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April Outdoor Adventures & Nature Thrills At Lake Houston Park

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department invites everyone interested in the world of nature to visit Lake Houston Park in April for an ongoing series of fun and educational events in the great outdoors! Throughout the month, Park Naturalist Jerry Walls will lead guests on a variety of learning adventures in the wilderness of Lake Houston Park.

In April, join us for:

Sunday, April 1, 2007, 8:30 a.m.

"Guided Bird Walk"

Come join us and explore the beauty of Lake Houston Park during a Guided Bird Walk.

Explore the natural world of Lake Houston and see how many of the 138 different species of birds that call this park home you can spot. This fun & educational event is open to bird enthusiasts and novices alike ages 13 and up. The Guided Bird Walk is FREE with \$3 park entry fee.

Saturday, April 7, 2007, 2:00 p.m.

"Snakes Alive"

Want to learn more about those fascinating reptiles that are so often misunderstood? Here is your chance to separate fact from fiction. Get up close and personal with snakes from our area and from around the world. All ages are welcome. The program is FREE with \$3 park entry fee.

Saturday, April 14, 2007, 4:00 p.m.

"Owls Up Close"

Learn interesting facts about those mysterious denizens of the night, owls. This multi-sensory presentation will fascinate nature lovers of all ages. Learn about the habits of several species of owls from all over the United States. All ages are welcome. This event is FREE with \$3 park entry fee.

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Saturday, April 14, 2007, 7:00 p.m.

"Park After Dark"

This exciting program follows "Owls Up Close." It includes listening for and observing the park's mysterious nocturnal creatures. The "Park After Dark" program is by reservation only and is open to ages 13 and up, FREE with \$3 park entry fee.

Monday, April 16, 2007, 9:00 a.m.

"Spring Nature Walk"

Join us for a naturalist-guided leisurely walk looking for birds, wildflowers, budding trees, animals, and other amazing flora and fauna that call Lake Houston Park home. All ages are welcome. The program is FREE with \$3 park entry fee.

Saturday, April 21, 2007, 8:00 a.m.

"Guided Bird Walk"

Come join us and explore the beauty of Lake Houston Park during a guided bird walk. Learn and explore the natural world of Lake Houston and see how many of the 138 different species of birds calling this park home you can spot. This fun and educational event is open to bird enthusiasts and novices alike from ages 13 and up, FREE with \$3 park entry fee.

Friday, April 27 and Saturday, April 28, 2007, 7:00 p.m. Friday

"Birding Adventure 102"

Space is limited for this overnight birding adventure so sign up soon! Friday evening begins with an Owl Prowl followed by workshops on identifying birds by ear and bird physiology. Listen to the hoots, wails, and shrieks of these nighttime avians during a night hike in the woods and learn about the owl in its natural environment. End your evening with a bunkhouse overnight in one of Lake Houston Park's lodges. Don't forget to bring your own linens, pillow(s), blankets, toiletries, towels, food and beverage for Friday night, Saturday morning, and lunch. Saturday at 8:00 a.m., put your newly acquired bird identification skills to the test on a guided bird walk. See if you can spot and hear some of the 138 different species of birds that call Lake Houston home with the help of an experienced guide. This overnight birding adventure is open to bird enthusiasts and novices alike from age 13 and up. The \$39 per person fee covers park entry fee, guided hike and tour and camp fee. Reservations are required due to limited space.

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Lake Houston Park is located north of Houston at 22031 Baptist Encampment Road, in New Caney, Texas. It is accessible from Hwy 59 and FM 1485. Signs point the way from that intersection. With approximately 5,000 acres of forest, 12 miles of hike and bike trails, 8 miles of equestrian trails and camping facilities, the park offers a variety of activities for visitors to experience.

For additional information about recreational and educational opportunities at Lake Houston Park or the Houston Parks and Recreation Department, call (281) 354-6881, (713) 845-1135, or visit www.houstonparks.org.