



Press Release

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Houston Parks and Recreation Department

Calendar of Events Feb 1 - March 15, 2011

ONGOING REGISTRATION

Youth Tennis – The Youth Tennis Program is **FREE** and offered year-round at a variety of public parks throughout the city. The program, in partnership with the Houston Tennis Association (NJTL) provides children ages 6-18 with one hour of tennis lessons twice a week for eight weeks. Register at your nearest community center, or call the Youth Tennis Office at (713) 803-1112.

After-School Enrichment Program - Children, ages 6-13, can enjoy arts and crafts, games, homework assistance, special events and a variety of **FREE** activities at community centers throughout Houston. For a list of HPARD community centers visit www.houstonparks.org. Register at a community center near you or call (832) 395-7270 or (832) 395-7292.

Youth Baseball League – The Grand Slam for Youth Baseball League, sponsored by the Houston Astros and Minute Maid, is **FREE** and open to youth ages 4-18. The League provides T-ball, baseball and slow pitch softball at various skill levels. T-shirts and equipment are provided to registered teams. For registration information, call (832) 395-7292 or (832) 395-7294.

Youth Spring Basketball Leagues – HPARD is gearing up to offer two, eight-week season of fast breaks, three-pointers and skillful ball-handling to boys and girls ages 4-18 who want to hoop it up on the court. All participants will receive **FREE** T-shirts, expert coaching, special events including 3-on-3 tournaments and skills clinics. For registration information, call (832) 395-7294 or (832) 395-7292.

Youth Soccer League – The fun recreational soccer program is designed to encourage boys and girls to develop both physically and socially through the sport of soccer. The League, sponsored by Fiesta, is open to boys and girls ages 4-18. The **FREE** soccer league provides T-shirts, shin guards and expert coaching. For a faster-paced game of soccer, youth can register for the **Indoor Soccer League** and the **Houston Spring Small-Sided Soccer League**. For registration information call (832) 395-7294 or (832) 395-7261.

Junior Golf Program– Junior golfers ages 3-18 come and play one of America's favorite sports at The First Tee of Houston at FM Law Park. The **FREE** program is dedicated to providing young golfers an opportunity to learn the game of golf while building character, integrity and sportsmanship. All classes are taught by golf professionals. For registration information, call (713) 264-2100.

FEBRUARY 1

Judson Robinson, Jr Cmty Ctr - Sunrise Weight and Fitness – The early bird gets the worm! Come and get your day start with this early morning weight training and fitness class. Nominal weekly fee. Time: 6:00 am–9:00 am, Mon - Fri | Location: 2020 Hermann Drive, 77004 | Registration Information: (713) 284-1997.

Judson Robinson, Jr Cmty Ctr - Weight Room – Work out for **FREE** at the Judson Robinson, Jr. Weight Room inside Hermann Park! Time: 10:00 am–8:00 am, Mon - Fri; 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, Sat | Location: 2020 Hermann Drive, 77004 | Registration Information: (713) 284-1997.

Sharpstown Park Cmty Ctr - FREE Zen Tai Chi Classes – Based on Vietnamese Tai Chi, classes deal with the body and mind. Open to adults and seniors. Registration required. Time: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Tues | Location: 6600 Harbor Town, 77036 | Registration Information: (713) 988-5328.

FEBRUARY 2

Line Dance at Judson Robinson, Jr. Cmty Ctr – Calling all Seniors 55+ to the dance floor. Come and join other Seniors from across the city for a morning of fun learning all types of line dances and get a little cardio at the same time. Time: 10:00 am–11:00 am, Mon & Wed | Location: 2020 Hermann Drive, 77004 | Registration Information: (713) 284-1997.

FEBRUARY 3

Hobart Taylor Park Cmty Ctr - Quilting – Learn to make a quilt one stitch at a time. You don't have to be an expert sewer or quilter. It's a great place to learn, have fun and make new friends. Time: 3:00 pm-5:00pm, 1st & 3rd Thurs of the month | Location: 8100 Kenton, 77028 | Registration Information: (713) 674-3959.

FEBRUARY 7

Judson Robinson, Jr Cmty Ctr - Youth Karate Classes – You are never too young to learn the art of defense. Time: 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm, Mon & Wed | Location: 2020 Hermann Dr. 77004 | Registration Information: (713) 284-1997.

Judson Robinson, Jr Cmty Ctr - Line Dancing - Adults who want to learn the Harlem Shuffle, the Electric Slide and many more, come on down and join in on the fun. Nominal fee required. Time: 7:00 pm-8:30 pm, Mon & Wed | Location: 2020 Hermann Dr. 77004 | Registration Information: (713) 284-1997.

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FEBRUARY10

Judson Robinson, Jr Cmty Ctr - Senior Computer Classes – **FREE** basic computer classes for seniors 55+. Learn how to operate a computer, use the keyboard, send an email, type a letter. Time: 2:30 pm– 3:30 pm, Thurs | Location: 2020 Hermann Drive, 77004 | Registration Information: (281) 546-7446.

FEBRUARY12

Lake Houston Wilderness Park - Invasive Species Class - All Ages. What does it mean to be an invasive species? Does that only apply to plants? Are invasives only non-native to Texas? Come find out the answers to these and other questions as we discuss the effects of invasive species to our ecosystem. Free with \$3 Park Entry Fee. Reservations ARE required for this program. Time: 2:00 pm–3:00 pm, Sat | Location: 22031 Baptist Encampment Rd., New Caney, TX 77357 | Registration Information: (281) 354-0173.

FEBRUARY 13

Lake Houston Wilderness Park - Orienteering for Beginners - All Ages. Have you ever used a map and compass to find locations and plot an adventure? This program will teach the basics of how to do just that! Scouts, this is a great way to earn your orienteering badge! Free with \$3 Park Entry Fee. Reservations ARE required for this program. Time: 2:00 pm–3:30 pm, Sun | Location: 22031 Baptist Encampment Rd., New Caney, TX 77357 | Registration Information: (281) 354-0173.

FEBRUARY 18 *LAST DAY TO REGISTER*****

Adult Softball League – Registration Jan 31- Feb 18 - Get off of that couch and join an adult sports league! Slow pitch leagues are offered year-round, and are played in two sessions – Spring I and Spring II – in select parks throughout the city. The league is open to adults 18 and older. A team fee is required. League Play: Spring I

Feb. 28 – April 15; Spring II May 3 - June 18 | 6:30 pm-10:30 pm, Mon - Fri |
Registration Information: (832) 395-7130.

Adult Basketball League - Registration Jan 31- Feb 18 - Get your team together or join one and hoop it up in the Houston Parks and Recreation Department's Adult Basketball League. This Men's Division League runs for 10 weeks. Games are played at Judson Robinson Jr. Community Center or Townwood Park Community Center. A team fee is required. League Play: Feb 28 – May 21 | 6:30 pm-9:30 pm, |
Registration Information: (832) 395-7130.

Adult Flag Football League - Registration Jan 31- Feb 18 - Go for the touchdown in the Houston Parks and Recreation Department's Spring Flag Football League. Divisions include Men's A/B/C, Co-ed Open and Women's Open. A team fee is required. League Play: Feb. 28 – April 15 | 7:00 pm-11:00 pm, Wed and Thurs |
Registration Information: (832) 395-7130.

Adult Kickball League – Registration Jan 31- Feb 18 - Enjoy the game you once played as a kid. Kickball is one of the fastest growing adult sports in the country. Co-ed kickball leagues are offered year-round at sites throughout the city. A team fee is required. League Play: Feb 28 - April 15 | 6:30 pm-10:30 pm, Mon, Wed and Thurs |
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FEBRUARY 24 -26

Memorial Park - Rodeo Trail Riders – Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Trail Riders all day at Memorial Park, 6501 Memorial Drive, 77007.

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Lake Houston Wilderness Park - Night Hike - All Ages. Children under the age of 18 MUST be accompanied by an adult. Do you want to get a look at the nocturnal creatures that inhabit the park? Join us on the night hike! We will hike through some of our trails in search of raccoons, opossums, snakes, owls, etc. Get your cameras ready! Time: 6:00 pm–7:30 pm, Sat | Location: 22031 Baptist Encampment Rd., New Caney, TX 77357 | Registration Information: (281) 354-0173.

MARCH 6

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