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Outdoor Adventures & Nature Thrills At Lake Houston Park This June

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department invites everyone interested in the world of nature to visit Lake Houston Park in June 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:

Sunday, June 8 – 7:45 p.m. "The Truth About Bats"

Separate fact from fiction about these winged mammals at this fun and educational program. Biologists from Bat Conservation International and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department will share their expertise. Go on a guided "bat walk" and listen to bat calls through a bat detector. Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a flashlight, water, and insect repellant. All ages are welcome!

Saturday, June 21 - 8:15 a.m. "Breakfast With the Birds"

Join fellow birding enthusiasts on this fun and educational walk in search of the many beautiful avians that call Lake Houston Park home! For ages 12 and up. Make your **required reservation** by calling (281) 354-0173.

Saturday, June 28 - 7:30 p.m. "Nocturnal Safari Adventure"

Go on a guided tour of seldom seen places in this 5,000-acre wilderness park. We will search for mammals, amphibians, reptiles, owls, insects, and other fascinating creatures of the night. Join other adventurers on this unique trip! For ages 12 & up. Make your **required reservation** by calling (281) 354-0173.

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 <u>www.houstonparks.org</u>.