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Outdoor Adventures & Nature Thrills At Lake Houston Park This August

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department invites everyone interested in the world of nature to visit Lake Houston Park in August for an ongoing series of fun and educational events in the great outdoors! All programs at the Nature Center are FREE with a \$3 per day park entry fee, unless otherwise noted. Throughout the year, Park Naturalist Jerry Walls leads guests on a variety of learning adventures in the wilderness of Lake Houston Park. In August, join us for:

Friday, August 15 - Saturday, August 16 **"Wildlife Nature Camp"**

This fun & unique program features a Friday night workshop and an optional overnight stay at the park, followed by a Saturday morning trek through the park and a guided tour of the Nature Center.

Friday's adventure begins at 7:00 p.m. with a wildlife identification workshop, a snake identification seminar, a snake quiz game, and more. Guests can opt for an overnight camping experience at Lake Houston Park or commute home after the evening event and back again in the morning. The fun resumes at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, with a guided tour of the park in search of wildlife tracks and a chance to practice what you learned about snakes the night before. Following the park safari tour, the Park Naturalist will take participants on a personal tour of the Nature Center.

Don't forget your binoculars and camera. Comfortable, closed-toe walking shoes, insect repellent, and drinks are recommended.

The Wildlife Nature Camp is open to everyone aged 8 and up. Make your **required reservation** by calling **(281) 354-0173**. The \$6 fee for guests 13 & up covers a 2-day park entry fee and all related programs.

Lake Houston Park is located 30 minutes north of downtown Houston off Highway 59 and FM 1485 at 22031 Baptist Encampment Road. It has approximately 5,000 acres of forest, with 12 miles of hike and bike trails, 8 miles of equestrian trails, cabins, and camping facilities. The park offers a variety of activities for visitors to experience. Call (281) 354-6881 for camping reservations.

For additional information on recreational and educational opportunities at Lake Houston Park or the Houston Parks and Recreation Department, call (713) 865-4537, or visit www.houstonparks.org.