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## **Outdoor Adventures & Nature Thrills At Lake Houston Park This July**

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

### **Saturday, July 12 – 10:00 a.m.**

#### **“Snake Encounter”**

Get up close and personal with snakes the safe way! Learn how to identify our area snakes and what to do if you should encounter one. Learn about snakebite treatment. All ages are welcome to attend this educational program in the air-conditioned Nature Center at Lake Houston Park.

### **Friday, July 18 & Saturday, July 19**

#### **“Family Nature Adventure”**

This fun & unique program features a Friday night safari tour, camping (or commuting), a Saturday morning safari adventure, & a personal tour of the Nature Center. The safaris give us the opportunity to observe bobcats, coyotes, beavers, deer, owls, birds, butterflies, wildflowers, & more! For ages 8 and up. Make your **required reservation** by calling (281) 354-0173.

### **Saturday, July 26 - 10:00 a.m.**

#### **“Amazing Alligators”**

Get up close and personal with a live alligator, the safe way! Learn about these fascinating “living dinosaurs” at this fun and educational program! All ages are welcome to attend in the comfort of the air-conditioned Nature Center.

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](http://www.houstonparks.org).