

Discovery Green [CHEAP SKATE NIGHT](#) Dec. 18, 5 – 10 p.m., skate in the park for less, 1500 McKinney, <http://www.discoverygreen.com/> [enjoy](#), [park](#), [Houston](#)

REI [MAP & COMPASS NAVIGATION BASICS](#) Dec. 12, 2 – 3:30 p.m., learn parts of a compass, how to read a topographic map & how to use them together, 7538 Westheimer, see classes & events at www.rei.com [learn](#), [walk](#), [Houston](#)

Houston Museum of Natural Science [REALITY CHECK](#) ongoing, various times, virtual reality environment, 5555 Hermann Park Dr., www.hmns.org [enjoy](#), [learn](#), [Houston](#)



Hermann Park [VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION](#) **Dec. 16, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.**, learn about volunteer opportunities in the park, tour of gardens afterward, 6100 Hermann Park Dr., <http://www.hermannpark.org/calendar/> [learn](#), [care](#), [garden](#), [park](#), [Houston](#)

Houston Museum of Natural Science [WHITE CHRISTMAS IN THE BUTTERFLY CENTER](#) **thru Jan. 7**, white flowers & white butterflies transform butterfly conservatory into tropical winter wonderland, 5555 Hermann Park Dr., www.hmns.org [enjoy](#), [animals](#), [Houston](#)

[CURRENT & FUTURE WATER AVAILABILITY IN GULF COAST PLAINS](#) **Dec. 13, 10 a.m.**, webinar presents new information on streams in gulf coastal plains, research to develop model of these watersheds & determine flow characteristics, <http://www.gulfofmexicoalliance.org/announcements/events/> [learn](#), [lecture](#), [media](#), [water](#), [Houston](#)

Edith L. Moore Nature Sanctuary [WINTER BREAK CAMP](#) **Dec. 18 – Dec. 20, 9 a.m. - noon**, kids ages 5 – 10 hike trails, interact with education animals & fish in the pond/creek, learn about animals in sanctuary & how they survive in winter, & make crafts, 440 Wilchester Blvd., www.houstonaudubon.org [enjoy](#), [learn](#), [walk](#), [kids](#), [fish](#), [bird](#), [animals](#), [Houston](#)

[AGRICULTURAL AIR QUALITY CONSERVATION](#) **Dec. 13, 1:30 p.m.**, USDA webinar on learn about resources to assist in selecting appropriate strategies when an air quality resource concern has been identified, <http://www.climatewebinars.net/webinar-calendar/month> [learn](#), [media](#), [lecture](#), [farmer](#), [pollution](#), [Houston](#)



Nature Discovery Center [WINTER BIRD WALK](#) Jan. 10, 12 – 1:15 p.m. (monthly thru Feb.), guided bird walk in park, 7112 Newcastle, <http://www.naturediscoverycenter.org/> [enjoy](#), [learn](#), [bird](#), [walk](#), [park](#), [Houston](#)

[CLIMATE CHANGE READING GROUP MEETING](#) Jan. 4, 6:30 p.m., group discusses article, book or podcast related to climate change, Axelrad, 1517 Alabama, <http://www.meetup.com/Houston-Sierra-Club-Outings/events/> [learn](#), [meeting](#), [energy](#), [pollution](#), [Houston](#)

[NIGHT HIKES](#) Dec. 13 & Dec. 18, 7 p.m., join group hikes along Buffalo Bayou, meet at Water Works, 105 Sabine St., <https://www.meetup.com/joinneo/events/> [enjoy](#), [walk](#), [park](#), [Houston](#)

Houston Arboretum & Nature Center [WINTER BIRDWATCHING WORKSHOP](#) Dec. 16, 8 – 11 a.m., refine your bird identification skills by sight & sound, go on bird walk to try out skills, bird-friendly coffee served, 4501 Woodway Dr, <https://houstonarboretum.org/learn/> [learn](#), [class](#), [bird](#), [walk](#), [Houston](#)

Houston Zoo [ZOO LIGHTS](#) thru Jan. 14, enjoy holiday lights in the evening at the zoo, 6200 Hermann Park Dr., <http://www.houstonzoo.org/plan-your-visit/events-calendar/> [enjoy](#), [animals](#), [Houston](#)

Sheldon Lake State Park [BIRD WALK](#) Dec. 16, 8 – 10 a.m., guided walk thru variety of habitats to listen/look for birds, 14140 Garrett Rd, https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/sheldon-lake/park_events [enjoy](#), [walk](#), [bird](#), [park](#), [Houston](#)



Sheldon Lake State Park [GEOCACHING 101](#) Dec. 16 & Dec. 23, 9 – 10 a.m., learn how to use a GPS to find hidden treasures in the park, 14140 Garrett Rd, https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/sheldon-lake/park_events [learn](#), [enjoy](#), [walk](#), [park](#), [Houston](#)

Hermann Park [HOLIDAY TRAIN RIDES](#) thru Jan. 7, enjoy ride thru park on festively-decorated train, 6100 Hermann Park Dr., <http://www.hermannpark.org/calendar/> [enjoy](#), [kids](#), [park](#), [Houston](#)

Houston Museum of Natural Science [BOY SCOUT CLASSES](#) TBD, classes for boy scouts at the museum; 5555 Hermann Park Dr., www.hmns.org [learn](#), [enjoy](#), [kids](#), [Houston](#)

Discovery Green [HELLO TREES! A WALKING SERENADE](#) thru Feb. 25, exhibit turns voice into messages of light & music in oak allee, 1500 McKinney, <http://www.discoverygreen.com/> [enjoy](#), [walk](#), [tree](#), [park](#), [Houston](#)

Houston Museum of Natural Science [GIRL SCOUT CLASSES](#) TBD, classes for girl scouts at the museum, 5555 Hermann Park Dr., www.hmns.org [learn](#), [enjoy](#), [kids](#), [Houston](#)

Sheldon Lake State Park [GEMINID STAR PARTY](#) Dec. 13, 7 – 8:30 p.m., observe meteor shower in park with Houston Astronomical Society, 14140 Garrett Rd, https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/sheldon-lake/park_events [enjoy](#), [park](#), [Houston](#)

[TAKE CARE OF TEXAS VIDEO CONTEST DEADLINE](#) Dec. 15, youth video contest, 30-second film showing positive ways to take care of TX, takecareoftexas.org [care](#), [enjoy](#), [media](#), [kids](#), [Houston](#)

Houston Museum of Natural Science [FACES FROM THE SOUTHERN OCEAN](#) ongoing, exhibit of photography of Antarctica, 5555 Hermann Park Dr., www.hmns.org [enjoy](#), [photo](#), [animals](#), [Houston](#)



STEWARDSHIP: CARING FOR THE PLANTS THAT CARE FOR US Jan. 28, 6 p.m., free webinar addresses how to care for the natural world, register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/stewardship-caring-for-the-plants-that-care-for-us-tickets-40124443290> learn, lecture, media, garden, lecture, Houston

Houston Museum of Natural Science CABINET of CURIOSITIES ongoing, exhibit of thousands of natural and man-made objects, 5555 Hermann Park Dr., www.hmns.org enjoy, Houston

Houston Museum of Natural Science 3D FILMS ongoing, wide variety of films being screened, see www.hmns.org for current show times/offerings enjoy, learn, media, Houston

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES IN HOUSTON

Houston Museum of Natural Science WEEKDAY LABS Dec., Cool Chemistry – check out chemical changes & what makes them happen; Signs of Intelligent Life – learn methods researchers have used to understand animal intelligence, both for grades 1 – 8, 5555 Hermann Park Dr., www.hmns.org learn, enjoy, kids, animals, Houston

Mandell Park TOY SWAP Sat., 10 a.m. – noon, swap toys with other families, keep usable toys from entering landfill, Mandell & Richmond Ave., http://www.friendsofmandellpark.org/html/all_events.html Next Opportunities Dec. 16 & Dec. 23 care, enjoy, kids, recycle, park, Houston



Discovery Green ORBIT SLAM 1st Fri., 6 – 8 p.m., writing and poetry workshop for ages 13 - 19, 1500 McKinney, <http://www.discoverygreen.com/> Next Opportunity **Jan. 5** [learn](#), [park](#), [Houston](#)

YOGA AT LEVY PARK Tues./Thurs., 6 p.m. & Sat./Sun., 10 a.m., yoga class in the park, 3801 Eastside, <http://www.levyparkhouston.org/> Next Opportunities **Dec. 12/Dec. 14 & Dec. 19/Dec. 21 and Dec. 16/Dec. 17 & Dec. 23/Dec. 24** [enjoy](#), [learn](#), [class](#), [park](#), [Houston](#)

CO-HOUSING HOUSTON MEETING 1st Weds., 7 – 8 p.m., group promoting co-housing in Houston, the Black Lab, 4100 Montrose Blvd., <https://www.cohousinghouston.com/> Next Opportunity **Jan. 3** [learn](#), [meeting](#), [Houston](#)

Mandell Park DRUM JAM 2nd & 4th Sun., enjoy drums in the park, Mandell & Richmond Ave., http://www.friendsofmandellpark.org/html/all_events.html Next Opportunity **Dec. 24** [enjoy](#), [park](#), [Houston](#)

MEMORIAL VILLAGES FARMERS' MARKET Sat., 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., farmers' market, music, kids' activities, food demonstrations, lectures & more, 1st Congregational Church, 10840 Beinhorn Rd., <http://www.mvfarmersmarket.org/> Next Opportunities **Dec. 16 & Dec. 23** [care](#), [farmer](#), [kids](#), [Houston](#)

Sheldon Lake State Park WALK THRU THE WOODS Tues., 10 - 11 a.m., guided walk thru forest for little ones, look into pond, 14140 Garrett Rd, https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/sheldon-lake/park_events Next Opportunities **Dec. 12 & Dec. 19** [enjoy](#), [walk](#), [park](#), [kids](#), [Houston](#)

NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY Board Meeting 1st Tues., 6:30 p.m., board meeting open to the public, C Environmental Institute of Houston, UH – Clear Lake, <http://npsot.org/wp/houston/> Next Opportunity **Jan. 2** [learn](#), [meeting](#), [garden](#), [Houston](#)



Sheldon Lake State Park AFTERNOON STROLL Tues., 1 - 2 p.m., guided walk on park trails, meet at pond center, 14140 Garrett Rd, https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/sheldon-lake/park_events Next Opportunities **Dec. 12 & Dec. 19** [enjoy, walk, park, Houston](#)

Sheldon Lake State Park ART IN THE PARK Sun., 3 – 4 p.m., create park-inspired art, 14140 Garrett Rd, https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/sheldon-lake/park_events Next Opportunities **Dec. 17 & Dec. 24** [enjoy, park, kids, Houston](#)

CENTRAL CITY CO-OP MARKET Weds., open market of organic & local fresh produce, Kindred Church, 2515 Waugh Dr., <http://www.centralcityco-op.com/> Next Opportunities **Dec. 13 & Dec. 20** [care, farmer, Houston](#)

Sheldon Lake State Park SKIN, SKULLS & SCAT Sat., 2 - 3 p.m., check out items in environmental learning center to learn about animals & what they leave behind, 14140 Garrett Rd, https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/sheldon-lake/park_events Next Opportunities **Dec. 16 & Dec. 23** [enjoy, walk, park, Houston](#)

Nature Discovery Center YOGA IN THE PARK Sun., 8:30 a.m., free yoga class (donations accepted) in a beautiful natural setting, 7112 Newcastle St, <http://www.naturediscoverycenter.org/> Next Opportunities **Dec. 17 & Dec. 24** [enjoy, learn, park, Houston](#)

Sims Bayou Urban Nature Center BIRD BUDDIES Fri., 10 – 11:30 a.m. (Sep. thru May), kids 3 – 5 discover birds & other animals, includes crafts, games & more, 3997 River Dr., <http://houstonaudubon.org/programs/youth/> Next Opportunity **Dec. 15 & Dec. 22** [learn, enjoy, class, bird, kids, Houston](#)



HOUSTON PARKS ACTIVITIES ongoing, variety of dates/times, many activities offered by the Houston Parks Dept. for people of all ages in various city parks, from sports to tutoring to hands-on stewardship projects and more, see the link to the listing here: <http://www.houstontx.gov/parks/> enjoy, park, Houston

SCIENCE AT LEVY PARK 4th Sat., 2 p.m., (Oct., Nov., Dec.), kids learn natural science in the park, taught by Houston Museum of Natural Science, 3801 Eastside, <http://www.levyparkhouston.org/> Next Opportunity Dec. 23 learn, enjoy, class, kids, park, Houston

PERFORMANCE FOR KIDS AT LEVY PARK 1st, 3rd & 5th Sat., 1 p.m., entertainment for kids in the park, 3801 Eastside, <http://www.levyparkhouston.org/> Next Opportunity Dec. 16 enjoy, kids, park, Houston

ZUMBA AT LEVY PARK Mon., 6:30 p.m., zumba class in the park, 3801 Eastside, <http://www.levyparkhouston.org/> Next Opportunity Dec. 18 enjoy, learn, class, park, Houston

BIKE TOURS daily, Bayou City Bike Tours offers guided rides for groups along Heights Blvd. & Buffalo Bayou, 1824 Spring St., <http://www.bayoucitybiketours.com/book-a-tour/> enjoy, cycle, Houston

Discovery Green **ICE RINK** daily thru Jan. 21, 5 - 10 p.m. (11 p.m. on Fri.), Sat., 11 a.m. – 11 p.m. & Sun., 11 a.m. – 8 p.m., ice skate outdoors in the park, 1500 McKinney, <http://www.discoverygreen.com/> enjoy, park, Houston

DRUM JAM AT LEVY PARK 2nd Sun., 3 p.m., enjoy drum concert in the park, 3801 Eastside, <http://www.levyparkhouston.org/> Next Opportunity Jan. 14 learn, enjoy, class, kids, park, Houston



HOUSTON RENEWABLE ENERGY GROUP MEETING 3rd Tues., 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., monthly meeting of group promoting renewable energy in Houston, Carnegie Neighborhood Library, 1050 Quitman St., <http://houstonrenewableenergy.org/> Next Opportunity **Dec. 19**

PILATES AT LEVY PARK Tues./Thurs., 7 p.m., pilates class in the park, 3801 Eastside, <http://www.levyparkhouston.org/> Next Opportunities **Dec. 12/Dec. 14 & Dec. 19/Dec. 21** enjoy, learn, class, park, Houston

Discovery Green RECYCLING SATURDAYS most Sat., 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., recycle paper, plastic and glass at the park, 1500 McKinney, <http://www.discoverygreen.com/> Next Opportunities **TBD** care, recycle, park, Houston

Discovery Green CIRCO AVENIDA some Fri., 7 - 10 p.m., circus on the Avenida, 1500 McKinney, <http://www.discoverygreen.com/> Next Opportunities **Dec. 15 & Dec. 22** enjoy, park, Houston

SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM WORKSHOP last Fri., 2 – 4 p.m. (thru Nov.), free workshop teaches basics of solar system installation & operation, covers types of solar arrays, costs, labor, permitting, energy savings & reliability, TXRX, 205 Roberts, <http://houstonrenewableenergy.org/events/event-calendar/> Next Opportunity **TBD** learn, class, energy, pollution, Houston

Houston Zoo ZOO SPROUTS I one Thurs. or Sat./month, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m., kids ages 18 – 23 months learn about animals thru activities designed to develop motor skills, meet/touch live animals, 6200 Hermann Park Dr., www.houstonzoo.org Next Opportunities **Jan. 11 & Jan. 13**, Topic: Chasing Cheetahs learn, enjoy, class, kids, animals, Houston



VEGAN FOR LIFE Meeting **last Sat., 7 p.m.**, monthly meeting for vegans to plan activities & activism, Central Market Community Room, 3815 Westheimer, Next Opportunity **Dec. 30** **learn, meeting, Houston**

BIKE RIDES **various days/times**, join group rides, various locations, organized by Bike Barn stores, <http://bikebarn.com/articles/upcoming-rides-pg66.htm> **enjoy, cycle, Houston**

VEGAN SOCIETY OF PEACE MONTHLY MEETING **2nd Sat., 6 – 9 p.m.**, potluck, presentations, food demons, product samples, door prizes & more, HCC, 3100 Main St., <http://www.vegansocietyofpeace.org/vegan2ndsaturdays> Next Opportunity **Jan. 13** **learn meeting, animals, Houston**

Discovery Green SCREEN ON THE GREEN **varies**, family-friendly movie in the park, 1500 McKinney, <http://www.discoverygreen.com/> Next Opportunities **Dec. 14 & Dec. 21, 7 p.m.** **enjoy, media, kids, park, Houston**

Houston Zoo ZOO SPROUTS II **one Mon. or Sat./month, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m., (during school year)**, kids ages 2 – 3 learn about animals thru hands-on activities & meet/greet live animals, 6200 Hermann Park Dr., www.houstonzoo.org Next Opportunity **Dec. 16**, Topic: Terrific Tigers **learn, enjoy, class, kids, animals, Houston**

Discovery Green YOUNG WRITERS WORKSHOP **Sat., 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.**, kids learn to express their thoughts & develop language skills, 1500 McKinney, <http://www.discoverygreen.com/> Next Opportunities **Dec. 16 & Dec. 23** **learn, class, kids, park, Houston**



MOVIE IN LEVY PARK **last Fri., 6:30 p.m.**, family movie in the park, 3801 Eastside, <http://www.levyparkhouston.org/> Next Opportunities **Dec. 29** **enjoy, media, kids, park, Houston**

TEEN WRITING WORKSHOP AT LEVY PARK **1st Thurs., 4 p.m.**, teens learn writing skills in the park, 3801 Eastside, <http://www.levyparkhouston.org/> Next Opportunity **Jan. 4** **learn, kids, park, Houston**

INTERVAL TRAINING AT LEVY PARK **Tues., 6:30 p.m.**, high intensity interval training in the park, 3801 Eastside, <http://www.levyparkhouston.org/> Next Opportunities **Dec. 12 & Dec. 19** **enjoy, learn, class, park, Houston**

KEEP 5 ALIVE **2nd Sat., 9 – 11 a.m.**, volunteers pick up trash & clean flower beds in Fifth Ward Civic Club, corner of Market & Lockwood, <http://www.houstonbeautiful.org/news--events.html> Next Opportunity **Jan. 13** **care, pollution, garden, Houston**

TOUR DE CYPRESSWOOD **Tues., 6 p.m.**, join group ride for beginners on Cypresswood trails, SH 249 at Jones Rd., <http://www.meetup.com/HoustonCyclingClub/> Next Opportunities **Dec. 12 & Dec. 19** **enjoy, cycle, Houston**

Houston Zoo ZOO SPROUTS III one Weds. or Sat./month, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. on Weds, 2 - 3 p.m. on Sat., kids ages 4 – 5 learn how animals interact with their environment & see if they can do the same, 6200 Hermann Park Dr., www.houstonzoo.org Next Opportunities **Dec. 27 & Dec. 30**, Topic: Lovely Lions **learn, enjoy, class, kids, animals, Houston**



Houston Museum of Natural Science [EARLY OPENING](#) **2nd Sat., 8 a.m.**, the museum opens one hour early for members on the second Saturday, 5555 Hermann Park Dr., www.hmns.org, Next Opportunity **Jan. 13**, Featuring: TBD [enjoy](#), [Houston](#)

[PIANO CONCERT AT LEVY PARK](#) **Weds., noon**, enjoy piano concert in the park, 3801 Eastside, <http://www.levyparkhouston.org/> Next Opportunities **Dec. 13 & Dec. 20** [enjoy](#), [park](#), [Houston](#)

[OLIVEWOOD CEMETERY CLEAN-UP](#) **1st & 3rd Sat., 9 – 11 a.m.**, volunteers remove brush & do landscaping at historic cemetery, 1300 Court St., <http://www.descendantsofolivewood.org/category/events/> Next Opportunity **Dec. 16** [care](#), [garden](#), [Houston](#)

Houston Museum of Natural Science [PLANETARIUM SHOWS](#) **ongoing, times vary**, wide variety of shows, Burke Baker Planetarium, 5555 Hermann Park Dr., see www.hmns.org for offerings & times [enjoy](#), [learn](#), [media](#) [Houston](#)

[STORY TIME IN LEVY PARK](#) **Thurs., 10 a.m.**, kids enjoy a story in the park, 3801 Eastside, <http://www.levyparkhouston.org/> Next Opportunities **Dec. 14 & Dec. 21** [enjoy](#), [kids](#), [park](#), [Houston](#)

Bike Houston [BOARD MEETING](#) **2nd Tues., 7 – 8 p.m.**, board meeting open to public, Central Market, 3815 Westheimer, <https://bikehouston.org/calendar/#!/calendar> Next Opportunity **TBD** [learn](#), [meeting](#), [cycle](#), [Houston](#)

Hermann Park [CHILDREN'S STORY HOUR](#) **most Fri., 10 - 11 a.m.**, little ones listen to story in McGovern Centennial Garden, 6100 Hermann Park Dr., <http://www.hermannpark.org/calendar/> Next Opportunity **Dec. 15** [enjoy](#), [boat](#), [park](#), [Houston](#)



Exploration Green NATIVE TREE NURSERY WORK DAY certain Sat., 8 a.m. – noon, volunteers re-pot, stake, & prune trees that will be used to transform a former golf course into greenspace, Exploration Green nursery, 1801 Neptune Ln., Clear Lake, <http://www.explorationgreen.org/#!/calendar/c1xzt> Next Opportunity **Jan. 13** **care, tree, park, Houston**

Houston Museum of Natural Science HMNS AFTER DARK usually monthly, 9 a.m. – 9 p.m., museum open late one day/month, 5555 Hermann Park Dr., www.hmns.org Next Opportunity **Dec. 27** **enjoy, learn, Houston**

PRELUDE MUSIC SERIES AT LEVY PARK monthly, 4:30 p.m., enjoy music in the park, 3801 Eastside, <http://www.levyparkhouston.org/> Next Opportunities **Feb. 3** **enjoy, park, Houston**

NATURE & ECLECTIC OUTDOORS MONTHLY MEETING date/time varies, informal meeting to discuss upcoming events & volunteer opportunities, <https://www.meetup.com/joinneo/events/> Next Opportunity **TBD** **learn, meeting, Houston**

CANOEING/KAYAKING/SUP/SURFING daily, rentals, guided tours & lessons available, variety of locations, Bayou City Adventures, 1520 Silver St., <http://bayoucityadventures.org/> **enjoy, boat, Houston**

BLUES IN LEVY PARK Sat., 3 p.m., blues concert in the park, 3801 Eastside, <http://www.levyparkhouston.org/> Next Opportunities **Dec. 16 & Dec. 23** **enjoy, park, Houston**

Exploration Green TRAIL BLAZING DAY some Sat.s, 8 a.m. – noon, volunteers clear trails in new park, 1801 Neptune Ln., Clear Lake, <http://www.explorationgreen.org/#!/calendar/c1xzt> Next Opportunity **Dec. 16** **care, walk, park, Houston**



Hermann Park PEDAL BOATS Fri. - Sun., 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., rent pedal boats to use on pond in Hermann Park, 6100 Hermann Park Dr., <http://www.hermannpark.org/calendar/> Next Opportunities **Dec. 15 – Dec. 17 & Dec. 22 – Dec. 24** enjoy, boat, park, Houston

ZUMBA IN LEVY PARK Sun., 11 a.m. (except last Sun.), Zumba class in the park, 3801 Eastside, <http://www.levyparkhouston.org/> Next Opportunities **Dec. 17 & Dec. 24** enjoy, learn, class, park, Houston

Houston Arboretum & Nature Center SCIENCE SPROUTS some Thurs., 10:30 – 11:45 a.m. (during school year), kids 4 & 5 learn about science/nature, take guided walk, get up close with nature, 4501 Woodway Dr, <http://houstonarboretum.org/> Next opportunity **Feb. 1**, Cool Critters learn, kids, class, animals, tree, walk, Houston

HULLABALOO 3rd Thurs., 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., cyclist get-together, location varies, partners each month with a like-minded organization, www.bikehouston.org Next Opportunity **Dec. 21**, Location: TBD enjoy, cycle, Houston

Memorial Park GROW OUT 1st & 3rd Thurs., 9a.m. - noon, volunteers work in park greenhouse to care for native plants, south side of Memorial Dr. E., Memorial Loop & Crestwood, http://www.volunteerhou.org/need/detail/?need_id=297472 Next Opportunity **Dec. 21** care, garden, Houston

SATURDAY MORNING WALKS Sat., 8 a.m., join group walk 3 – 4 mi. walk in Ray Miller Park, <http://www.meetup.com/Casual-Walking-and-Hiking-in-West-Houston/> Next Opportunities **Dec. 16 & Dec. 23** enjoy, walk, park, Houston



Sheldon Lake State Park PRAIRIE RESTORATION Tues., 8 a.m. – noon, ongoing restoration of tall grass prairie, 14140 Garrett Rd, <http://prairiepartner.org/> Next Opportunities **Dec. 12 & Dec. 19** **enjoy, park, garden, Houston**

SALSA IN LEVY PARK last Sun., 11 a.m., salsa class in the park, 3801 Eastside, <http://www.levyparkhouston.org/> Next Opportunities **Dec. 31** **enjoy, learn, class, park, Houston**

Houston Museum of Natural Science FREE THURSDAYS Thurs., 2 – 5 p.m., free admission to permanent exhibits, 5555 Hermann Park Dr., www.hmns.org Next Opportunities **Dec. 14 & Dec. 21** **learn, Houston**

Sheldon Lake State Park BIRD SURVEY 3rd Sat. (Sep. – May), bird survey in the park, contact Hannah.Buschert@tpwd.texas.gov for details, 14140 Garrett Rd. Next Opportunity **Dec. 16** **enjoy, park, garden, Houston**

KIDS BINGO NIGHT AT LEVY PARK Weds., 5:30 p.m., kids enjoy bingo in the park, 3801 Eastside, <http://www.levyparkhouston.org/> Next Opportunities **Dec. 13 & Dec. 20** **enjoy, kids, park, Houston**

STORMWATER WETLAND PROGRAM VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY Thurs., 9 a.m. – noon, volunteers propagate plants in nursery at Exploration Green, 1801 Neptune Ln., Clear Lake, or at Gulf Coast Bird Observatory in Lake Jackson, Contact Mcedwards@tamu.edu for details, <http://www.txgcmn.org/calendar> Next Opportunities **Dec. 14 & Dec. 21** **care, garden, water, Houston**

Edith L. Moore Nature Sanctuary NATURE WALK usually 4th Sat., 2 p.m. (except summer), enjoy a walk in the sanctuary, 440 Wilchester Blvd., www.houstonaudubon.org Next opportunity **Dec. 16** **enjoy, walk, Houston**



WILDLIFE for LUNCH usually 3rd Thurs., 12 - 1 p.m., online course by expert on each monthly topic offered by Texas Wildlife Association, <https://www.texas-wildlife.org/resources/events/> Next Opportunity **TBD**, Topic: TBD [learn](#), [class](#), [media](#), [animals](#), [Houston](#)

Discovery Green WATER PLAY ON KINDER LAKE Sat./Sun., noon – 5 p.m. (Nov. & Dec.), thru Dec. 17, kayaks, kayak rides, and remote-controlled boats for rent, 1500 McKinney, <http://www.discoverygreen.com/> Next Opportunities **Dec. 16/Dec. 17 & Dec. 23/Dec. 24** [enjoy](#), [boat](#), [kids](#), [park](#), [Houston](#)

Edith L. Moore Nature Sanctuary FAMILY WORK DAY usually 4th Sat., 9 a.m. – noon (except summer), maintain bird sanctuary, children 5+ welcome, 440 Wilchester Blvd., register with bfoshee@houstonaudubon.org, www.houstonaudubon.org Next opportunity **Dec. 16** [care](#), [kids](#), [Houston](#)

BOOTCAMP AT LEVY PARK Sat., 8:30 a.m., intense exercise class in the park, 3801 Eastside, <http://www.levyparkhouston.org/> Next Opportunities **Dec. 16 & Dec. 23** [enjoy](#), [learn](#), [class](#), [park](#), [Houston](#)

Exploration Green WORK DAY 2nd & 4th Sat., 9 a.m. – noon, volunteers plant along shores of the new lake, 1800 Reseda, <http://www.txgcmn.org/calendar> Next Opportunity **Dec. 23** [care](#), [walk](#), [park](#), [outside](#)

PHOTO WORKSHOP AT LEVY PARK 1st & 3rd Thurs., 9 – 10:30 a.m., learn photography in the park with Houston Center for Photography experts, 3801 Eastside, <http://www.levyparkhouston.org/> Next Opportunity **Dec. 21** [learn](#), [enjoy](#), [class](#), [photo](#), [park](#), [Houston](#)



PAWSITIVE PUPS IN LEVY PARK Sun., 1 p.m., kids enjoy stories & therapy dogs in the park, 3801 Eastside, <http://www.levyparkhouston.org/> Next Opportunities **Dec. 17 & Dec. 24** enjoy, kids, animals, park, Houston

Sheldon Lake State Park WETLAND RESTORATION Weds., 9 a.m. – noon, ongoing restoration of wetlands, 14140 Garrett Rd, <http://www.txgcmn.org/calendar> Next Opportunities **Dec. 13 & Dec. 20** enjoy, park, garden, Houston

Houston Arboretum & Nature Ctr TADPOLE TROOPERS one Sat./month, 9 – 10:15 a.m., 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. & 1 – 2:15 p.m., (during school year), kids ages 3 – 5 (with parent) learn natural science, do craft, walk outside, 4501 Woodway Dr, <http://houstonarboretum.org/> Next Opportunity **Jan. 6**, Topic: Reptile Super Power learn, class, kids, animals, Houston

Exploration Green PLANT PROPAGATION Thurs., 9 a.m. – noon, volunteers propagate plants in wetland nursery at Exploration Green, 1801 Neptune Ln., Clear Lake, <http://www.txgcmn.org/calendar> Next Opportunities **Dec. 14 & Dec. 21** care, garden, park, Houston

Buffalo Bayou LOOKING BACK BOAT TOUR usually 4th Sat., 10 - noon, guided historical tour along Buffalo Bayou, from 150 Sabine St., www.buffalobayou.org Next Opportunity **Mar. 24** enjoy, boat, park, Houston

Buffalo Bayou VOLUNTEER DAY 3rd or 4th Sat., 8:30 – 11:30 a.m., volunteers help maintain the park, meet at Water Works, 105 Sabine St., <https://app.etapestry.com/onlineforms/BuffaloBayouPartnership/volunteerwaiver.html> Next Opportunity **Dec. 16** care, park, water, Houston



Buffalo Bayou 2nd SATURDAY BOAT RIDE usually 2nd Sat., time varies seasonally 30-minute boat rides along Buffalo Bayou, from 150 Sabine St., www.buffalobayou.org Next Opportunity **TBD**
enjoy, boat, park, Houston

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office GREEN THUMB LECTURE (Jan – Oct.): 2nd Thurs., 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Barbara Bush Library, 6817 Cypresswood Dr., **3rd Tues., 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.,** Spring Branch Memorial Library, 930 Corbindale, **3rd Thurs., 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.,** Freeman Branch Library, 16616 Diana Ln, register 281-855-5600, <http://hcmga.tamu.edu/Public/>. Next Opportunities **TBD, TBD & TBD**, respectively, Topic: TBD **learn, lecture, garden, Houston**

MOUNTAIN BIKING at ANT HILLS Tues., 6:15 p.m., join group ride at Hershey Park, 15200 Memorial, <http://www.meetup.com/HoustonCyclingClub/> Next Opportunities **Dec. 12 & Dec. 19** **enjoy, cycle, park, Houston**

Edith L. Moore Nature Sanctuary NATURE EXPLORERS CLUB usually 3rd Thurs., 4 – 5:30 p.m. (during school year), school-age kids 6 - 12 learn about nature, make craft, take hike & more, 440 Wilchester Blvd., register with bfoshee@houstonaudubon.org, www.houstonaudubon.org Next opportunity **Dec. 14**, Topic: Christmas in the Woods **learn, enjoy, kids, Houston**

Buffalo Bayou WALKING TOUR usually 3rd Sat., (time varies seasonally) guided tour by naturalist, meet at Water Works, 105 Sabine St., www.buffalobayou.org Next Opportunity **Dec. 16, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.** **enjoy, park, water, walk, Houston**

Edith L. Moore Nature Sanctuary SATURDAYS in NATURE usually 2nd Sat., 1 – 4 p.m. (during school year), hands-on science program for families, 440 Wilchester Blvd., register with



bfoshee@houstonaudubon.org, <http://www.houstonaudubon.org> Next opportunity **Dec. 16**, Topic: TBD; Craft: TBD **learn, enjoy, kids, Houston**

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office GARDENS LECTURE (Jan – Oct.): 2nd Thurs., 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Genoa Friendship Garden, 1202 Genoa Red Bluff Rd., <http://hcmga.tamu.edu/Public/>. Next Opportunity **TBD**, Topic: TBD **learn, lecture, garden, Houston**

Discovery Green GREEN FLEA BY NIGHT usually 3rd Sat., 6 – 10 p.m., flea market, artful kitsch, vintage items, recycled/repurposed, collectibles & more, 1500 McKinney, <http://www.discoverygreen.com/flea> Next Opportunity **Dec. 16** **care, recycle, park, Houston**

Houston Arboretum & Nature Ctr NATURALIST EXPLORERS one Sat. each month, 9 – 11 a.m. (during school year), kids ages 5 - 8 learn natural science thru instruction & hands-on activities, 4501 Woodway Dr, <http://houstonarboretum.org/> Next Opportunity **Jan. 6**, Topic: Camouflage **learn, class, kids, Houston**

HISTORIC HOUSTON SALVAGE WAREHOUSE open by appointment, purchase materials reclaimed from historic homes, 4300 Harrisburg Blvd, (713) 522-0542, <http://www.historichouston.org/> **care, recycle, Houston**

ENVIRONMENT MATTERS monthly, 6 – 7 p.m., monthly social for anyone interested in the environment, learn from experts, hear about upcoming events, & enjoy the get-together, Eureka Heights Brewing Co., 941 W. 18th St., see calendar at www.cechouston.org Next Opportunity **TBD** **learn, meeting, Houston**



BIRD WALK usually **2nd Sat., 8 a.m. (Sep. - May)**, meet at cabin, Edith L. Moore Nature Sanctuary, 440 Wilchester Blvd., 713-464-4900 or <http://www.houstonaudubon.org>. Next Opportunity **Dec. 16**
enjoy, bird, Houston

Houston Arboretum & Nature Ctr HOME SCHOOL PROGRAM **3 Mon.s/month, 1 – 3 p.m. (during school year)**, kids ages 5 - 12 learn natural science thru instruction, hands-on activities, & guided nature walks, 4501 Woodway Dr, <http://houstonarboretum.org/> Next Opportunity **Dec. 18**,
Topic: Forest Rangers **learn, class, kids, Houston**

ECO-LOGY Tues., 3 – 4 p.m., **EXPLORATION** Mon. 5 – 6 a.m., **VEGAN WORLD** Tues., 8 – 9 p.m., KPFT. Next opportunities **Dec. 12, Dec. 18, Dec. 19, & Dec. 25** **learn, care, media, Houston**

RECYCLE ALMOST ANYTHING <http://texastakeback.com/>, a comprehensive guide to recycling.
care, recycle, Houston, outside, media

TOUR DE TACO **1st Fri., 6:45 p.m.**, join group ride leaving from Market Square Park, 301 Milam St., <http://www.meetup.com/HoustonCyclingClub/> Next Opportunity **Jan. 5** **enjoy, cycle, outside**

Houston Arboretum & Nature Ctr BIRD COUNT **3rd Sat., 8 – 10 a.m.**, meet in front of center to document birds in arboretum, 4501 Woodway Dr, <http://houstonarboretum.org/> Next Opportunity **Dec. 16** **care, bird, Houston**

Wildlife Center VOLUNTEER TRAINING usually **3rd Sat., 10 – 11:30 a.m., (except Nov./Dec.)**
7007 Katy Rd, 713 861-9453, <http://www.wildlifecenteroftexas.org/>. Next opportunity **TBD** **learn, care, animals, Houston, class**



SIERRA CLUB Monthly Meeting 2nd Thurs., 7 – 10 p.m., St. Stephen's Pecore Hall, 1805 W. Alabama, <http://www.meetup.com/Houston-Sierra-Club-Outings/events/> Next Opportunity **Dec. 14**, Topic: Auction & Holiday event **care, learn, Houston**

Houston Galveston Area Council PARKS & NATURAL AREAS Meeting usually 2nd Mon., 1:30 – 3:30 p.m., discussion of parks/natural areas in 13-county region, 3555 Timmons Ln., justin.bower@h-gac.com Next Opportunity **Jan. 8** **learn, meeting, park, Houston**

PROJECT BLAZING STAR usually 1st & 2nd Sat., 9 a.m. – noon, volunteers plant native grasses, forbes & wildflowers, Bayou Parklands, meet at pavilion near 6520 Almeda, parking lot P, <http://www.txgcmn.org/calendar> Next Opportunity **Jan. 6** **care, garden, Houston**

NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY Monthly Meeting 2nd Mon., 6:45 p.m., University of Houston – Clear Lake, Clear Lake <http://npsot.org/wp/houston/> Next opportunity **Jan. 8**, Topic: TBD **learn, meeting, lecture, garden, Houston**

URBAN FOREST MICRO-GRANT 15th of each month, deadline to apply for micro matching (1:1) grant of \$500, <http://www.texasurbantrees.org/> Next Deadline **Dec. 15** **care, tree, Houston**

Houston Galveston Area Council ORGANICS RECOVERY ROUNDTABLE quarterly, meeting promotes recovery of food waste & other organic materials, 3555 Timmons Ln., erin.livingston@h-gac.com, Next Opportunity **TBD** **learn, care, meeting, garden, Houston**



BAYOU RIDE 1st Sun., 8 – 11 a.m., Bike Houston offers guided educational ride, start at NikosNikos Market Square, 301 Milam, moderate pace with stops, www.bikehouston.org Next Opportunity **Jan. 7**
enjoy, cycle, water, Houston

Houston Galveston Area Council LIVABLE HOUSTON INITIATIVE 4th Weds., 12 - 1:30 p.m., discuss vision of desired future for Houston residents & how to achieve, 3555 Timmons Ln., justin.bower@h-gac.com Next Opportunity **Dec. 20** learn, meeting, park, Houston

LOCAL ECONOMY ACTION GROUP Meeting 2nd Weds., 6:30 p.m., seedbed for approaches to sustainable businesses, Start Houston, 1121 Delano St., Next Opportunity **Dec. 13** care, meeting, learn, Houston

COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY RECYCLING COALITION 2nd Thurs., 12 – 1:30 p.m. (most months), webinar shares information among those working on waste reduction on college campuses, <http://curc3r.org/webinars/2017-webinar-series/> Next Opportunity **TBD**, Topic: TBD learn, media, pollution, Houston

BAT CHAT 1st, 3rd, & 4th Fri., 30 min. before sunset, Waugh Street Bridge Allen Pkwy & Waugh, www.waughbatmonitor.org Next Opportunities **Dec. 15 & Dec. 22** learn, enjoy, animals, Houston

Edith L. Moore Nature Sanctuary RUMMEL CREEK STREAM TEAM WORK DAY 4th Sat., (in season) remove invasives/litter, plants natives, 440 Wilchester Blvd., contact bfoshee@houstonaudubon.org, www.houstonaudubon.org Next opportunity **TBD** care, water, Houston



Houston Arboretum & Nature Center [NATURE REVEALED](#) usually one Sat./month, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. & some Tues., 2 – 4 p.m., learn about plants & animals, ages 13+, 4501 Woodway Dr, www.houstonarboretum.org Next Opportunity **TBD** [learn](#), [class](#), [animals](#), [garden](#), [Houston](#)

[CITY HALL FARMERS' MARKET](#) Weds., 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., (except summer/winter) in front of city hall, 901 Bagby, www.urbanharvest.org Next Opportunities **Dec. 13 & Dec. 20** [care](#), [farmers](#), [Houston](#)

[TRANSITION HOUSTON Monthly Meeting](#) usually 1st Tues., 7 – 9 p.m., Group supports transition from oil dependency to local resilience, location varies, www.transitionhouston.org Next Opportunity **Jan. 2** [learn](#), [meeting](#), [Houston](#)

Edith L. Moore Nature Sanctuary [TUESDAY TRAIL CREW](#) Tues., 9 a.m. – noon, trail maintenance, 440 Wilchester Blvd., contact bfoshee@houstonaudubon.org, www.houstonaudubon.org Next opportunities **Dec. 12 & Dec. 19** [care](#), [walk](#), [Houston](#)

Texas Wildlife Rehabilitation Center [VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION](#) usually 2nd Sat., 10 – 11:30 a.m., learn to care for animals in center, 10801 Hammerly Blvd., <http://www.twrcwildlifecenter.org/> Next Opportunity **TBD** [care](#), [learn](#), [class](#) [animals](#), [Houston](#)

[NATURE PHOTO ASSOC Meeting](#) usually 3rd Weds., 7 p.m., (Sep. – May) meet at library, Edith L. Moore Nature Sanctuary, 440 Wilchester Blvd., 713-464-4900, <http://www.houstonaudubon.org/> Next Opportunity **Dec. 20**, Topic: Movie Night – Bending the Light [enjoy](#), [photo](#), [bird](#), [Houston](#)



HOUSTON CLIMATE PROTECTION ALLIANCE Meeting usually 2nd Sun., 1:15 p.m., speakers on climate science, 1st Unitarian Church, 5200 Fannin, <http://www.houstonclimateprotection.org/> Next Opportunity **Jan. 14** [learn](#), [meeting](#), [energy](#), [pollution](#), [Houston](#)

Houston Audubon ARCHBISHOP FIORENZA PARK BIRD SURVEY usually 4th Weds., 8 a.m., join group to survey birds, 13551 Westpark, maweber@houstonaudubon.org, www.houstonaudubon.org, Next Opportunity **Dec. 27** [care](#), [enjoy](#), [walk](#), [park](#), [bird](#), [Houston](#)

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office OPEN GARDEN DAY 4th Tues., (except Dec.), 8:30 – 11 a.m., workshop & childrens' activity at 10 a.m., self-guided garden tours, 3033 Bear Creek Dr., 3rd Mon, 8:30 – 11 a.m., 1202 Genoa Red Bluff Rd, fun & education for adults/kids, <http://hcmga.tamu.edu/Public/> Next Opportunities **TBD & TBD** [learn](#), [enjoy](#), [garden](#), [kids](#), [Houston](#)

Edith L. Moore Nature Sanctuary NATIVES NURSERY VOLUNTEERS Fri., a.m., separate seedlings, re-pot plants, 440 Wilchester Blvd., contact fhannah@houstonaudubon.org, www.houstonaudubon.org Next opportunities **Dec. 15 & Dec. 22** [care](#), [garden](#), [Houston](#)

CITIZENS' TRANSPORTATION COALITION Meeting 3rd Thurs., 5:30 p.m., group focusing on public transportation, Rudyard's Pub, 2010 Waugh, <http://www.ctchouston.org/wordpress/> Next Opportunity **Dec. 21** [learn](#), [meeting](#), [pollution](#), [Houston](#)

HOUSTON CRITICAL MASS Cycling Event last Fri., 7 p.m., meet other cyclists at Market Square Park in downtown to ride around Houston, to make Houston more bike-friendly. <http://houstoncriticalmass.com/> Next opportunity **Dec. 29** [care](#), [enjoy](#), [cycle](#), [Houston](#)



BAYOU BIKERS 1st Sun., 8 a.m., meet at Market Square, bike 25 – 40 miles.

<http://www.marketsquarepark.com/calendar/> Next opportunity **Jan. 7** enjoy, cycle, Houston

Houston Arboretum & Nature Center **PHENOLOGY WALK** 2nd & 4th Sat., 9 a.m., guided walk along phenology trails, 4501 Woodway Dr., Next Opportunity **Dec. 23** learn, walk, Houston

Rice University **FARMERS MARKET** Tues., 3:30 – 6:30 p.m., 5491 Greenbriar. Next Opportunities **Dec. 12 & Dec. 19** care, farmers, Houston,

SENIOR BIRDING BUS TRIPS usually monthly, day varies, normally 8 or 9 a.m., bus transport from Memorial City Mall, snack & guide, reservations required, maweber@houstonaudubon.org, Next opportunity **TBD**, Location: TBD enjoy, learn, walk, bird, Houston

NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY Monthly Meeting 3rd Thurs., 6:45 – 9:30 p.m., **Houston Arboretum & Nature Center**, 4501 Woodway Dr, <http://npsot.org/wp/houston/> Next opportunity **Dec. 21**, Topic: Holiday Party at Fratelli's Ristorante learn, meeting, lecture, garden, Houston

HOUSTON RE-MARKET 4th Sat., 11 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., 4302 Harrisburg Blvd, Sustainable crafts, garage sales, swap meet, and recycling drop-off, Next opportunity **Dec. 23** care, recycle, Houston

Nature Discovery Center **CURIOUS KIDS** Tues., 10 – 11:15 a.m. or 4 – 5:15 p.m. (during school year), pre-K science program, 7112 Newcastle St, <http://www.naturediscoverycenter.org/> Next Opportunities **Dec. 12 & Dec. 19** learn, enjoy, class, kids, Houston



Nature Discovery Center [NATURE STORY TIME](#) **Weds., 4 – 4:30 p.m.**, pre-schoolers & caregivers enjoy stories, puppets, specimens, songs & more, 7112 Newcastle St, <http://www.naturediscoverycenter.org/> Next Opportunity **Dec. 13 & Dec. 20** [enjoy, kids, Houston](#)

[CHALLENGES & TREATMENT SOLUTIONS FOR SMALL WATER SYSTEMS](#) **monthly, 1 p.m.**, monthly webinar by EPA to communicate with drinking water systems professionals, <https://www.epa.gov/water-research/small-systems-monthly-webinar-series> Next Opportunity **Dec. 12**, Topic: State Acceptance of UV Disinfection Technologies [learn, lecture, media, water, Houston](#)

[GREATER EAST END FARMERS' MARKET](#) **Sun., 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.**, 2700 block of Navigation, across from Ninfa's. Next opportunities **Dec. 17 & Dec. 24** [care, farmers, Houston](#)

Nature Discovery Center [JUNIOR SCIENTISTS](#) **Thurs., 4 – 5:30 p.m. (during school year)**, kids 6 – 10 explore natural world thru hands-on investigations & experiments, enriched with crafts, games & more, 7112 Newcastle St, <http://www.naturediscoverycenter.org/> Next Opportunity **Dec. 21** [learn, enjoy, class, kids, Houston](#)

Nature Discovery Center [WALK ON THE WILD SIDE](#) **one Sat./month., 10 a.m.**, fun family-friendly walks to learn about wild nature, 7112 Newcastle St, <http://www.naturediscoverycenter.org/> Next Opportunity **TBD** [learn, enjoy, class, kids, Houston](#)

City of Houston [MATTRESS RECYCLING](#) 2240 Central Street or 5565 Kirkpatrick. **Weds. - Sun. 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.** (Daylight Savings Time) & **9 a.m. - 6 p.m.** (Non-Daylight Savings Time) [care, recycle, Houston](#)



Nature Discovery Center TREE I.D.WALK 1st Sat., 10 – 11 a.m. guided tree walks in park to learn to identify trees, 7112 Newcastle St, <http://www.naturediscoverycenter.org/> Next Opportunity **Jan. 6**
learn, enjoy, walk, tree. park, Houston

TEXAS PARKS & WILDLIFE on PBS Mon. – Fri., 6 p.m. & Sat. 3 p.m.,
[HTTP://WWW.HOUSTONPUBLICMEDIA.ORG/TV8/](http://www.houstonpublicmedia.org/tv8/) Next opportunities **Dec. 11 – Dec. 15 & Dec. 16**
& Dec. 18 – Dec. 22 & Dec. 23 **learn, Houston, outside, park, animals, media**

HOUSTON COMMUNITY TOOLBANK WAREHOUSE TOUR 3rd Thurs., 9 – 10 a.m., toolbank lends tools to nonprofits, community groups & corporate volunteers doing charitable work, 1215 Gazin St., <http://www.houstontoolbank.org/> Next Opportunity **Dec. 21** **care, Houston**

Houston Audubon BIRDING CLASS & FIELD TRIP one Sat./month & a prior weekday, birding class at the Edith L. Moore Nature Sanctuary, 440 Wilchester Blvd., followed by birding trips in/outside Houston for ages 12+, see calendar at www.houstonaudubon.org Next Opportunities Class **Dec. 12, 7 p.m.** Topic: Sparrows; Trip: **Dec. 16, 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.,** Location: TBD **enjoy, learn, bird, Houston**

VOLUNTEER TUESDAYS Tues., 9 – 11 a.m., volunteer in demonstration habitat, Environmental Institute of Houston, UH-Clear Lake, 2700 Bay Area Blvd., <http://prtl.uhcl.edu/portal/page/portal/EIH> Next Opportunities **Dec. 12 & Dec. 19** **care, garden, Houston**

Houston Audubon MEMBER FIELD TRIP usually 3rd Sat., birding trips in/outside Houston for ages 12+, members of Houston Audubon, see calendar at www.houstonaudubon.org Next Opportunities **TBD,** Location: TBD **enjoy, bird, Houston**



WHITE OAK BAYOU BOARD MEETING 2nd Tues. (except November), 7 – 8 p.m., monthly board meeting of the White Oak Bayou Association, location varies, to attend, call them at 765-426-1743, <http://whiteoakbayou.org> Next Opportunity **Dec. 12** [learn](#), [meeting](#), [water](#), [Houston](#)

Houston Zoo **MEMBER MORNINGS** 1st Sat., 8 a.m., members get in one hour early, 6200 Hermann Park Dr., www.houstonzoo.org Next opportunity **Jan. 6**, Topic: TBD [enjoy](#), [animals](#), [Houston](#)

WESTBURY COMMUNITY GARDEN WORK DAY usually 4th Sat., 12:30 – 4 p.m., volunteers tend the garden, 12581 Dunlap, <http://westburycommunitygarden.org/> Next Opportunity **Jan. 27** [care](#), [garden](#), [Houston](#)

WESTBURY COMMUNITY GARDEN BOARD MEETING 3rd Tues., 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., monthly board meeting open to all garden members, Platou Community Center, 11655 Chimney Rock, <http://westburycommunitygarden.org/> Next Opportunity **Dec. 19** [learn](#), [care](#), [garden](#), [meeting](#), [Houston](#)

YOUR LIVABLE GARDEN Radio Show Sat., 6 – 8 a.m. KSEV 700 AM & Sun., 9 – 11 a.m. KPRC 950 AM. Next opportunities **Dec. 16/Dec. 17 & Dec. 23/Dec. 24** [learn](#), [Houston](#), [garden](#), [media](#)

Nature Discovery Center **MONDAY MORNING GARDENING** usually 1st Mon., 9:30 a.m. – noon (except summer), learn about native plant gardening & assist center, 7112 Newcastle St, <http://www.naturediscoverycenter.org/> Next Opportunity **Jan. 15** [learn](#), [care](#), [garden](#), [Houston](#)

Hogg Bird Sanctuary **BIRD SURVEY** usually 3rd Sat., 8:30 - 11 a.m., 1 Westcott St., Contact Aaron at aandkstoley@yahoo.com or 713-781-1372, <http://www.houstonaudubon.org/> Next opportunity **Dec. 16** [care](#), [Houston](#), [bird](#)



Sims Bayou Urban Nature Center [GIRL SCOUT CLASSES](#) occasionally during school year, 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., birds & bayous for brownies & juniors, 3997 River Dr., www.houstonaudubon.org, Next Opportunity **Feb. 10**, Topic: Brownies & Juniors – Birds & Bayous [learn, enjoy, class, kids, Houston](#)

Houston Zoo [FREE AFTERNOON](#) 1st Tues., noon - closing, (Sep. – May) visit zoo for free, 6200 Hermann Park Dr., www.houstonzoo.org Next opportunity **Jan. 2** [enjoy, animals, Houston](#)

[WOODLAND PARK BIRD SURVEY](#) usually 3rd Sat., 7:30 - 9:30 a.m., join group for birding, 212 Parkview, jason.bonilla@gmail.com or www.houstonaudubon.org, Next opportunity **Dec. 23** [enjoy, walk, bird, Houston](#)

[BUTTERFLY ENTHUSIASTS OF SOUTHEAST TX MEETING](#) 1st Tues. (every other month), 7 p.m., social & lecture at each meeting, Houston Museum of Natural Science, 5555 Hermann Park Dr., <http://www.naba.org/chapters/nababest/> Next Opportunity **Feb. 6** [learn, meeting, animals, Houston](#)

Willow Waterhole Reserve [BIRD COUNT](#) 3rd Sat., 8 – 11 a.m., <http://wwgc.org/> or www.houstonaudubon.org, Next opportunity **Dec. 16** [care, bird, Houston](#)

[MASTER NATURALIST Monthly Meeting](#) 1st Thurs., 6:30 – 9 p.m., guest speaker at each meeting, Cherie Flores Garden Pavilion, 1500 Hermann Dr., <http://www.txgcmn.org/calendar> Next opportunity **Jan. 4** [learn, lecture, meeting, Houston](#)

Hermann Park [BIRD SURVEY](#) 2nd Mon., 7:30 – 10:30 a.m. Call Jim or Harlan at 713-932-1639, www.houstonaudubon.org, Next Opportunity **Jan. 8** [care, bird, Houston](#)



Houston Galveston Area Council PEDESTRIAN & BICYCLE Subcommittee Meeting 3rd Thurs., bimonthly, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m., 3555 Timmons Lane, Call 713-993-2497, Next opportunity **Jan. 18 [learn](#), [cycle](#), [meeting](#), [Houston](#)**

EASTSIDE FARMERS MARKET Sat., 8 a.m. – noon, 300 Richmond Ave. Next Opportunities **Dec. 16 & Dec. 23 [care](#), [farmers](#), [Houston](#)**

FOOD POLICY WORKGROUP Monthly Meeting 2nd Weds., 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., Bring your own lunch, Upper Kirby Building, 3015 Richmond Ave, RSVP jay.crossley@houstontomorrow.org, Next opportunity **Dec. 13 [learn](#), [meeting](#), [Houston](#)**

HOUSTON URBAN GARDENERS Meeting 2nd Mon., 6:30 pm, 1475 W. Gray, 832-345-7333, <http://www.houstonurbangardeners.org/where-we-meet/> Next opportunity **Jan. 8, Topic: TBD [care](#), [learn](#), [meeting](#), [garden](#), [Houston](#)**

BRAYS BAYOU ASSOCIATION MEETING 3rd Mon., 7:30 – 8:30 p.m., monthly meeting of the association, speaker at each meeting, The Gathering Place, 5310 S. Willow Dr., Contact bobx206@gmail.com Next Opportunity **Dec. 18 [learn](#), [meeting](#), [water](#), [Houston](#)**

Nature Discovery Center BELLAIRE GARDEN CLUB Meeting 1st Thurs., 7 p.m., 7112 Newcastle St, Bellaire, <http://www.naturediscoverycenter.org/>, Next opportunity **Jan. 4 [learn](#), [enjoy](#), [kids](#), [Houston](#)**

Houston Arboretum & Nature Center NATURALLY WILD FAMILIES one Sat./month, times varies, outdoor experiences for families with naturalist guide/instructor, 4501 Woodway Dr, www.houstonarboretum.org Next Opportunity **TBD [learn](#), [enjoy](#), [kids](#), [Houston](#)**



Edith L. Moore Nature Sanctuary TITMOUSE CLUB Tues. & Wed, 10 a.m., (Sep. – May), ages 2.5 - 5, stories, hands-on activities, nature walks & crafts, bfoshee@houstonaudubon.org, www.houstonaudubon.org, Next Opportunities **Dec. 12 & Dec. 13**, Topic: Christmas in the Woods **enjoy, learn, kids, animals, Houston**

Houston Arboretum & Nature Center BOY SCOUTING CLASSES occasionally, times varies, boy scouts learn about nature, 4501 Woodway Dr, www.houstonarboretum.org Next Opportunity **Jan. 13, 1 – 3 p.m.**, Topic: Webelos – Into the Wild **enjoy, learn, kids, Houston**

HEART & SOUL ACTION GROUP MEETING 2nd & 4th Thurs., 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., group supporting simpler living, <http://www.transitionhouston.org/> Next Opportunity **Dec. 14** **care, learn, Houston**

Houston Arboretum & Nature Center GIRL SCOUTING CLASSES monthly, times varies, girl scouts learn about nature, 4501 Woodway Dr, www.houstonarboretum.org. Next Opportunities **Jan. 13, 9 – 11 a.m.** (Brownies – Topic: Hiker); **1 – 3 p.m.** (Brownies – Outdoor Adventurer); **9 a.m. – noon**, (Juniors – Geocacher) **learn, enjoy, kids, Houston**

Houston Arboretum & Nature Center TYKE HIKE some Mon.s, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m., (except June/July), kids 18 mo. – 3 with parent, story, craft & stroller-friendly hike, 4501 Woodway Dr, www.houstonarboretum.org. Next Opportunity **Dec. 18** **enjoy, learn, walk, kids, Houston**

OUTDOOR NATURE CLUB, ORNITHOLOGY Meeting 1st Mon., 6:30 – 8 p.m., 713-664-5206, Bayland Community Ctr, 6400 Bissonnet, Speaker each month, <http://www.outdoornatureclub.org/> Next opportunity **TBD**, Topic: TBD **learn, Houston, meeting, lecture, bird**



WESTCHASE FARMERS MARKET Thurs., 3 – 6 p.m., Parking lot of St. Cyril's of Alexandria Church, 10503 Westheimer Rd. Next Opportunities **Dec. 14 & Dec. 21** care, farmers, Houston

NATIVE PRAIRIES ASSOCIATION of TEXAS Meeting usually 4th Weds. (except Nov./Dec.), 6:45 – 8:30 p.m., McGovern Centennial Gardens, 1500 Hermann Dr., Speaker each month, HNPAT@texasprairie.org, <https://hnpat.wordpress.com/> Next opportunity **TBD**, Topic: TBD learn, meeting, lecture, Houston

Don Greene Park WORK DAY 3rd Sat., 9 a.m. – noon, volunteers work to restore new pocket park, 6009 Cypress St., www.facebook.com/friendsofdongreene Next Opportunity **Dec. 16** care, garden, park, Houston

HOUSTON CANOE CLUB MEETING 2nd Weds., 7 p.m., meeting of canoeing enthusiasts, Bayland Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet St. <http://www.houstoncanoecub.org/> Next Opportunity **Dec. 13** learn, meeting, boat, Houston

Houston Arboretum & Nature Center BIRD WALK 2nd Sat., 8 - 10 a.m., (except summer), enjoy relaxed guided walk to look for/observe birds, 4501 Woodway Dr, www.houstonarboretum.org Next Opportunity **Jan. 13** enjoy, walk, bird, Houston

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATORS EXCHANGE Meeting usually 1st Weds., (Feb., May, Aug., Nov.), time varies, potluck meeting to share ideas/resources, location varies, smithedith@aol.com <http://hunstem.uhd.edu/EEE/> Next opportunity **TBD** Details: TBD learn, meeting, kids, Houston



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UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES OUTSIDE HOUSTON

Houston Museum of Natural Science [SCOUT CLASSES](#) TBD Sugarland, www.hmns.org/sugarland [learn](#), [enjoy](#), [kids](#), [outside](#)

Mercer Arboretum [HOLIDAY BIRD COUNT](#) Dec. 16, 8 a.m., count birds with an expert at Mercer & other nearby parks, meet at west side parking lot, 22306 Aldine Westfield Rd, Humble, <http://www.hcp4.net/Community/Parks/Mercer/Programs> [care](#), [enjoy](#), [bird](#), [park](#), [outside](#)

[WEST FORK WATERSHEDS PARTNERSHIP MEETING](#) Dec. 12, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., discussion of bacteria pollution in watersheds, plus any other topic of interest to attendees, Montgomery County Central Library, Conroe, see calendar at www.cechouston.org [learn](#), [meeting](#), [water](#), [pollution](#), [outside](#)

[BREAKFAST WITH SANTA](#) Dec. 22, 10 - 11:30 a.m., breakfast, craft, music & photos with Santa, Rob Fleming Park, The Woodlands, <http://www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/calendar.aspx?view=list&year=2017&month=12&day=9> [enjoy](#), [kids](#), [park](#), [outside](#)

REI [UPCYCLED CLIMBING ROPE RUG](#) Dec. 21, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., learn to make rug with retired climbing rope, bring your own 60m rope, Katy Climb Shop, Katy, see classes & events at www.rei.com [learn](#), [class](#), [climb](#), [outside](#)



Jesse Jones Park [CRITTER'S CHRISTMAS](#) **Dec. 16, 10 a.m.** learn to make decorative edible treats for birds & other wildlife, Humble, <http://www.hcp4.net/Community/Parks/Jones/Programs> **learn, enjoy, care, bird, animals, park, outside**

[SEED COLLECTING](#) **Dec. 13, 9 – 11:30 a.m.**, volunteers collect seeds of native prairie plants, Katy Prairie Conservancy's Indiangrass Preserve, Waller, http://texasprairie.org/index.php/news_and_events/ **care, garden, outside**

REI [BACK-COUNTRY NAVIGATION WITH MAP & COMPASS](#) **Dec. 16, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.**, learn to translate map to surroundings, use compass easily & effectively to find your location, and put map/compass together to plan a route, Cullinan Park, Sugarland, see classes & events at www.rei.com **learn, class, walk, outside**

[HOUSTON ZOO LIGHTS](#) **Dec. 13, 3:45 p.m. & 4 p.m.**, senior outing, trip to Houston zoo to enjoy holiday lights display, (12/13, 3:45 p.m.): transportation provided from Spring Cypress Presbyterian Church, Spring, (12/13, 4 p.m.): transportation provided from Humble, <http://apps.hcp4.net/sapevents/> **enjoy, animals, outside**

REI [WOMEN'S MOUNTAIN BIKING BASICS](#) **Dec. 16, 2 – 3:30 p.m.**, learn about essential gear, safety & responsibility on trail, basic bike maintenance & more, 18750 Gulf Frwy., Friendswood, see classes & events at www.rei.com **learn, class, cycle, outside**

Houston Museum of Natural Science [WEEKDAY LABS](#) **Dec. 15**, Cool Chemistry – check out chemical changes & what makes them happen; **Dec. 14**, Signs of Intelligent Life – learn methods



researchers have used to understand animal intelligence, Sugarland, www.hmns.org/sugarland **learn, enjoy, animals, kids, outside**

HIKE ARMAND BAYOU Dec. 16, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., join group 8.5 mi. hike in Armand Bayou Nature Center, Pasadena, <https://www.meetup.com/Houston-Area-Trails-More/events/calendar/> **enjoy, walk, water, outside**

LIFE UNDERGROUND: PARTNERING WITH SOIL MICROBIAL COMMUNITIES Dec. 12, 1 p.m., USDA webinar on challenges & benefits of managing soil biology instead of relying only on chemically-based systems; also learn key roles played by microbes in agroecosystems, <http://www.climatewebinars.net/webinar-calendar/month> **learn, media, lecture, farmer, animals, outside**

VICTORIA CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT Dec. 23, 9 a.m. – noon, volunteers count birds as part of national annual count, Victoria, https://houstonaudubon.org/birding/christmas-bird-counts/coastal-bend.html#content_69d3b5d4ee53733baba6d68fcacbe28f_item_7963794 **care, walk, bird, outside**

REI WOMEN'S WINTER CAMPING BASICS Dec. 12, 6:30 – 8 p.m., learn planning, gear selection, & what to expect, 100 Acre Wood, Manor, see classes & events at www.rei.com **learn, class, camp, outside**

FLASHLIGHT CANDY CANE HUNT Dec. 15 & Dec. 17, 6 – 7 p.m., hot cocoa, cookies & a flashlight hunt for candy canes in Terramont Park, The Woodlands, <http://www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/calendar.aspx?view=list&year=2017&month=12&day=2> **enjoy, kids, park, outside**



REI CAMP STOVES & WATER FILTRATION Dec. 12, 7 – 8:30 p.m., sample camp stoves & water filtration tools, learn how to use/maintain this equipment, 18750 Gulf Frwy., Friendswood, see classes & events at www.rei.com [learn](#), [class](#), [camp](#), [outside](#)

FELIZ NAVI-DOG Dec. 17, 10 – 11:30 a.m., hot cocoa, hunt for dog treats, holiday costume contest & decorating a stocking for your dog, Bear Branch Park, The Woodlands, <http://www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/calendar.aspx?view=list&year=2017&month=12&day=2> [enjoy](#), [animals](#), [park](#), [outside](#)

REI HIKING THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL Dec. 14, 7 – 8:30 p.m., learn to prepare for weekend trip or thru-hike, discussion of food & equipment selection, 18750 Gulf Frwy., Friendswood, see classes & events at www.rei.com [learn](#), [class](#), [camp](#), [outside](#)

Armand Bayou Nature Center CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT Dec. 16, 7 a.m. – 5 p.m., volunteers count birds as part of annual national count, 8500 Bay Area Blvd, Pasadena, www.abnc.org [care](#), [enjoy](#), [walk](#), [bird](#), [outside](#)

INTRO. TO PADDLING Jan. 14, 8:30 a.m., ladies-only event, learn to kayak, canoe & paddleboard, all equipment provided by SouthWest Paddle Sports, Spring, <http://www.meetup.com/TOWNHouston/events/> [learn](#), [class](#), [boat](#), [outside](#)

Huntsville State Park PUPS ON PARADE DOG HIKE Dec. 23, 9 – 10:30 a.m., dress your dog in holiday gear for guided dog hike, meet in front of nature center, Huntsville, https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/huntsville/park_events [enjoy](#), [walk](#), [animals](#), [park](#), [outside](#)



Huntsville State Park [HUNTIN' FOR THE STARS](#) Dec. 15, 6 – 9 p.m., meet at Ravenhill Campground to observe stars using binos and telescopes, learn about the night sky, Huntsville, https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/huntsville/park_events [learn](#), [enjoy](#), [park](#), [outside](#)

Huntsville State Park [SOUNDS OF THE NIGHT](#) Dec. 16, 5 – 6 p.m., listen to sounds of night & learn who makes them, Huntsville, https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/huntsville/park_events [enjoy](#), [learn](#), [animals](#), [park](#), [outside](#)

[STEWARDSHIP: CARING FOR THE PLANTS THAT CARE FOR US](#) Jan. 28, 6 p.m., free webinar addresses how to care for the natural world, register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/stewardship-caring-for-the-plants-that-care-for-us-tickets-40124443290> [learn](#), [lecture](#), [media](#), [garden](#), [lecture](#), [outside](#)

Galveston Island State Park [STARGAZING 101](#) Dec. 16, 6 - 7 p.m., guided hike to view stars, Galveston, http://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/galveston-island/park_events [enjoy](#), [learn](#), [walk](#), [park](#), [outside](#)

Galveston Island State Park [FISH PRINTING](#) Dec. 23, 12 – 1 p.m., learn basic fish anatomy & create one of a kind print, Galveston, http://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/galveston-island/park_events [learn](#), [enjoy](#), [kids](#), [fish](#), [park](#), [outside](#)

George Observatory [GEMINID METEOR SHOWER](#) Dec. 13, 5 p.m. – 2 a.m., annual meteor shower with favorable moon, peak from 9 p.m. – midnight, Needville, www.hmns.org/observatory [enjoy](#), [outside](#)



KAYAK TOURING CLASS Jan. 7, 8:30 a.m., ladies-only event, learn advanced skills to kayak on big lakes or bays, all equipment provided by SouthWest Paddle Sports, Spring, <http://www.meetup.com/TOWNHouston/events/> [learn](#), [class](#), [boat](#), [outside](#)

HORSEBACK RIDING & RANCH WEEKEND Dec. 16 – Dec. 17, join group outing to horse & cattle ranch in Bandera, <https://www.meetup.com/joinneo/events/> [enjoy](#), [animals](#), [Houston](#)

ANIMAL SKULL INVESTIGATION Dec. 13, 9 & 10:15 a.m. and 12:30 & 2 p.m., students learn structures/functions of skulls of native TX animals, also feeding habits, adaptations & identify mystery specimens, online, <https://www.texas-wildlife.org/resources/events/> [learn](#), [class](#), [kids](#), [animals](#), [media](#), [outside](#)

Galveston Island State Park ARTS IN PARKS Dec. 19 – Dec. 23, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m., make one of a kind ornaments, cards & crafts, Galveston, http://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/galveston-island/park_events [enjoy](#), [kids](#), [park](#), [outside](#)

RIVER RESCUE CLASS Dec. 24, 8:30 a.m., ladies-only event, learn to rescue self & others using rope throw, stuck on rock, swimming in rapids & more, all equipment provided by SouthWest Paddle Sports, Navasota, <http://www.meetup.com/TOWNHouston/events/> [learn](#), [class](#), [boat](#), [swim](#), [outside](#)

Brazos Bend State Park CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT Dec. 16, volunteers count birds as part of annual, national count, 21901 FM 762 Rd, Needville, www.brazosbend.org [care](#), [enjoy](#), [bird](#), [park](#), [outside](#)

REI LEARN TO CLIMB Dec. 13, 6 – 9 p.m., instructional course plus 3-week membership at climbing gym, Katy, see classes & events at www.rei.com [learn](#), [class](#), [climb](#), [outside](#)



REEF ON THE ROAD EXHIBIT thru Mar. 2018, enjoy beauty & diversity of underwater life in this travelling exhibit, learn to how to conserve ocean environment, City by the Sea Museum, Palacios, <https://flowergarden.noaa.gov/newsevents/calendar.html> **enjoy, learn, animals, water, outside**

REI HANDS-ON BIKE MAINTENANCE – DRIVE TRAIN Dec. 14, 7 – 8:30 p.m., learn about drive train, how to inspect, maintain & adjust front/rear derailleurs, 18750 Gulf Frwy., Friendswood, see classes & events at www.rei.com **learn, class, bike, outside**

Galveston Island State Park HOLIDAY BEACH STROLL Dec. 25, 2 – 3 p.m., guided stroll down the beach, Galveston, http://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/galveston-island/park_events **enjoy, kids, beach, park, outside**

CURRENT & FUTURE WATER AVAILABILITY IN GULF COAST PLAINS Dec. 13, 10 a.m., webinar presents new information on streams in gulf coastal plains, research to develop model of these watersheds & determine flow characteristics, <http://www.gulfofmexicoalliance.org/announcements/events/> **learn, lecture, media, water, outside**

TAKE CARE OF TEXAS VIDEO CONTEST DEADLINE Dec. 15, youth video contest, 30-second film showing positive ways to take care of TX, takecareoftexas.org **care, enjoy, media, kids, outside**

RIVER KAYAK CLASS Dec. 23, 8:30 a.m., ladies-only event, learn to kayak on creeks, streams & rivers, all equipment provided by SouthWest Paddle Sports, Spring, <http://www.meetup.com/TOWNHouston/events/> **learn, class, boat, outside**

SPRING CREEK PADDLE TRIP Dec. 17, 8:30 a.m., ladies-only event, easy 2 – 3hour trip along Spring Creek, equipment available from SouthWest Paddle Sports, Spring, <http://www.meetup.com/TOWNHouston/events/> **enjoy, boat, outside**



AGRICULTURAL AIR QUALITY CONSERVATION Dec. 13, 1:30 p.m., USDA webinar on learn about resources to assist in selecting appropriate strategies when an air quality resource concern has been identified, <http://www.climatewebinars.net/webinar-calendar/month> **learn, media, lecture, farmer, pollution, outside**

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES OUTSIDE HOUSTON

Mercer Arboretum STROLLER STROLLS 1st Thurs., 9 – 10 a.m., join other parents to get active in an outdoor setting, monthly tour of the garden with kids in strollers, 22306 Aldine Westfield Rd, Humble, <http://www.hcp4.net/Community/Parks/Mercer/Programs> Next opportunity **Jan. 4** **enjoy, kids, walk, garden, outside**

TEXAS CITY PRAIRIE PRESERVE WORK DAY 2nd Fri., 8:30 – 11:30 a.m., volunteers remove invasive species, harvest native seeds, plant marsh grasses & tend butterfly garden, <http://www.txgcmn.org/calendar> Next Opportunity **Jan. 12** **care, enjoy, garden, outside**

Lake Houston Wilderness Park FAMILY ACTIVITY Sun., 2 – 3 p.m., different activity each Sunday, from archery to fly fishing, New Caney, see activities catalog link at: <http://www.houstontx.gov/parks/> Next Opportunities **Dec. 17 & Dec. 24** **enjoy, learn, kids, park, outside**

TOWN MEETING 2nd Mon., 6:30 p.m., ladies-only group, meeting of Texas Outdoor Women's Network at Pallota's Italian Grill, Conroe, <https://www.facebook.com/OutdoorWomenHouston/> Next Opportunity **Jan. 8** **learn, meeting, outside**



ELECTRONICS RECYCLING 2nd Sat., 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., City of Houston & Compucycle offer recycling of electronics, Ellington Field/Clear Lake Neighborhood Recycling Center, Webster, <http://www.compucycle.net/residential-recycling/collection-events/month.calendar/2017/2/1/>- Next Opportunity **Jan. 13** [care](#), [recycle](#), [outside](#)

Lake Houston Wilderness Park **ANIMAL CLASSES** Sat., 10 – 11 a.m. & 2 – 3 p.m., learn about animals in the park, New Caney, <http://www.houstontx.gov/parks/parksites/lakehoustonpark.html> Next Opportunities **Dec. 16**, Topics: Archery (a.m.) & Orienteering (p.m.) [learn](#), [enjoy](#), [animals](#), [kids](#), [park](#), [outside](#)

Huntsville State Park **BUILD A GATOR FAMILY WORKSHOP** Sat., 12 – 1 p.m., turn an audience member into a gator while learning what it takes to make a gator, Huntsville, https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/huntsville/park_events Next Opportunities **Dec. 16 & Dec. 23** [enjoy](#), [learn](#), [animals](#), [park](#), [outside](#)

Huntsville State Park **TRAIL RECOVERY & CLEAN-UP** Sun., 8:30 a.m. – noon (thru Jan. 14), volunteers work to clear trails of hurricane damage, Huntsville, https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/huntsville/park_events Next Opportunities **Dec. 17 & Dec. 24** [care](#), [enjoy](#), [walk](#), [park](#), [outside](#)

Huntsville State Park **ASK A RANGER BROADCAST** Fri., 10 – 11 a.m., live broadcast from the park, Huntsville, https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/huntsville/park_events Next Opportunities **Dec. 15 & Dec. 22** [learn](#), [media](#), [park](#), [outside](#)

Huntsville State Park **ART IN THE PARK** Sat., 10 – 11 a.m., arts & crafts in the park, Huntsville, https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/huntsville/park_events Next Opportunities **Dec. 16 & Dec. 23** [enjoy](#), [kids](#), [park](#), [outside](#)



Galveston Island State Park [WINTER BIRDING 101](#) Fri., 1 – 2 p.m., family-friendly class on most common birds seen in winter, Galveston, http://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/galveston-island/park_events Next Opportunities **Dec. 15 & Dec. 22** [learn, class, kids, bird, park, outside](#)

Gulf Coast Bird Observatory [NURSERY WORK DAY](#) 3rd Thurs., 9 a.m. – noon, volunteers work in wetland nursery in Lake Jackson, <http://www.txgcmn.org/calendar> Next Opportunity **Dec. 21** [care, enjoy, garden, outside](#)

[SEABORNE CREEK BIRD WALK](#) 1st Weds., 8 - 10 a.m. (Oct. – May), join group for birding walk in park, Seaborne Creek Park, Rosenberg, <http://txmn.org/coastal/> Next Opportunity **Jan. 3** [enjoy, walk, bird, park, outside](#)

[CEDAR BAYOU FRIENDS MEETING](#) 1st Tues., 7 p.m. (every other month), group dedicated to preserving & protecting Cedar Bayou, Roseland Park Pavilion, Baytown, <https://www.facebook.com/cedarbayoufriends> Next Opportunity **Feb. 6** [learn, care, meeting, water, outside](#)

Lake Houston Wilderness Park [NATURE HIKE](#) Sun., 8 a.m., guided stroll with naturalist, meet at Nature Center, New Caney, see activities catalog link at: <http://www.houstontx.gov/parks/> Next Opportunities **Dec. 17 & Dec. 24** [enjoy, learn, walk, kids, park, outside](#)

Jesse Jones Park [GARDENING DAZE](#) Weds., 8:30 – 11:30 a.m., volunteers engage in native plant landscaping & habitat restoration, 20634 Kenswick Dr, Humble, <http://www.hcp4.net/Calendar/monthly-calendar> Next Opportunities **Dec. 13 & Dec. 20** [care, garden, park, outside](#)



George Observatory SCOUTING at the OBSERVATORY dates vary, courses for scouts of all ages, Needville, www.hmns.org Next Opportunity **TBD** Topic: TBD **learn, enjoy, kids, outside**

Seaborne Creek Nature Park PLANT WALK 2nd Sat., 8:30 – 11 a.m., educational plant walk with handouts, includes learning session, Rosenberg, <http://txmn.org/coastal/> Next Opportunity **TBD** **learn, garden, walk, outside**

Galveston Island State Park EDIBLE PLANTS HIKE Sat., 3 – 4 p.m., ranger leads short presentation & prairie hike about edible plants, Galveston, http://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/galveston-island/park_events Next Opportunities **Dec. 16 & Dec. 23** **learn, enjoy, walk, garden, park, outside**

PLANT STUDY GROUP usually 1st Tues., 7 – 9 p.m. & 2nd Sat., 8:30 – 11:30 a.m., join group for classroom study on Tuesday, followed by plant walks in park on Saturday, Seaborne Creek Park, Rosenberg, <http://txmn.org/coastal/> Next Opportunity **TBD** **learn, enjoy, class, walk, bird, park, outside**

Houston Museum of Natural Science MEMBER EVENT 2nd Sat., 10 a.m., special event for members on the second Saturday, Sugarland, www.hmns.org/sugerland, Next Opportunity **Jan. 13**, Featuring: TBD **enjoy, Houston**

COASTAL PRAIRIE MASTER NATURALIST Meeting 1st Thurs., 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., social/snacks followed by expert presentation & then chapter business, Rosenberg Civic Center, Rosenberg, <http://txmn.org/coastal/events/> Next Opportunity **Jan. 4**, Topic: TBD **learn, meeting, garden, outside**

SURF, PADDLE, KAYAK SURFSIDE BEACH daily, rent surf or paddle boards & kayaks at Surfside Beach, <http://bayoucityadventures.org/> **enjoy, boat, beach, outside**



COASTAL PRAIRIE MASTER NATURALIST Board Meeting 3rd Tues., 10 a.m. - noon, members invited to attend board meeting, Agrilife Extension Board Room, Rosenberg, <http://txmn.org/coastal/events/> Next Opportunity **Dec. 19** [learn](#), [meeting](#), [outside](#)

SEABORNE CREEK NATURE PARK WALK 4th Sat., 9:30 a.m. - noon, guided interpretive walks in park, Seaborne Creek Park, Rosenberg, <http://txmn.org/coastal/> Next Opportunity **Jan. 27** [enjoy](#), [walk](#), [park](#), [outside](#)

Jesse Jones Park INVASIVES BEWARE usually 1st Sun., 9 - 11 a.m., document & remove invasive plants & animals, 20634 Kenswick Dr, Humble, <http://www.hcp4.net/Calendar/monthly-calendar> Next Opportunity **Dec. 17** [care](#), [garden](#), [animals](#), [park](#), [outside](#)

Galveston Island State Park BEACHCOMBING Sat., 10 – 11 a.m., shell hunting workshop, learn to identify shells, go on expedition to find shells on beach, Galveston, http://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/galveston-island/park_events Next Opportunities **Dec. 16 & Dec. 23** [learn](#), [enjoy](#), [walk](#), [animals](#), [park](#), [outside](#)

Jesse Jones Park TADPOLES CLUB Weds., 10:30 a.m. or 1 p.m. (during school year), interactive program for pre-school kids, animals, puppets, crafts, stories, short walks & more, 20634 Kenswick Dr, Humble, <http://www.hcp4.net/Calendar/monthly-calendar> Next Opportunity **TBD** [care](#), [garden](#), [park](#), [outside](#)

SEABORNE DEMO GARDEN WORK DAY usually 3rd Weds. & 4th Sat., 8:30 – 10:30 a.m., volunteers work in educational demo garden, Seaborne Creek Park, Rosenberg, <http://txmn.org/coastal/> Next Opportunity **TBD** [care](#), [enjoy](#), [garden](#), [beach](#), [outside](#)



Jesse Jones Park BIRDING 1st Sat., 7:45 – 10:45 a.m., guided birding in the park, 20634 Kenswick Dr, Humble, <http://www.hcp4.net/Calendar/monthly-calendar> Next Opportunity **Jan. 6** [enjoy, bird, walk, park, outside](#)

BUCKET BRIGADE INTERPRETIVE BEACH TOURS daily, 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (during summer), free interpretive beach tours, for all ages, on the half hour, Stewart Beach, plus several other locations (**Thurs. – Sun. only**), Galveston, <http://www.artistboat.org/take-a-tour.html> [learn, enjoy, beach, outside](#)

SEABORNE VOLUNTEER DAY usually 1st Sat. & 2nd/4th Weds., 9 – 11 a.m., volunteers work in gardens, or greenhouse, Seaborne Creek Park, Rosenberg, <http://txmn.org/coastal/> Next Opportunities **Dec. 13 & Dec. 16** [care, enjoy, garden, outside](#)

SUP RENTALS daily (May – Oct.), rentals & guided stand-up paddle tours in various locations, <http://www.surfsuptx.com/event-calendar/> [enjoy, boat, outside](#)

STORMWATER WETLAND PROGRAM VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY Thurs., 9 a.m. – noon, volunteers propagate plants in nursery at Exploration Green, 1801 Neptune Ln., Clear Lake, or at Gulf Coast Bird Observatory in Lake Jackson, Contact Mcedwards@tamu.edu for details, <http://www.txgcmn.org/calendar> Next Opportunities **Dec. 14 & Dec. 21** [care, garden, water, Houston](#)

LADIES SUP CLUB Fri., 6 p.m., join other ladies for stand-up paddling at Northshore Park, The Woodlands, <http://www.meetup.com/TOWNHouston/events/> Next Opportunities **Dec. 15 & Dec. 22** [enjoy, boat, park, outside](#)



CITIZEN'S CLIMATE LOBBY MEETING 2nd Sat., 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., organization that advocates for carbon fee & dividend to address climate change, Houston Advanced Research Center, Spring, https://citizensclimatelobby.org/chapters/TX_The_Woodlands/ Next Opportunity **Jan. 13** learn, meeting, energy, pollution, outside

KAYAKING & STAND UP PADDLEBOARDING normally Thurs. – Mon., 9 a.m. - sunset, kayaks and paddleboards for rent at Riva Row Boat House on Lake Woodlands, The Woodlands, <http://www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/rivarowboathouse> Next Opportunities **Dec. 14 – Dec. 18 & Dec. 21 – Dec. 25** enjoy, boat, outside

WILDLIFE for LUNCH usually 3rd Thurs., 12 - 1 p.m., online course by expert on each monthly topic, offered by Texas Wildlife Association., <https://www.texas-wildlife.org/resources/events/> Next Opportunity **TBD**, Topic: TBD learn, class, media, animals, outside

SATURDAYS at the GEORGE Sat., 3 – 10 p.m., stargazing at the George Observatory, Needville, www.hmns.org/observatory Next Opportunities **Dec. 16 & Dec. 23** enjoy, outside

DEER PARK PRAIRIE PRESERVE WORK DAY 2nd Weds. & 4th Sat., 9 a.m. - noon, join Houston chapter of Native Prairies Assoc. of TX in work at preserve, seed collecting on Weds., 1222 E. Purdue Ln, Deer Park, HNPAT@TexasPrairie.org <https://hnpat.wordpress.com/hnpat-activities/field-trips/> Next Opportunity **TBD** care, enjoy, garden, outside

Jesse Jones Park TAI CHI in the PARK Weds., 9 a.m. beginner class taught by third degree black belt, low impact stretching, range of motion exercises, 20634 Kenswick Dr, Humble, <http://www.hcp4.net/jones/>, Next opportunities **Dec. 13 & Dec. 20** enjoy, park, outside



DEER PARK BIRD SURVEY 4th Sat., 7:30 – 9 a.m., Deer Park Prairie, 1222 E. Purdue Ln, Deer Park, 936-827-7973, http://texasprairie.org/index.php/news_and_events/ Next Opportunity **Dec. 23**
care, bird, park, outside

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office **GREEN THUMB LECTURE** 3rd Sat., 10 a.m. – noon, (Jan. – Oct.) Maude Marks Library, 1815 Westgreen Blvd, Katy, register 281-855-5600, <http://hcmga.tamu.edu/Public/>. Next Opportunity **TBD**, Topic: TBD learn, lecture, garden, Houston

NECHES RIVER ADVENTURE Sat., 10 a.m. – noon, (except Dec/Jan) Riverfront Park, Beaumont, boat trip in Big Thicket National Preserve, 409-651-5326 for tickets. Next Opportunity **TBD** enjoy, boat, outside

KINGWOOD FARMERS MARKET Thurs., 3 – 7 p.m., Town Center Park, 8 North Main St., Kingwood, <http://www.towncenterevents.com/farmersmarket> Next Opportunities **Dec. 14 & Dec. 21**
care, farmers, outside

Jesse Jones Park **SECOND SUNDAY PICKERS** 2nd Sun., 2 – 4 p.m., concert in the park, 20634 Kenswick Dr, Humble, <http://www.hcp4.net/jones/>, Next opportunity **Jan. 14** enjoy, park, outside

Jesse Jones Park **VOLUNTEER Meeting** usually 4th Mon., 7 p.m., programs on nature, open to all, 20634 Kenswick Dr, Humble, <http://www.hcp4.net/jones/> learn, meeting, park, outside Next Opportunity **TBD**

KATY FARMERS' MARKET Sat., 8 a.m. – noon, Church of the Holy Apostles, Katy. Next Opportunities **Dec. 16 & Dec. 23** care, farmers, outside



Jesse Jones Park FRIENDS MEETING 1st Fri., 1 p.m., seniors meet to enjoy programs on natural history, guided walks & fun environmental activities, 20634 Kenswick Dr, Humble, <http://www.hcp4.net/Calendar/monthly-calendar> Next Opportunity **TBD** care, garden, animals, park, outside

Attwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge ATTWATER PRAIRIE CHICKEN VAN TOURS 1st Sat., 8 – 10 a.m., Eagle Lake, Call (979) 234-3021, ext. 221 or 223 Next opportunity **Jan. 6** enjoy, bird, outside

HUNTSVILLE AUDUBON SOCIETY MEETING 3rd Thurs. (except Dec.), Huntsville Service Center, Huntsville, <http://www.huntsvilleaudubon.org/index.html> Next Opportunity **Dec. 21** learn, meeting, bird, outside

CROSBY FARMERS' MARKET Tues., 3 - 7 p.m., 311 Wahl St., Crosby Next Opportunities **Dec. 12 & Dec. 19** care, farmers, outside

PINEY WOODS WILDLIFE SOCIETY Monthly Meeting 3rd Tues., 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Dennis Johnston County Park, 709 Riley Fuzzel Road, Spring, Educational talks & birding information. Call 281-444-6204 for information, Next opportunity **Dec. 19** learn, meeting, lecture, bird, outside

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING 1st Sat., 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., Kingwood Metro Park & Ride, <http://keepkingwoodgreen.org/LocalRecyclingGuide.html> Next opportunity **Jan. 6** care, recycle, outside

Kleb Woods Nature Center BIRD WALK Weds., 8:30 – 9:30 a.m., 20303 Draper Rd, Tomball, 281-357-5324. Next opportunities **Dec. 13 & Dec. 20** enjoy, outside, bird, walk



MARYSEE PRAIRIE PRESERVE WORK DAYS 1st Sat., 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., 220 County Rd. 2077, Hull, <http://www.meetup.com/Houston-Sierra-Club-Outings/events>, Next opportunity **Jan. 6**
care, outside

Eddie V. Gray Wetlands Center **EPIC SERVICE CLUB** Weds., 4 p.m. (during the school year), free service learning club for high school students interested in learning about & solving coastal environmental problems, 1724 Market St, Baytown, 281-420-7128, <http://www.baytown.org/city-hall/departments/parks-recreation/eddie-v-gray-wetlands-education-center/calendar>, Next opportunities **Dec. 13 & Dec. 20** learn, enjoy, kids, outside

KAYAK ADVENTURES usually Sat./Sun. & occasional Fri./holiday, times vary guided/interpretive kayak trips on Galveston Bay, kids 7+ may accompany parents, includes equipment, Galveston, <https://kayak.destinationnext.com/> Next Opportunities **Dec. 16, 10 a.m. – noon & 1 – 3 p.m.**, Location: East End Lagoon enjoy, boat, kids, outside

Baytown Nature Center **BIRD SURVEY** 3rd Thurs., 8 a.m. – 9 a.m., (except summer), 6213 Bayway Dr, call (281) 424-9198, www.houstonaudubon.org Next opportunity **Dec. 21** care, bird, outside

Baytown Nature Center **TYKE HIKE** some Fri., 10 a.m., 6213 Bayway Dr, call (281) 424-9198, <http://www.baytown.org/city-hall/departments/parks-recreation/baytown-nature-center/calendar>, Next opportunity **TBD** enjoy, walk, kids, outside



Baytown Nature Center [NURTURE NATURE SERIES](#) usually 1st Sat., 10 - 11 a.m., 6213 Bayway Dr, 281-424-9198, <http://www.baytown.org/city-hall/departments/parks-recreation/baytown-nature-center/calendar>, Next opportunity **Jan. 6** [learn, kids, outside](#)

Baytown Nature Center [FULL MOON HIKE](#) one Sat./month., start time varies, enjoy 90 minutes guided hike by moonlight, for adults/older children, 6213 Bayway Dr, call (281) 424-9198, <http://www.baytown.org/city-hall/departments/parks-recreation/baytown-nature-center/calendar>, Next opportunity **TBD** [enjoy, walk, kids, outside](#)

[GROGAN'S MILL FARMERS MARKET](#) Sat., 8 a.m. – noon, 2230 Buckthorn Pl, Spring. Next Opportunities **Dec. 16 & Dec. 23** [care, farmers, outside](#)

Eddie V. Gray Wetlands Center [GATOR TALES](#) Weds., 10 - 11 a.m. (summer/winter), fun/educational series for pre-school children & parents, 1724 Market St, Baytown, 281-420-7128, <http://www.baytown.org/city-hall/departments/parks-recreation/eddie-v-gray-wetlands-education-center/calendar>, Next opportunities **Dec. 13 & Dec. 20** [learn, enjoy, kids, outside](#)

[SUGAR LAND FARMERS MARKET](#) Sat., 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Imperial Sugar Land, 198 Sugarland St, Sugar Land Next Opportunities **Dec. 16 & Dec. 23** [care, farmers, outside](#)

[CANOEING/KAYAKING/SUP/SURFING](#) daily, rentals, guided tours & lessons available, variety of locations, Bayou City Adventures, 1520 Silver St., <http://bayoucityadventures.org/> [enjoy, boat, outside](#)

Jesse Jones Park [BICYCLING](#) Daily, trails open for cycling, children must be accompanied, 20634 Kenswick Dr, Humble, <http://www.hcp4.net/jones/> [enjoy, cycle, garden, kids, outside](#)



CYPRESS CREEK DAYLILY SOCIETY Meeting 4th Sun., 2 - 4 p.m., (except summer), learn about gardening with daylilies, Mercer Botanic Garden, 22306 Aldine Westfield Rd, Humble, 281-443-8731
Next Opportunity **Dec. 24** care, garden, outside

BRIDGELAND FARMERS MARKET 2nd Sun., 12:30 – 3:30 p.m., parking lot adjacent to the Activity Center in Bridgeland, 16902 North Bridgeland Lake Pkwy, Cypress. Next Opportunity **Jan. 14** care, farmers, outside

Armand Bayou Nature Ctr **BIRD COUNT** usually 2nd Sat., 7 – 10 a.m., 8500 Bay Area Blvd, Pasadena, www.houstonaudubon.org. Next Opportunity **Jan. 13** care, bird, outside

HEARTWOOD MASTER NATURALIST Chapter Meeting 1st Weds., 6 – 8 p.m., for members & prospective members, guest speaker at each meeting, W.G. Jones State Forest Education Bldg., 1328 FM 1488, Conroe, <http://woodtmn.org>, Next opportunity **Jan. 3** learn, meeting, lecture, outside

Katy Prairie Conservancy **WORK DAYS** Tues., 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. and Fri & Sat, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., at Indiangrass Preserve, Waller, remove invasives, mulch trails, restore habitat, remove brush, <http://www.katyprairie.org/events> Next Opportunities **Dec. 12, Dec. 15/Dec. 16 & Dec. 19, Dec. 22/Dec. 23** care, garden, outside

CLEAR LAKE SHORES FARMERS' MARKET Sat., 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., 1020 Marina Bay Dr, Clear Lake Shores Next Opportunities **Dec. 16 & Dec. 23** care, farmers, outside

BIKE RIDES various days/times, join group rides, various locations, organized by Bike Barn locations, <http://bikebarn.com/articles/upcoming-rides-pg66.htm> enjoy, cycle, outside



COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY RECYCLING COALITION 2nd Thurs., 12 – 1:30 p.m., webinar shares information among those working on waste reduction on college campuses, <http://curc3r.org/webinars/2017-webinar-series/> Next Opportunity **TBD**, Topic: TBD **learn, media, pollution, outside**

Sea Center Texas FISH HATCHERY TOURS Tues. - Fri., 9, 11 a.m. & 1 p.m., Sat., 10 a.m. & 2:30 p.m., reservations needed, 300 Medical Dr., Lake Jackson, <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/spdest/visitorcenters/seacenter/> Next opportunities **Dec. 12 - Dec. 15/Dec. 16 & Dec. 19 - Dec. 22/Dec. 23** **care, enjoy, kids, fish, outside**

Sea Center Texas WETLAND EXHIBIT GUIDED TOURS by reservation, see wetlands animals & learn how to attract wildlife, 300 Medical Dr, Lake Jackson, <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/spdest/visitorcenters/seacenter/> Next opportunity **contact them.** **care, enjoy, kids, animals, outside**

CHRYSANTHEMUM SOCIETY Meeting 4th Fri., 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., discuss growing chrysanthemums, Mercer Botanic Garden, 22306 Aldine Westfield Rd, Humble, 281-443-8731 Next Opportunity **Dec. 22** **care, garden, outside**

Sea Center Texas STORY TIME Sat. & 3rd Fri., **check calendar**, 300 Medical Dr, Lake Jackson, <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/spdest/visitorcenters/seacenter/> Next opportunities **Dec. 15, Dec. 16 & Dec. 23** **care, enjoy, kids, fish, outside**

PEARLAND FARMERS MARKET 2nd & 4th Sat., 8 a.m. – noon, Zychlinski Park, 2243 N Grand Blvd, Pearland, Next Opportunity **Dec. 23** **care, farmers, outside**



Gulf Coast Bird Observatory [BIRD BANDING](#) 3rd Sat., 8 a.m. – noon, 103 Hwy 332, Lake Jackson, www.gcbo.org, Next opportunity **Dec. 16** care, bird, outside

Mercer Arboretum [STORY TIME IN THE GARDEN](#) 3rd Mon., 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., 22306 Aldine Westfield Rd, Humble, <http://www.hcp4.net/mercer/>. Next opportunity **Dec. 18** enjoy, kids, garden, outside

[SIERRA CLUB Monthly Meeting](#) 3rd Weds., 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Bay Area Community Ctr, 5002 E. NASA Pkwy, Seabrook, <http://www.meetup.com/Houston-Sierra-Club-Outings/events/> Next Opportunity **Dec. 20**, Topic: Holiday party care, learn, outside

[TOMBALL FARMERS' MARKET](#) Sat., 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., 205 W. Main, Tomball Next Opportunities **Dec. 16 & Dec. 23** care, farmers, outside

Mercer Arboretum & Botanic Garden [VOLUNTEER GARDENING](#) Tues./Thurs., 9 a.m. - noon, prune, weed, groom plants in Perennial Garden, 22306 Aldine Westfield Rd, Humble, <http://www.hcp4.net/mercer/> Next opportunities **Dec. 12/Dec. 14 & Dec. 19/Dec. 21** care, enjoy, garden, outside

Mercer Arboretum & Botanic Garden [LUNCH BUNCH](#) usually 2nd Weds., noon – 2 p.m., learn about a gardening topic, bring your own lunch, 22306 Aldine Westfield Rd, Humble, <http://www.hcp4.net/mercer/>. Next opportunity **Jan. 10**, Topic: How to Prepare for Spring learn, enjoy, garden, outside



Sea Center Texas YOUTH CATCH & RELEASE FISHING 1st & 3rd Weds., ages 7 – 16, by reservation only for groups of 10 - 20, 300 Medical Dr, Lake Jackson, <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/spdest/visitorcenters/seacenter/> Next opportunity **Dec. 20**

HIGH ISLAND WORK DAY 2nd Sat., 8:30 a.m. – noon, maintain bird sanctuary, lunch provided, 2088 5th St, High Island, Contact pdeichmann@houstonaudubon.org, Next opportunity **Jan. 13** care, bird, outside

Gulf Coast Bird Observatory YOUNG ORNITHOLOGISTS 3rd Sat., 9 a.m., birding & exploring for kids up to 17, 103 Hwy 332, Lake Jackson, www.gcbo.org, Next opportunity **TBD** care, bird, kids, outside

NASSAU BAY FARMERS' MARKET Sat., 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., 18045 Upper Bay Rd, Nassau Bay. Next Opportunities **Dec. 16 & Dec. 23** care, farmers, outside

Armand Bayou Nature Center GUIDED HIKE Sat., 10 – 11 a.m. & 2 – 3 p.m. & Sun. 2 - 3 p.m., 8500 Bay Area Blvd, Pasadena, <http://www.abnc.org>, Next opportunities **Dec. 16/Dec. 17 & Dec. 23/Dec. 24** enjoy, walk, outside

Armand Bayou Nature Center NATURAL HISTORY DEMONSTRATION 1 – 4 p.m., Sat. & Sun., learn about bayou animals & their habitat, 8500 Bay Area Blvd, Pasadena, <http://www.abnc.org>, Next opportunities **Dec. 16/Dec. 17 & Dec. 23/Dec. 24** learn, class, animals, outside

Armand Bayou Nature Center ECO-SCHOOLERS Weds./Fri., 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. (during school year), class taught by center biologists for kids 7 – 12, course repeats each week on Weds. & Fri.,



8500 Bay Area Blvd, Pasadena, <http://www.abnc.org>, Next opportunities **Dec. 13 & Dec. 15**, Topic: Invent an Animal or a Plant; **Dec. 20**, Topic: Scavenger Hunt [learn, class, kids, animals, outside](#)

Armand Bayou Nature Center [PRAIRIE FRIDAY](#) Fri., **8:30 a.m. – noon**, volunteer stewardship of center, 8500 Bay Area Blvd, Pasadena, registration required, <http://www.abnc.org> Next opportunities **Dec. 15 & Dec. 22** [care, garden, outside](#)

Armand Bayou Nature Center [PONTOON BOAT CRUISES](#) most **Sat.s, 8 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. and/or 6:30 – 8 p.m.**; 8500 Bay Area Blvd, Pasadena, Fees & registration may be required. <http://www.abnc.org> Next opportunities **Dec. 23 (a.m. & p.m.)** [enjoy, boat, outside](#)

Armand Bayou Nature Center [ECO-KIDS](#) **Weds. & Fri., 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. (during school year)**, drop-off program for kids 3 – 6, different nature topic each session, 8500 Bay Area Blvd, Pasadena, <http://www.abnc.org>, Next opportunities **Dec. 13 & Dec. 15**, Topic: How Birds Fly; **Dec. 20**, Topic: Winter Olympics [learn, enjoy, class, kids, bird, animals, outside](#)

Armand Bayou Nature Center [GUIDED CANOE TOUR](#) normally **2nd & 4th Sat.s, 8 – 11 a.m.**, 8500 Bay Area Blvd, Pasadena, Fees & registration may be required, <http://www.abnc.org> Next opportunity **Dec. 23** [enjoy, boat, outside](#)

Armand Bayou Nature Center [BOY SCOUTING PROGRAMS](#) usually monthly during school year, times vary opportunity to earn various badges, 8500 Bay Area Blvd, Pasadena, <http://www.abnc.org>, Next opportunity **TBD** [learn, class, kids, walk, animals, outside](#)



Armand Bayou Nature Center [STEWARDSHIP SATURDAY](#) **8 – noon, 1st & 3rd Sat.**, 8500 Bay Area Blvd, Pasadena, registration required, <http://www.abnc.org>, Next opportunity **Dec. 16** **care, outside**

Armand Bayou Nature Center [ECO-TOTS](#) **alt. Fri., 9:30 – 11 a.m. (during school year)**, adult + kids 18 mo. – 3, different nature topic each session (course repeats for two successive Fri.), includes story/songs/short hike/etc., 8500 Bay Area Blvd, Pasadena, <http://www.abnc.org>, Next opportunity **Dec. 15**, Topic: Songbirds **learn, enjoy, class, kids, bird, garden, outside**

Brazos Bend State Park [BRAZOS RIVER PICKERS](#) **2nd Sat., 5 – 7 p.m. (Oct. – Apr.)**, bluegrass/old time music in the park, 21901 FM 762 Rd, Needville, (fee to enter), www.brazosbend.org Next opportunity **Jan. 13** **enjoy, park, outside**

Armand Bayou Nature Center [GIRL SCOUTING PROGRAMS](#) **usually monthly during the school year, times vary** opportunity to earn various badges, 8500 Bay Area Blvd, Pasadena, <http://www.abnc.org>, Next opportunities **TBD** **learn, kids, walk, outside**

Brazos Bend State Park [BIRD WATCHING HIKE](#) **usually every other Fri., 8 a.m. & certain Sat./Sun. (Jan. – May)**, 21901 FM 762 Rd, Needville, (fee to enter), www.brazosbend.org Next opportunity **Jan. 6** **enjoy, bird, walk, park, outside**

[CHALLENGES & TREATMENT SOLUTIONS FOR SMALL WATER SYSTEMS](#) **monthly, 1 p.m.**, monthly webinar by EPA to communicate with drinking water systems professionals, <https://www.epa.gov/water-research/small-systems-monthly-webinar-series> Next Opportunity **Dec. 12**, Topic: State Acceptance of UV Disinfection Technologies **learn, lecture, media, water, outside**



Brazos Bend State Park GUIDED PHOTO HIKE usually 1st Sat., (except Jan.), start time varies, 21901 FM 762 Rd, Needville, (fee to enter), www.brazosbend.org Next opportunity **Jan. 6, 3 p.m.**
enjoy, photo, walk, park, outside

MILLIKAN RESERVE FARMERS' MARKET 3rd Sun., 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., 19851 FM2154, College Station, Next Opportunity **Dec. 17** care, farmers, outside

BOLIVAR BEACH RAMBLE 1st Sat., explore Bolivar Flats Shorebird Sanctuary, www.houstonaudubon.org Next opportunity **Jan. 6** enjoy, bird, walk, outside

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATORS EXCHANGE Meeting usually 1st Weds., (Feb., May, Aug., Nov.), time varies, potluck meeting to share ideas/resources, location varies, smithedith@aol.com <http://hunstem.uhd.edu/EEE/> Next opportunity **TBD**, Details: TBD learn, meeting, kids, outside

GALVESTON COUNTY AUDUBON MEETING & BIRDING FIELD TRIP usually 3rd Sat. & prior Weds., (except Dec.), time varies, various locations, galvestoncountyaudubongroup@gmail.com, <http://houstonaudubon.org/programs/calendar.html> Next opportunity : Meeting: **TBD** Trip: **TBD**, Meeting Topic: TBD, Trip Location: TBD learn, meeting, enjoy, walk, bird, outside