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ENJOY, LEARN ABOUT, AND CARE FOR NATURE UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES IN HOUSTON

Houston Museum of Natural Science SHARKS ongoing, enjoy getting up close and personal with live sharks for a hands-on experience, plus shark models, 5555 Hermann Park Dr., www.hmns.org enjoy, learn, animals, Houston

PHOTO WORKSHOP IN THE PARK Dec. 14, 10 a.m., enhance your photography skills in a workshop in Evelyn's Park, 4400 Bellaire Blvd., suitable for kids, prizes awarded, https://evelynspark.org/events learn, enjoy, photo, park, Houston

Emancipation Park HOLIDAY IN THE TRE Dec. 14, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Santa and his elves, the official EPC holiday tree lighting, a FREE toy giveaway, and so much more, donate new unwrapped toys for children ages 2 – 12 in the park thru 12/6, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. daily, 3018 Emancipation Ave., https://epconservancy.org/calendar/ enjoy, kids, park, Houston

GREEN TEAM Dec. 11, 9 a.m. – noon, volunteers create a native landscape area with wildflowers and native grasses along Hunting Bayou at 5101 Wipprecht St., https://houstonparksboard.volunteerhub.com/vv2/ care, enjoy, garden, water, Houston

<u>HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE</u> **Dec. 7, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.,** enjoy Santa, live music, coffee, hot chocolate & more, Buchanan's, 611 East 11th St., https://buchanansplants.com/events/ enjoy, kids, garden, Houston

<u>LITTER CLEAN-UP</u> **Dec. 14, 10 a.m. – noon,** volunteers clean up litter in Blackhawk Park, 9401 Fuqua St., https://texanbynature.org/events care, pollution, park, Houston

Kickerillo-Mischer Preserve <u>KAYAK MARSHALL LAKE</u> Dec. 13, 9, 10 & 11 a.m., enjoy paddling Marshall Lake, equipment provided, kids under 13+ must be accompanied by an adult, 20215 Chasewood Park Dr., https://www.pct3.com/KMP enjoy, boat, kids, park, Houston

Kickerillo-Mischer Preserve 1ST SHOT ARCHERY Dec. 4, 4:30 p.m., course for beginners taught by certified instructors, all equipment provided, ages 7+, 20215 Chasewood Park Dr., https://www.pct3.com/KMP learn, enjoy, class, kids, park, Houston

Kickerillo-Mischer Preserve NATURE STORYTIME Dec. 12, 10 – 11:30 a.m., read about, discuss, and seek to find elements and creatures in nature, plus short hike, ages 2 - 8, 20215 Chasewood Park Dr., https://www.pct3.com/KMPenjoy, kids, walk, park, Houston

<u>SPORTING CLAYS FUNDRAISER</u> Dec. 14, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., fundraiser for Texas Wildlife Association, Greater Houston Sports Club, 6700 McHard Rd., https://www.texas-wildlife.org/twa-events/ care, animals, Houston

Houston Botanic Garden <u>HOLIDAY WREATH WORKSHOP</u> Dec. 14, 2 p.m., using a combination of found natural objects & accessories, we will decorate a 14" grapevine base, perfect for decorating a front door or wall for the holiday season, in the garden, One Botanic Ln. (at 8210 Park Place Blvd.), https://secure.hbg.org/events/ enjoy, learn, class, garden, Houston

Houston Botanic Garden <u>GARDEN SUCCESS: SUCCULENT CARE</u> Dec. 14, 11 a.m., course in succulent home care plus an arrangement workshop from soil mixing to top-dressing, One Botanic Ln. (at 8210 Park Place Blvd.), https://secure.hbg.org/events/ learn, class, garden, Houston

Kickerillo-Mischer Preserve ART OF THE PRESERVE Dec. 3, 2 - 4 p.m., create a work of art, including natural items, in the preserve, ages 6+, 20215 Chasewood Park Dr., https://www.pct3.com/KMP enjoy, kids, park, Houston

<u>FARMER WORKSHOP</u> **Dec. 5, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.,** Plant It Forward educates new farmers at Westbury Community Garden, 12581 Dunlap, http://westburycommunitygarden.org/learn, farmers, garden, Houston

Houston Aquarium <u>BREAKFAST WITH SANTA</u> Dec. 14, Dec. 15, & Dec. 21 – Dec. 24, enjoy breakfast with Santa & the fishes, 410 Bagby St., https://www.aquariumrestaurants.com/downtownaquariumhouston/default.asp enjoy, kids, fish, Houston

PLASTIC PEOPLE: THE HIDDEN CRISIS OF MICROPLASTICS Dec. 4, 6 p.m., screening of film Plastic People: The Hidden Crisis of Microplastics, MATCH - Midtown Arts and Theater Center Houston, 3400 Main St., https://www.meetup.com/Houston-Sierra-Club-Outings/events/learn, media, pollution, Houston

Memorial Park HOLIDAY LIGHTS IN THE PARK opens Dec. 6, enjoy holiday lights in the Clay Family Eastern Glades on Washington Ave., http://www.hermannpark.org/calendar/ enjoy, kids, park, Houston

HOLIDAY LATKES Dec. 7, 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m., learn to make delicious holiday latkes, kids' class at 12:30 p.m., Hope Farms, 10401 Scott St., https://www.recipe4success.org/events/events-page.html learn, class, kids, farmers, Houston

SAND VOLLEYBALL Dec. 8, 10:45 a.m. – 1 p.m., enjoy outdoor sand volleyball at Wakefield Crowbar plus happy hour, dogs allowed on leash, except in adjacent dog park, 954 Wakefield Dr., https://bcoadventures.com/events-calendar/#espresso_calendar enjoy, animals, Houston

<u>EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS</u> **Dec. 7, 10:30 a.m. - noon.,** class to prepare you to help yourself, your family, and your neighbors in the event of a disaster, Tracy Gee Community Center, 3599 Westcenter Dr., https://cp4.harriscountytx.gov/Events learn, class, Houston

Kickerillo-Mischer Preserve PARK AFTER DARK: NIGHT HIKE Dec. 13, 6 p.m., join park naturalists on a night hike to discover who lives here, 20215 Chasewood Park Dr., https://www.pct3.com/KMPenjoy, learn, animals, walk, kids, park, Houston

<u>CITY WALK – BUNGALOWS & HERMANN PARK</u> Dec. 8, 2 - 5 p.m., join group outing to walk 6 miles to view bungalow-style homes, starting from McGovern Centennial Gardens, 1800 Hermann Dr., https://www.meetup.com/city-walks-houston/events/enjoy, walk, park, Houston

<u>INSECT POLLINATORS IN SCIENCE</u> **Dec. 2, 12 - 2 p.m.,** learn about scientific updates and new insights gained from data submitted through open-science projects, presented by principal investigator of the iNaturalist-hosted Global Pollinator Watch Challenge, Katherine L. Tyra Branch Library, 16719 Clay Rd., https://cp4.harriscountytx.gov/Events learn, lecture, animals, Houston

ORIGAMI IN THE PARK Dec. 14, 11 a.m. - noon, make origami, different theme each month, in Evelyn's Park, 4400 Bellaire Blvd., suitable for kids, prizes awarded, https://evelynspark.org/eventsenjoy, park, Houston

Houston Zoo ZOO LIGHTS ongoing thru Jan. 5, 5:30 – 10:30 p.m., zoo decorated with holiday lights, 6200 Hermann Park Dr., www.houstonzoo.org enjoy, animals, Houston

Houston Arboretum & Nature Center <u>ARBOR CUP</u> Dec. 4, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., fundraiser golf tournament for the center, dinner & open bar included, plus raffle, awards & prizes, Memorial Park, 1001 E. Memorial Loop Dr., https://houstonarboretum.org care, enjoy, Houston

Trebly Park MOVIE UNDER THE STARS Dec. 5, 6 p.m., enjoy screening of Frozen in the park, 1515 Fannin St., https://downtownhouston.org/calendar enjoy, media, park, Houston

BIKE, BIRDS, & A BIT OF NATURE Dec. 7, 9 a.m., join group 13 mi. bike ride on trails along White Oak & Buffalo Bayous to view birds & other animals, meet at Target/Sephora, 1901 Taylor St., https://www.meetup.com/joinneo/events/enjoy, cycle, water, animals, bird, Houston

FISHING SAFETY Dec. 3, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., learn about fishing rules and regulations, how to cast properly and safely playing a fun game called backyard bass, ages 8 – adult, Thomas A. Glazier Senior Education Center, 16600 Pine Forest Ln., https://cp4.harriscountytx.gov/Events learn, enjoy, kids, fish, park, Houston

Market Square Park <u>SILENT NIGHT DISCO</u> Dec. 6, Dec. 13 & Dec. 20,7 - 9 p.m., dance under the stars in the park, slip on a pair of glowing headphones and choose from multiple DJ-curated playlists

featuring holiday classics, upbeat hits, and wintery vibes, 301 Milam St., https://downtownhouston.org/calendar enjoy, park, Houston

Buffalo Bayou <u>HOLIDAY CRUISES</u> Dec. 6/Dec. 7 & Dec. 13/Dec. 14, 6 – 8:45 p.m., experience the dazzling downtown skyline from the water aboard a holiday-themed pontoon boat, adorned with wintry decorations on a 30-minute tour, from Allen's Landing, 1001 Commerce St., www.buffalobayou.org enjoy, boat, Houston

<u>AIR ALLIANCE HOUSTON OPEN HOUSE & FUNDRAISER</u> Dec. 3, 4 - 7 p.m., silent auction, online auction & raffle to benefit Air Alliance Houston, 2520 Caroline St., #100, https://airalliancehouston.org/events/ care, learn, meeting, Houston

Hermann Park HOLIDAYS IN THE PARK Dec. 14, 10 a.m. – 9 p.m., enjoy a day full of holiday festivities in Hermann Park, before a double feature movie night featuring *The Polar Express* and *A Christmas Story*, join us in the Park for rides on the holiday train and carousel, pictures with a roaming Santa, lawn games, arts & crafts, and more, McGovern Centennial Gardens, 1500 Hermann Dr., http://www.hermannpark.org/calendar/ enjoy, kids, park, Houston

Hermann Park MCGOVERN CENTENNIAL GARDENS 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION Dec. **7, 9 a.m. - noon,** enjoy complimentary coffee, drinks, sweet treats and popcorn, face painting, lawn games and activities, music, and a beautiful morning in the Gardens, McGovern Centennial Gardens, 1500 Hermann Dr., http://www.hermannpark.org/calendar/ enjoy, garden, kids, park, Houston

Hermann Park DOG WALK Dec. 7, 8 - 10 a.m., fundraiser for the park, bring your dog for a walk in the park, followed by party with music, snacks & more, Lake Plaza, 6100 Hermann Park Dr., http://www.hermannpark.org/calendar/ enjoy, animals, park, Houston

Sam Houston Park TRAFIGURA RUN FOR THE HOUSE Dec. 7, 8 - 10 p.m., family (and dog!) friendly 5K/10K run (or walk), 301 Milam St., https://downtownhouston.org/calendar enjoy, walk, animals, park, Houston

Houston Museum of Natural Science 3D FILMS ongoing, wide variety of films being screened, see www.hmns.org for current show times/offerings, 5555 Hermann Park Dr., www.hmns.org, Currently showing: Africa: The Serengeti, Cities of the Future, Dinosaurs of Antarctica, Dinosaur Discoveries, Mummies: Secrets of the Pharaohs, Secrets of the Sea 3D, Sharks 3D & T. Rex enjoy, learn, media, Houston

Houston Arboretum & Nature Center <u>DIY PAPER</u> **Dec. 7, 10 a.m. – noon,** use recycled pulp, plant seeds, dried flower petals, and other fun items to create one-of-a-kind art paper, ages 12+, 4501 Woodway Dr., https://houstonarboretum.org learn, enjoy, kids, garden, Houston

<u>BELLAIRE OPEN AIR HOLIDAY MARKET</u> Dec. 15, 12 - 4 p.m., local artisans and small businesses for the whole family with holiday craft project at the trevilion in Evelyn's Park, 4400 Bellaire Blvd., https://evelynspark.org/events_enjoy, kids, park, Houston

Poppe Park OWL PROWL Dec. 11, 6 – 7 p.m., learn about owls, then go on guided hike to listen for resident owls in the park, ages 7+, 11675 Grant Rd., https://www.pct3.com/Explore/Parks learn, enjoy, kids, park, Houston

<u>CHAMPAGNE & CANDY CANES MARKET</u> Dec. 12, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m., 10% of purchases benefit the park, shop local favorites, enjoy free holiday treats and \$3 mimosas from Betsy's & snap pics with Santa from 4-7 pm., Evelyn's Park, 4400 Bellaire Blvd., https://evelynspark.org/events enjoy, kids, park, Houston

ILOVE 11TH NEIGHBORHOOD FESTIVAL Dec. 7, 12 - 6 p.m., local music, artists, and local merchants lining 11th Street, meet to bike to event at 11:30 a.m., Bike Jam at Hogg Middle School, featuring a bike safety demonstration and bike decorating from 3 – 5 p.m., then bike ride at 6 p.m., 501 West 11th St., https://www.bikehouston.org/events enjoy, cycle, Houston

Discovery Green INCLUSIVE SKATERS Dec. 3, 5 – 8 p.m., welcoming environment for skaters with physical or developmental challenges to enjoy the rink in the park with a friend, caregiver or family member, free for special skaters, but others must pay, 1500 McKinney, http://www.discoverygreen.com/ enjoy, skate, kids, park, Houston

Space Center Houston <u>HOME SCHOOL DAY</u> **Dec. 13, 9 a.m.,** home-schooled kids discover space science & engineering through innovative activities, 1601 E. NASA Pkwy., https://spacecenter.org/membership/member-events/ learn, enjoy, kids, class, Houston

Houston Zoo <u>SENSORY INCLUSIVE ZOO LIGHTS</u> Dec. 2, 5:30 – 10:30 p.m., calming nooks & bypasses around highly-stimulating areas offered for those with sensory sensibilities, 6200 Hermann Park Dr., www.houstonzoo.org enjoy, animals, Houston

<u>WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE CONFERENCE</u> **Dec. 13, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.,** learn innovative agriculture practices along with the challenges & opportunities for women within the field of agriculture, includes prizes, good food, and networking opportunities., Houston Community College -

West Houston Institute Campus, 2811 Hayes Rd., www.urbanharvest.org learn, conference, farmers, Houston

Houston Arboretum & Nature Center <u>HOMEMADE HOLIDAYS</u> Dec. 14, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. & 1 – 2:30 p.m., make wreath, ornaments & gifts using natural materials, all ages, 4501 Woodway Dr, https://houstonarboretum.org enjoy, learn, garden, kids, Houston

Space Center Houston <u>ASTRONAUT APPEARANCE & BOOK SIGNING</u> Dec. 7, 1 p.m., presentations with book signing by Chris Hadfield, 1601 E. NASA Pkwy., https://spacecenter.org/events/ learn, lecture, star, Houston

<u>WALK CRESTWOOD</u> **Dec. 6, 7 a.m.,** join group outing to walk 6 miles in the Crestwood neighborhood, meet at Memorial Park Tennis Center, 1500 E Memorial Loop Dr., https://www.meetup.com/HoustonUrban-Trekkers/events/enjoy, walk, park, Houston

CREATING YOUR OWN HERBAL SALVE Dec. 7, 10 – 11:30 a.m., introduction to the art and science of creating soothing, herbal salves, bring a pint jar of any dried herbs that you would like to turn into a salve, Bauer Education Center, 1911 W. 34th St., http://urbanharvest.org/learn, class, garden, Houston

ZUMBA Dec. 6, 9 a.m., mixture of low-intensity and high-intensity moves for an interval-style, calorie-burning dance fitness party, Evelyn's Park, 4400 Bellaire Blvd., https://evelynspark.org/events enjoy, park, Houston

Exploration Green <u>NATIVE PLANT WORK DAY</u> Dec. 15, 10 a.m. - noon, volunteers work in pollinator garden workday for weeding, watering and mulch maintenance and spot planting or seeding

as required 16205 Diana Ln., https://www.explorationgreen.org/ care, enjoy, garden, animals, park, Houston

<u>CIRCLE TIME</u> **Dec. 6 & Dec. 13, 11 a.m.,** deeply immersive, full body experience utilizes healing instruments such as crystal bowls, koshi chimes, rain sticks and even incorporates aromatherapy to take your body, mind and senses on a healing journey to a blissful state, Evelyn's Park, 4400 Bellaire Blvd., https://evelynspark.org/events_enjoy, park, Houston

INTRO. TO PERMACULTURE & MEDICINAL FOREST GARDENING Dec. 7, 1 – 3 p.m., learn about Permaculture ethics and design strategies of a holistic approach in designing self-managing systems to restore landscapes and communities & then dive deeper into the understory of a Seven Layer Food Forest System - groundcover, shrubs, herbs and vines which are native, edible and medicinal, Bauer Education Center, 1911 W. 34th St., http://urbanharvest.org/learn, class, garden, tree, Houston

SOUND BATH Dec. 4, 9 a.m., kids enjoy story time in Evelyn's Park, 4400 Bellaire Blvd., suitable for kids, prizes awarded, https://evelynspark.org/events enjoy, kids, park, Houston

Houston Museum of Natural Science <u>TRAINS OVER TEXAS</u> ongoing, enjoy O-scale model railroad, covering area of a tennis court, that visits important & unique places in Texas geology & physiography, 5555 Hermann Park Dr., www.hmns.org enjoy, learn, Houston

GARDEN VOLUNTEERING Dec. 7, 9 – 10:30 a.m., volunteers engage in seasonal activities and gardening to assist Senior Citizens in the community and for those in need, Harry Holmes Healthy Harvest Community Garden, 4646 Brinkley St., https://give.urbanharvest.org/volunteer_calendar care, enjoy, garden, Houston

<u>DANCE!! IN LEVY PARK</u> Dec. 14 & Dec. 28, 1 p.m., enjoy dance-focused program for kids of all ages in the park, kids learn about the human body while exploring creative movement, 3801 Eastside, http://www.levyparkhouston.org/enjoy, kids, class, park, Houston

Blackwood Educational Land Institute <u>SKYFARM VOLUNTEER DAY</u> Dec. 6 & Dec. 13, 7 - 11 a.m., volunteers assist with needed tasks in one-acre Skyfarm, 401 Franklin St., https://blackwoodland.org/calendar/ care, enjoy, farmers, garden, Houston

Buffalo Bayou SOUND HEALING MEDITATION Dec. 7/Dec. 8 & Dec. 14/Dec. 15, 10 a.m., meditation class, The Water Works, 105 Sabine St., www.buffalobayou.org enjoy, learn, park, Houston

<u>INTERNATIONAL VEGETABLES</u> **Dec. 11, 12:30 - 2 p.m.,** discover international vegetables, how to grow them at home, and add them to your dinner table, Tracy Gee Community Center, 3599 Westcenter Dr., https://cp4.harriscountytx.gov/Events learn, class, garden, Houston

<u>BLACKWOOD SKY FARM TOURS</u> Dec. 5/Dec. 12, 8 a.m. – noon & Dec. 6/Dec. 13, 12 – 2 p.m., tour Houston's only rooftop organic farm, Post HTX, 401 Franklin St. https://blackwoodland.org/calendar/ enjoy, farmers, Houston

<u>INTRODUCTORY GARDENING</u> **Dec. 4, 11 a.m.,** learn the basics of creating and maintaining your own home container gardens, Burnett Bayland Community Center, 6026 Chimney Rock Rd., https://cp4.harriscountytx.gov/Events learn, class, garden, park, Houston

<u>PILATES IN THE PARK</u> Dec. 3 & Dec. 10, 6 p.m., enjoy Pilates class in Evelyn's Park, 4400 Bellaire Blvd., suitable for kids, prizes awarded, https://evelynspark.org/events enjoy, park, Houston

Children's Museum of Houston MAKER CREW WORKSHOPS ongoing thru Dec. 14, 3 – 5 p.m., step-by-step workshop to create various objects, 1500 Binz St., https://www.cmhouston.org/eventslearn, enjoy, kids, Houston

Children's Museum of Houston MOMMY MINGLE Dec. 6, 10 a.m. - noon, free coffee/breakfast snacks while mingling with other parents in the museum, 1500 Binz St., https://www.cmhouston.org/events_enjoy, kids, Houston

Exploration Green MOONLIT MOTH MANIA Dec. 14, 7:30 – 9 p.m., learn how to observe these fascinating insects & record new species that come out at night, family-friendly 16205 Diana Ln., https://www.explorationgreen.org/ care, enjoy, learn, animals, kids, park, Houston

<u>DANZ JAMZ IN THE PARK</u> <u>Dec. 7 & Dec. 14, 8 a.m.</u>, enjoy cardio energy dance class in Evelyn's Park, 4400 Bellaire Blvd., suitable for kids, prizes awarded, https://evelynspark.org/events enjoy, park, Houston

Children's Museum of Houston <u>STEADY WALKERS</u> ongoing thru Dec. 3, 11 - 11:45 a.m., playgroups intended to guide parents in observing how infants move, explore, and communicate their needs, 1500 Binz St., https://www.cmhouston.org/events enjoy, learn, kids, Houston

JUPITER! Dec. 4, 11:30 a.m., learn all things Jupiter, from the discovery of the four largest moons by Galileo, to the incredible cloudscapes revealed by the Juno probe, to how Jupiter may have made our lives possible here on Earth, Fonteno Senior Education Center, 6600 Bissonnet St., https://cp4.harriscountytx.gov/Events learn, lecture, star, Houston

Kickerillo Mischer Preserve <u>TURTLE TOTS</u> Dec. 10, 10 a.m., outdoor program for children aged 3-6, that introduces them to the wonders of the animal kingdom, each session focuses on a different

type of animal, program can include guided nature walks, hands on activities and an interactive presentation, 20215 Chasewood Park Dr., https://www.pct3.com/KMP enjoy, learn, animals, walk, kids, park, Houston

<u>SNOWFLAKE ORNAMENTS</u> Dec. 10, 4:30 p.m., make your own snowflake ornament to hang on your tree or home, all ages, Burnett Bayland Community Center, 6026 Chimney Rock Rd., https://cp4.harriscountytx.gov/Events enjoy, Houston

Houston Museum of Natural Science <u>SUMMER CAMP</u> registration ongoing, variety of topics for kids ages 6 - 12, check schedule for details, some camps virtual, start times for virtual camps may vary, 5555 Hermann Park Dr., http://www.hmns.org learn, enjoy, media, kids, Houston

Houston Museum of Natural Science <u>SENSORY FRIENDLY EVENT</u> Dec. 2, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., sensory-friendly modifications through-out the museum for those with sensitivities, 5555 Hermann Park Dr., www.hmns.org enjoy, learn, Houston

Children's Museum of Houston <u>ACTIVE CRAWLERS</u> ongoing thru Dec. 3, 9:30 - 10:15 a.m., playgroups intended to guide parents in observing how infants move, explore, and communicate their needs,1500 Binz St., https://www.cmhouston.org/events enjoy, learn, kids, Houston

NATURE FINDS! Dec. 5, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m., learn about and examine our local natural resources and the unique gems awaiting to be found within Precinct 4 Parks, Tracy Gee Community Center, 3599 Westcenter Dr., https://cp4.harriscountytx.gov/Events learn, class, garden, animals, park, Houston

Space Center Houston <u>FAMILY OVERNIGHT</u> Dec. 7 - Dec. 8, exciting, hands-on STEM activities, overnight campsite amongst historic flown space artifacts and national treasures, dinner and breakfast served at Space Center Houston & second-day visit to Space Center Houston, includes

Galaxy Lights exhibit, 1601 E. NASA Pkwy., https://spacecenter.org/membership/member-events/enjoy, learn, kids, star, Houston

Discovery Green SUNDAYS WITH SANTA Dec. 15, 4 p.m., kids visit with Santa in the park & get \$2 off during this time frame, 1500 McKinney, http://www.discoverygreen.com/enjoy, kids, park, Houston

TREE-RIFFIC VOLUNTEERS Dec. 14, 10 a.m., volunteers care for Molly Pryor Orchard in Terry Hershey Park by monitoring newly planted vegetation, outdoor tasks include weeding beds and trail areas, mulching, re-planting, and watering, 15200 Memorial Dr., https://cp4.harriscountytx.gov/Events learn, care, tree, park, Houston

Levy Park HOLIDAY FESTIVAL Dec. 7 & Dec. 8, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., holiday market, a craft station, live music performances throughout the park, a special performance by River Oaks Dance, a free photo booth with Santa Claus, & food/ drink concessions, 3801 Eastside, http://www.levyparkhouston.org/ enjoy, photo, kids, park, Houston

<u>CANVAS TREES</u> Dec. 14, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., kids make their very on trees on a canvas, Steve Radack Community Center, 18650 Clay Rd., https://cp4.harriscountytx.gov/Events enjoy, kids, tree, Houston

Children's Museum of Houston KIDS LABS ongoing thru Dec. 27, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., chemistry labs for kids, 1500 Binz St., https://www.cmhouston.org/events learn, enjoy, kids, Houston

MUSEUM OF THE GULF COAST Dec. 6, 9 a.m., senior outing, trip to museum that tells history of Texas coast, beginning with paleontology & biology, transportation provided from Steve Radack

Community Center, 18650 Clay Rd., https://cp4.harriscountytx.gov/Events enjoy, learn, animals, Houston

Discovery Green ATLAS ongoing, enjoy interactive public art installation featuring 24 handcrafted and hand-painted ethereal glowing moths on a monumental scale in the park,1500 McKinney, http://www.discoverygreen.com/enjoy, animals, park, Houston

NATURE FINDS! Dec. 3, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m., learn about and examine our local natural resources and the unique gems awaiting to be found within Precinct 4 Parks, Burnett Bayland Community Center, 6026 Chimney Rock Rd., https://cp4.harriscountytx.gov/Events learn, class, garden, animals, park, Houston

<u>SUNSET/NIGHT HIKE MEMORIAL PARK</u> Dec. 13, 7 p.m., join group 5 mi. hike in Memorial Park at sunset/night, meet at running center, 7575 N. Picnic Ln., https://www.meetup.com/joinneo/events/enjoy, walk, park, Houston

Children's Museum of Houston BANK OF AMERICA FREE DAYS Dec. 7, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Bank of America cardholders get in free,1500 Binz St., https://www.cmhouston.org/events enjoy, kids, Houston

RAIN GARDENS & WATER CONSERVATION Dec. 6, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., learn to work with nature to control rainwater overflow & learn some ways to conserve water, Tracy Gee Community Center, 3599 Westcenter Dr., https://cp4.harriscountytx.gov/Events learn, care, class, water, garden, Houston

Edith L. Moore Nature Sanctuary <u>STORIES & CRAFTS IN THE CABIN</u> Dec. 16, 10:30 a.m., 1-hour program for kids ages 3-5 accompanied by an adult which includes books, songs, rhymes, movement activities, & a craft in the cabin, Theme: Snow, 440 Wilchester Blvd., www.houstonaudubon.org enjoy, kids, Houston

Children's Museum of Houston <u>MAKER CREW WORKSHOPS</u> ongoing thru Dec. 14, 3 – 5:30 p.m., step-by-step workshop to create various objects, 1500 Binz St., https://www.cmhouston.org/events learn, enjoy, kids, Houston

Burnett Bayland Park <u>NATURE WALK</u> Dec. 4, 9 a.m., explore the beauty and benefits of native plants in Bayland Park, family friendly, 6000 Chimney Rock Rd., https://cp4.harriscountytx.gov/Events enjoy, learn, kids, garden, park, Houston

Houston Botanic Garden RADIANT NATURE ongoing, new exhibit – garden glows with the radiant brilliance of more than 50 large-scale Chinese lantern installations, One Botanic Ln. (at 8210 Park Place Blvd.), https://secure.hbg.org/events/enjoy, garden, Houston

SCIENCE NIGHT Dec. 11, 4 – 6 p.m., learn how to use a microscope, try an engineering challenge, and more STEM activities will be available for a night filled with fun and learning for kids of all ages, Tracy Gee Community Center, 3599 Westcenter Dr., https://cp4.harriscountytx.gov/Events learn, enjoy, kids, Houston

Discovery Green STUDENT NIGHT Dec. 5 & Dec. 12, 5 – 10 p.m., college students get \$2 off skating, must show student i.d., 1500 McKinney, http://www.discoverygreen.com/enjoy, skate, park, Houston

Discovery Green <u>CHEAP SKATE NIGHT</u> Dec. 2, Dec. 9 & Dec. 16, 5 – 10 p.m., ice skate in the park for less, 1500 McKinney, http://www.discoverygreen.com/ enjoy, skate, park, Houston

Children's Museum of Houston <u>BABY SIGN LANGUAGE</u> ongoing thru Dec. 18, 10 a.m., learn to teach your baby sign language, 1500 Binz St., https://www.cmhouston.org/events learn, class, kids, Houston

Discovery Green SKATING WITH THE STARS Dec. 15, 7 – 7:15 p.m., figure skating performance in the park, 1500 McKinney, http://www.discoverygreen.com/enjoy, skate, park, Houston

YOGA IN THE PARK Dec. 9 & Dec. 16, 9 a.m., enjoy yoga class in Evelyn's Park, 4400 Bellaire Blvd., https://evelynspark.org/events enjoy, park, Houston

COMMUNITY GARDEN Dec. 9, 9 a.m., participate in the planning, weeding, watering, and other weekly garden tasks, garden features raised beds and is wheelchair accessible so people of all levels of physical ability can participate, take local, fresh, and organic harvest home, Thomas A. Glazier Senior Education Center, 16600 Pine Forest Ln., https://cp4.harriscountytx.gov/Eventscare, enjoy, garden, Houston

Discovery Green WE LOVE HOUSTON WEDNESDAYS Dec. 4 & Dec. 11, 5 – 10 p.m., buy one get one free skating in the park to Houston-themed music, 1500 McKinney, http://www.discoverygreen.com/enjoy, skate, park, Houston

Discovery Green <u>HAPPY HOUR FRIDAYS</u> Dec. 6 & Dec. 13, 5 – 8 p.m., skate in the park & get \$2 off during this time frame, 1500 McKinney, http://www.discoverygreen.com/ enjoy, skate, park, Houston

Houston Museum of Natural Science <u>DEATH BY NATURAL CAUSES</u> ongoing, exhibit of venomous & poisonous animals, toxic elements & minerals and more, 5555 Hermann Park Dr., www.hmns.org learn, animals, Houston

SOUND MEDITATION IN LEVY PARK Dec. 3 & Dec. 17, 7 p.m., enjoy a sound bath in the park, 3801 Eastside, http://www.levyparkhouston.org/enjoy, class, park, Houston

Houston Zoo <u>GALAPAGOS ISLANDS</u> **ongoing**, new exhibit showcasing wildlife of the legendary island chain, exhibit immerses guests in an environment evoking the archipelago's unique landscapes and oceanic habitats, includes more California sea lions, Galápagos tortoises, & a colony of Humboldt penguins, 6200 Hermann Park Dr., www.houstonzoo.org enjoy, animals, Houston

Kickerillo-Mischer Preserve <u>JUNIOR INVESTIGATORS</u> **Dec. 5 & Dec. 19, 10 a.m.,** series of 8 classes of outdoor education chock-full of fun, including investigating plants, observing insects, fishing, pond life exploration and even nature survival skills, must be accompanied by adult, 20215 Chasewood Park Dr., https://www.pct3.com/KMP/ learn, enjoy, animals, garden, fish, kids, park, Houston

Midtown Park MISTLETOE MARKET Dec. 14, 12 - 9 p.m. & Dec. 15, 12 - 6 p.m., holiday shopping in the park, artisans and specialty crafters showcasing their unique creations, alongside fun activities for the entire family, 2811 Travis St., https://midtownhouston.com/events enjoy, kids, park, Houston

BENEFIT BINGO Dec. 4 & Dec. 11, 6 - 8 p.m., fundraiser for the park at Betsey's, Evelyn's Park, 4400 Bellaire Blvd., suitable for kids, prizes awarded, https://evelynspark.org/events care, enjoy, kids, park, Houston

Buffalo Bayou VOICES OF LIGHT CHORAL PERFORMANCES Dec. 14 & Dec. 15, 7 – 9 p.m., enjoy live choral performances, Voices of Light: A Mystical Holiday Soundscape, in the cavernous Buffalo Bayou Park Cistern, performance times: 7 p.m., 7:45 p.m., and 8:30 p.m., Buffalo Bayou Park, 105 Sabine St., https://earthshare-texas.org/events/enjoy, park, Houston

<u>HOLIDAY PAPER FLOWER CRAFT</u> **Dec. 5, 9 a.m. - noon,** learn to make holiday flowers out of paper for decorations to enhance your holiday season, all supplies will be provided, Thomas A. Glazier Senior Education Center, 16600 Pine Forest Ln., https://cp4.harriscountytx.gov/Events enjoy, class, garden, Houston

BIRD SURVEY Dec. 7, 8 a.m., volunteers count birds in Sylvan Rodriguez Park, 1201 Clear Lake City Blvd., http://houstonaudubon.org care, enjoy, bird, park, Houston

<u>FIRESIDE CHAT AT MEMORIAL PARK</u> <u>Dec. 13</u>, 9:30 p.m., join group chat/snack by the fire in Memorial Park (after a hike, see separate listing), Eastern Glades, 6502 Memorial Dr., https://www.meetup.com/joinneo/events/ enjoy, park, Houston

RECYCLED WALLET CRAFT Dec. 4, 10:30 a.m., hands-on workshop where you will learn to recycle plastic bags into unique wallets, all supplies provided by staff, Burnett Bayland Community Center, 6026 Chimney Rock Rd., https://cp4.harriscountytx.gov/Events enjoy, recycle, Houston

Discovery Green <u>FUTURE OF DOWNTOWN'S PUBLIC REALM MEETING</u> Dec. 4, 4 – 7 p.m., preliminary set of proposed strategies that will be shared at this meeting, in the park, 1500 McKinney, https://downtownhouston.org/calendar learn, meeting, park, Houston

Kickerillo-Mischer Preserve <u>CANOEING</u> <u>Dec. 4 & Dec. 18, 3 & 4 p.m.</u>, enjoy paddling Marshall Lake, two related paddlers per canoe, kids under 10 must be accompanied by an adult, equipment provided, 20215 Chasewood Park Dr., https://www.pct3.com/KMP enjoy, boat, kids, park, Houston

Sheldon Lake State Park <u>BECOMING AN OUTDOORS GIRL</u> Dec. 7, 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., girls in grades 6 – 12 learn outdoor skills, 14140 Garrett Rd., https://www.uhcl.edu/environmental-institute/learn, enjoy, kids, fish, walk, animals, bird, walk, Houston

Trebly Park <u>SANTA PAWS</u> Dec. 7 & Dec. 14, 12 - 3 p.m. & 6 - 9 p.m. (Sat. thru Dec. 21), free pet photos with Santa, enjoy a festive day of live music, entertainment, complimentary hot chocolate, face painting, and a gift-wrapping station in the park, 1515 Fannin St., https://downtownhouston.org/calendar enjoy, animals, photo, park, Houston

Houston Botanic Garden <u>BIRD FEEDER WREATHS</u> **Dec. 7, 10 – 11:30 a.m.,** make festive decor that doubles as a source of food for our feathered friends this winter, One Botanic Ln. (at 8210 Park Place Blvd.), http://houstonaudubon.org care, enjoy, bird, garden, Houston

CONCERT IN THE PARK Dec. 6, Dec. 12 & Dec. 14, 6 - 8 p.m., enjoy concert in Evelyn's Park, 4400 Bellaire Blvd., suitable for kids, prizes awarded, https://evelynspark.org/events enjoy, park, Houston

Space Center Houston GALAXY LIGHTS ongoing thru Jan. 5, enjoy viewing of light display, 1601 E. NASA Pkwy., https://spacecenter.org/membership/member-events/ enjoy, Houston

Exploration Green TREE WATERING VOLUNTEERS ongoing, volunteers needed to water trees until new irrigation system is installed, water on your own scheduled, contact Susan Parker

(egcvol2@gmail.com) to volunteer, 1801 Neptune Ln., Clear Lake, https://www.facebook.com/ExplorationGreen/ care, tree, park, Houston

Discovery Green <u>ICE SKATE NIGHTS</u> ongoing, 5 – 10 p.m. (Mon. – Thurs.), 5 – 11 p.m. (Fri.), 11 a.m. – 11 p.m. (Sat. & school holidays), & 11 a.m. – 8 p.m. (Sun.), ice skating in the park, 1500 McKinney, http://www.discoverygreen.com/enjoy, skate, park, Houston

Space Center Houston EXPEDITION 71 CREW DEBRIEF Dec. 4, 6 p.m., relive the journey of Expedition 71 with the mission's astronauts, 1601 E. NASA Pkwy., https://spacecenter.org/membership/member-events/ learn, kids, meeting, Houston

Discovery Green PIXAR PUTT ongoing, 10 a.m. – 8:30 p.m., enjoy mini-golf in the park, 1500 McKinney, http://www.discoverygreen.com/enjoy, park, Houston

Houston Zoo <u>BIRDS OF THE WORLD</u> ongoing, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., new exhibit on birds of the world, 6200 Hermann Park Dr., www.houstonzoo.org enjoy, learn, bird, Houston

FREE LEAD TESTING ongoing, enrollment open for the voluntary Lead Testing in School and Child Care Program, a free statewide program to test for lead in drinking water at public schools (K-12) and regulated childcare facilities, trains participants to collect samples, tests their drinking water for lead, and helps them take action to reduce lead in drinking water,

https://www.tceq.texas.gov/drinkingwater/lead-testing-school-and-child-care-drinking-water/voluntary-lead-testing-program learn, care, pollution, kids, Houston

BIKE RIVER OAKS & GINGEBREAD BUILD-OFF Dec. 14, 9 a.m., join group outing to bike 13 miles around River Oaks, by various parks, & attend gingerbread build-off in Levy Park afterward, meet at Levy Park, 3801 Eastside, https://www.meetup.com/joinneo/events/enjoy, park, cycle, Houston

Houston Museum of Natural Science ROAR & EXPLORE Dec. 10, 6:30 p.m., film screening, brief talk with Q&A session, and graphic novel signing with renowned paleoartist, 5555 Hermann Park Dr., www.hmns.org learn, enjoy, media, lecture, animals, Houston

Houston Arboretum and Nature Center <u>PRAIRIE STAMPEDE</u> Dec. 11, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., prairie enthusiasts, conservationists, restorationists, & organizations supporting/preserving native prairies invited to annual evening of networking, awards, & celebration of 2023 prairie accomplishments, 4501 Woodway Dr., bring a dish to share, https://www.coastalprairieconservancy.org/event-calendar enjoy, care, garden, Houston

TAI CHI IN THE PARK Dec. 3 & Dec. 10, 9 a.m., enjoy 30-minute Tai Chi class in Evelyn's Park, 4400 Bellaire Blvd., suitable for kids, prizes awarded, https://evelynspark.org/events enjoy, park, Houston

Exploration Green <u>FUNDRAISER</u> ongoing thru Dec. 31, shop at Buffalo Exchange Houston-Shepherd Montrose, 2901 S Shepherd Dr., get a token to donate to charity instead of a plastic bag, https://www.facebook.com/ExplorationGreen/ care, park, Houston

Discovery Green CAROLS ON THE GREEN Dec. 14, 7 – 9 p.m., Houston Grand Opera sings carols in the park, sing along with them, 1500 McKinney, http://www.discoverygreen.com/enjoy, park, Houston

<u>WINTER FESTIVAL</u> **Dec. 14, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.,** photos with Santa, live entertainment, crafts & outdoor games, tree giveaway, food trucks, variety of community partners & healthy parks workshop, Bear Creek Rodeo Arena, 3230 Highway 6, https://cp4.harriscountytx.gov/Events enjoy, learn, kids, animals, park, Houston

Houston Museum of Natural Science MARBLING: WATER TO WHIMSY Dec. 3, 6:30 p.m., explore the origins and evolution of marbling techniques, and discover how this ancient art form has been used to create stunning patterns for centuries, plus marble your own silk scarf, experimenting with colors and designs to produce a unique and personal piece of wearable art, 5555 Hermann Park Dr., www.hmns.org learn, enjoy, class, Houston

Discovery Green SANTA'S LITTLE YELPERS Dec. 7, 12 – 3 p.m., get photo of your dog with Santa & Mrs. Claus in the park, kids crafts, & music, plus treats for dogs & owners, 1500 McKinney, http://www.discoverygreen.com/enjoy, photo, kids, animals, park, Houston

NIGHT HIKES Dec. 4 & Dec. 11, 7 p.m., join group hike along Buffalo Bayou, meet at Water Works, 105 Sabine St., https://www.meetup.com/joinneo/events/enjoy, walk, park, Houston

Houston Museum of Natural Science HOT IN PALEO Dec. 3, 6:30 p.m., get the latest on dinosaur discoveries and more in this brief talk, 5555 Hermann Park Dr., www.hmns.org learn, lecture, animals, Houston

Discovery Green <u>FIESTAS NAVIDADENAS</u> Dec. 7, 1 – 5 p.m., annual holiday celebration, includes gifts, snow mountain, music & photos with Santa, 1500 McKinney, http://www.discoverygreen.com/enjoy, kids, photo, park, Houston

Houston Museum of Natural Science STILL LIFE SAFARI Dec. 5, 6:30 p.m., embark on a real-life safari, right in the heart of the museum, and witness the remarkable diversity of animal species from two distinct yet equally captivating regions, Africa & Texas, 5555 Hermann Park Dr., www.hmns.org enjoy, learn, animals, Houston

Houston Museum of Natural Science <u>SATURDAY SCOUT CLASSES</u> Dec. 7, various times, variety of classes for boy scouts of different ages, 5555 Hermann Park Dr., www.hmns.org learn, enjoy, kids, class, Houston

Houston Museum of Natural Science SANTA'S WORKSHOP Dec. 7, 9 a.m. - noon, kids create popsicle stick gingerbread house or plastic plate snow globe, plus photos with Santa, 5555 Hermann Park Dr., www.hmns.org enjoy, kids, Houston

<u>SING! MOVE! PLAY!</u> Dec. 14 & Dec. 28, 11 a.m., kids enjoy action-packed workshops filled with singing, rhythmic movement, and creative play in the park, led by Houston Grand Opera, 3801 Eastside, http://www.levyparkhouston.org/enjoy, kids, park, Houston

CENTRAL CITY CO-OP MARKET VOLUNTEERS ongoing, Central City Co-Op is looking for volunteers to help us in the store, 420 E. 20th St., http://www.centralcityco-op.com/ OR https://calendly.com/centralcityco-op/come-volunteer-at-the-co-op care, farmers, Houston

Houston Museum of Natural Science <u>SANTA CLAWS</u> Dec. 8, 6:30 p.m., enjoy a fun-filled day for the whole family, with activities like a reindeer hat craft, balloon art, a 360 photo booth, and a live DJ spinning festive beats, plus delicious treats, including creamy gelato, fresh popcorn, and sweet cookies, 5555 Hermann Park Dr., www.hmns.org enjoy, kids, Houston

Buffalo Bayou <u>SOCCER FOR SUCCESS</u> **Dec. 7, 10 a.m. - noon,** kids ages 5–14 enjoy soccer skills training, drills, and scrimmage games plus special guests from the Houston Dynamo and Dash, interactive games, and exciting giveaways, & lively music and delicious bites, Tony Marron Park, 808 N. York St., www.buffalobayou.org enjoy, kids, park, Houston

TREE GIVEAWAY Dec. 14, 1 - 3 p.m., free bareroot tree seedling to grow in a pot or plant in your yard, Bayland Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet, https://cp4.harriscountytx.gov/Events care, tree, Houston

Children's Museum of Houston <u>HOLIDAY PARTY</u> Dec. 9, 4 - 7 p.m., member event, activities, music, photos with Santa & more in the museum, 1500 Binz St., https://www.cmhouston.org/events enjoy, kids, Houston

Houston Museum of Natural Science NINE NATIVES Dec. 9, 9 – 11:30 a.m., volunteers tend native plant garden at the museum, 5555 Hermann Park Dr., https://txmn.org/gulfcoast/events/ OR https://www.coastalprairieconservancy.org/event-calendar care, enjoy, garden, Houston

<u>BLACKWOOD OPEN FARM DAYS</u> <u>Dec. 4 & Dec. 11, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.</u>, 1 hour interactive tour of the Blackwood Skyfarm followed by a 1 hour food or farming lesson, Post HTX, 401 Franklin St., https://blackwoodland.org/calendar/ <u>enjoy</u>, <u>learn</u>, <u>farmers</u>, <u>Houston</u>

Children's Museum of Houston <u>ALL ABOARD</u> Dec. 14, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., kids enjoy Polar Express Storytime and Crafts, 1500 Binz St., https://www.cmhouston.org/events enjoy, kids, Houston

Houston Botanic Garden <u>CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS</u> ongoing, the garden needs volunteers to help their small staff, One Botanic Ln. (at 8210 Park Place Blvd.),

https://pages.wordfly.com/houstonbotanicgarden/pages/Volunteer-Interest-Form/ care, enjoy, walk, garden, tree, Houston

Nature Discovery Center MESS MAKERS Dec. 15, 10 – 11:45 a.m., kids explore & create with homemade snow, clay & sand, create works of art with natural materials & some man-made materials, ages 3 – 7, accompanied by adult, 7112 Newcastle, http://www.naturediscoverycenter.org/enjoy, learn, class, kids, Houston

<u>BUBBLES & BOARD GAMES</u> Dec. 4 & Dec. 11 and Dec. 9 & Dec. 16, 11 a.m., kids enjoy bubbles & board games in Evelyn's Park, 4400 Bellaire Blvd., suitable for kids, prizes awarded, https://evelynspark.org/events enjoy, kids, park, Houston

FREE BOOK & STEM ACTIVITY Dec. 5, 4:30 – 6 p.m., lesson focusing on STEM, and each participant will receive a free book, Freed Park Community Center, 6818 Shadyvilla Ln., https://cp4.harriscountytx.gov/Events learn, kids, Houston

Nature Discovery Center WINTER BIRD WALK Dec. 4, 12 – 1:15 p.m., guided bird walk in park, 7112 Newcastle, http://www.naturediscoverycenter.org/enjoy, learn, bird, walk, park, Houston

Memorial Park <u>DECK THE PARK</u> <u>Dec. 6, 5 - 9 p.m.</u>, enjoy cookie decorating, a tree lighting ceremony, an outdoor screening of the holiday classic *Home Alone*, delightful holiday characters, and festive refreshments like apple cider and hot cocoa, and much more, Clay Family Eastern Glades, E. Memorial Loop Dr., https://www.memorialparkconservancy.org/ enjoy, kids, media, tree, park, Houston

Nature Discovery Center ANNUAL MEMBER MEETING Dec. 3, 7 p.m., members learn how the Center fared in 2024, hear our plans for the future, & vote on the 2025 NDC Board of Directors, refreshments served, adults only, 7112 Newcastle, http://www.naturediscoverycenter.org/learn, care, meeting, Houston

Sheldon Lake State Park HOLIDAY IN THE PARK Dec. 8, 1 – 4 p.m., create crafts, vote on our door decoration contest & enjoy holiday music playing in the Pond Pavilion, also holiday-themed park scavenger hunt & visit from Santa, 14140 Garrett Rd, https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/sheldon-lake/park_events enjoy, walk, park, Houston

Houston Museum of Natural Science <u>KING TUT'S TOMB DISCOVERY EXPERIENCE</u> ongoing, enjoy exhibit that duplicates experience of initial discovery of King Tut's tomb in 1922, 5555 Hermann Park Dr., www.hmns.org enjoy, Houston

Texas Wildlife Rehabilitation Center <u>BUILDING MATERIALS DRIVE</u> ongoing, Wildlife Rehabilitation Department needs building materials for outdoor enclosures to acclimate our animals to living outdoors before release, bring materials to 10801 Hammerly Blvd., http://www.twrcwildlifecenter.org/ care, animals, Houston

Memorial Park GIRLTREK Dec. 7, 7:30 – 9:30 a.m., nature hike & walk for Black women & girls, Cullen Trails Center, 7575 North Picnic Ln.,

https://www.memorialparkconservancy.org/visit/#eventcalendar enjoy, walk, park, Houston

ART IN THE PARK Dec. 3 & Dec. 10 and Dec. 5 & Dec. 12, 10 a.m. - noon, art class/activity for kids in Evelyn's Park, 4400 Bellaire Blvd., suitable for kids, prizes awarded, https://evelynspark.org/events enjoy, kids, park, Houston

Houston Museum of Natural Science <u>WEEKDAY LABS</u> dates vary, times vary, topics cover physical sciences, history, biology, & earth science, dissection, contact museum for details, some offered virtually, 5555 Hermann Park Dr., www.hmns.org learn, enjoy, kids, animals, Houston

Children's Museum of Houston <u>SENSORY FRIENDLY DAY</u> Dec. 16, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., kids with autism spectrum disorder & their families are invited to experience the Museum with dimmed lights, limited extra sounds, & no distracting motions in the museum, 1500 Binz St., https://www.cmhouston.org/events enjoy, kids, Houston

Buffalo Bayou <u>WELLNESS WALK</u> Dec. 4 & Dec. 11, 6:30 – 8 p.m., walk with discussion of mental/physical health & benefits of time in nature, meet at The Water Works, 105 Sabine St., www.buffalobayou.org enjoy, learn, walk, park, Houston

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES IN HOUSTON

<u>SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM WORKSHOP</u> last Fri., 2 – 4 p.m., free workshop teaches basics of solar system installation & operation, covers types of solar arrays, costs, labor, permitting, energy savings & reliability, TXRX, 205 Roberts, https://houstonrenewableenergy.org/event-calendar/Next Opportunity **Dec. 27** learn, class, energy, pollution, Houston

NORTHEAST HOUSTON FARMERS' MARKET 1st & 3rd Sat., 9 a.m. - noon, local products, LBJ Hospital Community Farm, 5656 Kelley St., mobile market at 5425 Troost St., https://www.urbanharvest.org/mobile-market/ Next Opportunity Dec. 7 care, farmers, Houston

Kickerillo-Mischer Preserve NATURE CENTER WITHOUT WALLS varies, 9 - 11 a.m., learn about nature topics & current events/activities, 20215 Chasewood Park Dr., https://cp4.harriscountytx.gov/Events Next Opportunity **TBD** learn, park, Houston

Mandell Park <u>COMPOST WORKDAYS</u> Sat., 10 a.m. – noon, care for compost pile in the park, Mandell & Richmond Ave., https://www.facebook.com/MandellPark Next Opportunities **Dec. 7 & Dec. 14** care, enjoy, garden, recycle, park, Houston

Sims Bayou Urban Nature Center MAINTENANCE MONDAY 3rd Mon., 7 – 10 a.m., (Sep. thru May), volunteers tend to gardens, weed, prune, maintain trails, repair infrastructure, & more, 3997 River Dr., http://houstonaudubon.org Next Opportunity TBD care, enjoy, bird, garden, walk, Houston

MONTROSE FARMERS' MARKET Sun., 8 a.m. – 1 p.m., fresh produce, locally-produced foods, 600 Hyde Park Blvd., Next Opportunities Dec. 8 & Dec. 15 care, farmers, Houston

Midtown Park CHILDREN'S STORY TIME 3rd Sat., 10:30 a.m., guest reader of kids' books from Houston Mobile Library, 2811 Travis St., https://midtownhouston.com/events Next Opportunity TBD enjoy, kids, park, Houston

CO-HOUSING HOUSTON MEETING 1st Weds., 6 p.m., group promoting co-housing in Houston, open to those interested in or curious about co-housing, https://www.cohousinghouston.com/ Next Opportunity Dec. 4 learn, media, meeting, Houston

MEMORIAL VILLAGES FARMERS' MARKET Sat., 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., farmers' market, music, kids' activities, food demonstrations, lectures & more, 1st Congregational Church, 10840 Beinhorn Rd., http://www.mvfarmersmarket.org/ Next Opportunities Dec. 7 & Dec. 14 care, farmers, kids, Houston

Bagby Park <u>ADULT RECESS</u> **3rd Weds., 6 - 8 p.m.,** happy hour and oversized lawn games, nostalgic board games, interactive games, and an activity cart, 415 Gray St., https://midtownhouston.com/events Next Opportunity **TBD** enjoy, park, Houston

CENTRAL CITY CO-OP MARKET Tues. – Sat., 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Sun., 8 a.m. – 3 p.m., open market of organic & local fresh produce, also have community supported agriculture shares, pick-up on Weds., 420 E. 20th St., http://www.centralcityco-op.com/ care, farmers, Houston

HOUSTON PARKS ACTIVITIES ongoing, variety of dates/times, many activities offered by the Houston Parks Dept. for people of all ages in various city parks, from sports to tutoring to hands-on stewardship projects and more, https://www.calendarwiz.com/calendars/calendar.php enjoy, learn, park, Houston

<u>HOUSTON FARMERS' MARKET</u> daily, 5:30 a.m. - 6 p.m., produce, baked goods, meat & more, 2520 Airline Dr. https://thehoustonfarmersmarket.com/ care, farmers, Houston

Sims Bayou Urban Nature Center <u>FAMILY FIRST FRIDAY</u> 1st Fri., 9:30 – 11:30 a.m., (Sep. thru May), kids 3 – 6, with parent/guardian, learn about the natural world through instruction, educational games, crafts, & outdoor adventures 3997 River Dr., http://houstonaudubon.org Next Opportunity TBD learn, enjoy, class, bird, kids, Houston

Trebly Park YOGA FLOW Weds., 6:30 p.m. (thru Nov. 13), enjoy yoga flow class in the park, 1515 Fannin St., https://downtownhouston.org/calendar Next Opportunities Dec. 4 & Dec. 11 enjoy, park, Houston

MILBY PARK CLEAN-UP 4th Fri., 9 – 11 a.m., volunteers clean up litter & plant trees in the riparian restoration area, 2001 Central St., https://txmn.org/gulfcoast/events/ Next Opportunity TBD care, pollution, garden, tree, park, Houston

Market Square Park <u>SWEAT & STRETCH</u> Weds., 6:30 p.m., fun, high energy, self-paced, HIIT influenced, free body weight workout followed by a full body stretch in the park, 301 Milam St., https://downtownhouston.org/calendar Next Opportunities **Dec. 4 & Dec. 11** enjoy, park, Houston

<u>ALIEF COMMUNITY GARDEN FARMERS' MARKET</u> 2nd Sat., 10 a.m. – noon, farm fresh produce, 8409 ½ Dairy View, https://imdhouston.org/about/programs-projects/farmers-market/ Next Opportunity **Dec. 14** care, farmers, Houston

BIKE TOURS daily, Bayou City Bike Tours offers guided rides for groups along Heights Blvd. & Buffalo Bayou, 1824 Spring St., http://www.bayoucitybiketours.com/book-a-tour/enjoy, cycle, Houston

Mandell Park WORK DAY last Sat., 8 a.m. – noon, volunteers perform needed tasks in park, could include trimming trees, weeding, cleaning, planting & other tasks, Mandell & Richmond Ave., https://www.facebook.com/MandellPark/events Next Opportunity TBD care, enjoy, tree, garden, pollution, park, Houston

<u>DRUM JAM AT LEVY PARK</u> one Sun./month, 3:30 p.m., enjoy drum concert in the park, 3801 Eastside, http://www.levyparkhouston.org/ Next Opportunity TBD learn, enjoy, class, kids, park, Houston

BRAESWOOD FARMERS' MARKET Sat., 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., fresh produce, prepared foods, & more, 5501 Beechnut, http://www.braeswoodfarmersmarket.com/ Next Opportunities Dec. 7 & Dec. 14 care, farmers, Houston

WELLNESS WALK LEVY PARK 1st & 3rd Mon., noon, enjoy a walk in the park, 3801 Eastside, http://www.levyparkhouston.org/ Next Opportunity TBD learn, enjoy, class, kids, park, Houston

Children's Museum of Houston GARDENING 1st & 3rd Fri., 7 - 10 a.m., volunteers clean up weeds, thinning areas, planting, and more in the gardens, 1500 Binz St., https://txmn.org/gulfcoast/events/Next Opportunities Dec. 6 enjoy, learn, kids, Houston

Trebly Park <u>BEATS & FLOW</u> Sat., 10 a.m. (thru Nov. 16), enjoy yoga class in the park, 1515 Fannin St., https://downtownhouston.org/calendar Next Opportunities **Dec. 7 & Dec. 14** enjoy, park, Houston

HOUSTON RENEWABLE ENERGY GROUP MEETING usually 2nd Tues., 7 p.m., monthly meeting of group promoting renewable energy in Houston, open to the public, United Way, 50 Waugh Dr., http://houstonrenewableenergy.org/ Next Opportunity Dec. 10 (moved online) learn, meeting, energy, Houston

<u>TANGO CLASS AT LEVY PARK</u> Thurs., 7 p.m., enjoy tango class in the park, 3801 Eastside, http://www.levyparkhouston.org/ Next Opportunities **Dec. 5 & Dec. 12 learn**, enjoy, class, kids, park, Houston

TREE FARM WORKDAY 3rd Thurs., 8:30 – 11 a.m., volunteers propagate & care for trees, including potting seedlings, weeding pots & planting seeds, benefit Houston parks, Clinton Park Tree Farm,

158 Mississippi St., https://txmn.org/gulfcoast/events/ Next Opportunity **Dec. 19** care, garden, tree, park, Houston

Nature Discovery Center <u>NATURE STORY TIME</u> Weds., 4 – 5 p.m., pre-schoolers & caregivers enjoy stories, puppets, specimens, songs & more, all activities outdoors, 7112 Newcastle St, http://www.naturediscoverycenter.org/ Next Opportunities **Dec. 4 & Dec. 11** enjoy, kids, Houston

<u>RIVER OAKS FARMERS' MARKET</u> 3rd Sun., 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., 20 curated vendors, all local businesses, fresh produce, baked goods, handmade condiments & more, 4444 Westheimer Rd. https://ynfma.org/calendar/ Next Opportunity **Dec. 15** care, farmers, Houston

BODY BARRE AT LEVY PARK Weds., 6 p.m., body barre class in the park, 3801 Eastside, http://www.levyparkhouston.org/ Next Opportunity TBD enjoy, learn, media, class, park, Houston

Discovery Green RECYCLING SATURDAYS most Sat., 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., recycle sorted paper, plastic, glass, & aluminum at the park, 1500 McKinney, http://www.discoverygreen.com/ Next Opportunities **Dec. 7 & Dec. 14** care, recycle, park, Houston

Levy Park <u>YOUNG AUDIENCES</u> certain Sat., 1 p.m., kids enjoy live art experiences in the park, duration 1 – 1.5 hours, 3801 Eastside, http://www.levyparkhouston.org/ Next Opportunity **Dec. 21** enjoy, kids, park, Houston

<u>REDEMPTION SQUARE FARMERS MARKET</u> 4th Sat., 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., fresh produce/local vendors, 250 Assay St., https://ynfma.org/CALENDAR/ Next Opportunity **Dec. 28** care, farmers, Houston

Nature Discovery Center <u>DISCOVERY ROOM</u> Tues. – Thurs., 10 a.m. – noon & 4 – 6 p.m., see our Ambassador Animals, read a book, touch and examine some of our natural history specimens, pick up a scavenger hunt, check out a backpack, and more, 7112 Newcastle St, http://www.naturediscoverycenter.org/ Next Opportunities **TBD** enjoy, kids, Houston

Hermann Park <u>BAYOU SAVANNAH WORK DAY</u> certain Sat.s, 9 a.m. - noon, volunteers work on pocket prairie, near 6520 Almeda, https://txmn.org/gulfcoast/events/ Next Opportunity **TBD** care, garden, park, Houston

Levy Park <u>SLOW FLOW YOGA</u> Fri., 8 a.m. & Weds., 7 p.m., all levels yoga flow, build strength & mobility, set to music, class ends with a sound bath, in the park, 3801 Eastside, http://www.levyparkhouston.org/ Next Opportunities Dec. 4/Dec. 6 & Dec. 11/Dec. 13 enjoy, class, park, Houston

Discovery Green TAI CHI Sat., 10:15 – 11:15 a.m., learn tai chi from expert instructor, 1500 McKinney, http://www.discoverygreen.com/ Next Opportunity TBD enjoy, class, park, Houston

BIKE STUFF SWAP MEET 2nd Sat., 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., sale/swap for all things bike, Houston Bike Museum, 5512 Crawford St., https://www.facebook.com/groups/htxbike/ Next Opportunity Dec. 14 care, cycle, Houston

Levy Park TAI CHI Fri., 9 - 10 a.m., tai chi class in the park open to all ages/skill levels, 3801 Eastside, http://www.levyparkhouston.org/ Next Opportunities Dec. 6 & Dec. 13 enjoy, class, park, Houston

KICKERILLO MISCHER BIRD SURVEY 3rd Mon., 8 - 10 a.m., join group for bird survey, 20215 Chasewood Park Dr., www.houstonaudubon.org Next Opportunity TBD care, enjoy, walk, bird, Houston

<u>BOLLYWOOD IN LEVY PARK</u> Sat., 10 a.m., Bollywood-style dance class in the park, 3801 Eastside, http://www.levyparkhouston.org/ Next Opportunities Dec. 7 & Dec. 14 enjoy, media, park, Houston

<u>BIKE RIDES</u> various days/times, join group rides, various locations, organized by Bike Barn stores, http://bikebarn.com/articles/upcoming-rides-pg66.htm enjoy, cycle, Houston

<u>VEGAN SOCIETY OF PEACE MONTHLY MEETING</u> **2**nd **Sat.**, **6 – 9 p.m.**, potluck, presentations, food demons, product samples, door prizes & more, HCC, 3100 Main St., http://www.vegansocietyofpeace.org/vegan2ndsaturdays Next Opportunity **Dec. 14** learn meeting, animals, Houston

Discovery Green SCREEN ON THE GREEN varies, family-friendly movie in the park, 1500 McKinney, http://www.discoverygreen.com/ Next Opportunity **TBD** enjoy, media, kids, park, Houston

MOVIE IN LEVY PARK usually last Fri., start time varies, family movie in the park, 3801 Eastside, http://www.levyparkhouston.org/ Next Opportunity TBD enjoy, media, kids, park, Houston

KEEP 5 ALIVE 2nd Sat., 9 – 11 a.m., volunteers pick up trash & clean flower beds in Fifth Ward Civic Club, corner of Market & Lockwood, http://www.houstonbeautiful.org/news--events.html Next Opportunity TBD care, pollution, garden, Houston

Space Center Houston MEMBER MORNING 2nd Sat., 8 a.m., members enter early, 1601 E. NASA Pkwy., https://spacecenter.org/membership/member-events/ Next Opportunity **Dec. 14** enjoy, Houston

OLIVEWOOD CEMETERY CLEAN-UP 1st & 3rd Sat., 9 – 11 a.m., volunteers remove brush & do landscaping at historic cemetery, 1300 Court St., http://www.descendantsofolivewood.org/category/events/ Next Opportunity Dec. 7 care, garden, Houston

Houston Museum of Natural Science <u>PLANETARIUM SHOWS</u> ongoing, times vary, wide variety of shows, Burke Baker Planetarium, 5555 Hermann Park Dr., see www.hmns.org for offerings & times, Currently showing: Are We Alone?, Black Holes, Cosmic Collisions, Dark Side of the Moon, Death of the Dinosaurs, Deep Space Live, Expedition Reef, Experience the Aurora, Forward to the Moon, Passport to the Universe, Solar Superstorms, Starry Night Express, The Great Planet Adventures, & The Mystery of the Christmas Star, www.hmns.org enjoy, learn, media Houston

<u>EPA AIR, CLIMATE, ENERGY WEBINAR SERIES</u> 3rd Tues., 2 p.m., EPA shares current research & activities related to air pollution, associated health/environmental risks & reducing air pollution, https://www.epa.gov/air-research/air-climate-energy-research-webinar-series Next Opportunity **TBD**, Topic: TBD learn, media, class, pollution, Houston

<u>PLANT PROPAGATION WORKDAYS</u> 2nd & 4th Thurs., 9 a.m. – noon, volunteers seed pots, bump up trays to 1-gallon containers, separate seedlings & weed pots of native plants, HPARD Greenhouse, 6501 Memorial Dr., https://txmn.org/gulfcoast/events/ Next Opportunity **Dec. 12** care, garden, Houston

Hermann Park CHILDREN'S STORY HOUR most Fri., 10 - 11 a.m., little ones listen to story in McGovern Centennial Garden, 6100 Hermann Park Dr., http://www.hermannpark.org/calendar/ Next Opportunity TBD enjoy, kids, park, Houston

EPA WATER RESEARCH WEBINAR SERIES last Weds., 2 p.m., EPA shares current research & activities related to integrity of water systems in U.S., https://www.epa.gov/water-research/water-research-webinar-series Next Opportunity **TBD**, Topic: TBD learn, media, class, water, Houston

<u>CANOEING/KAYAKING/SUP/SURFING</u> daily, rentals, guided tours & lessons available, variety of locations, Bayou City Adventures, 1520 Silver St., http://bayoucityadventures.org/enjoy, boat, Houston

Houston Arboretum & Nature Center <u>TRAILS & WILDSCAPES</u> 3rd Sat., 9 a.m. – noon, volunteers maintain trails in the arboretum, 4501 Woodway Dr, https://txmn.org/gulfcoast/events/ Next Opportunity **Dec. 21** care, enjoy, garden, walk, Houston

Hermann Park <u>PEDAL BOATS</u> daily, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., rent pedal boats to use on pond in Hermann Park, 6100 Hermann Park Dr., http://www.hermannpark.org/calendar/ enjoy, boat, park, Houston

SCIENCE AT LEVY PARK last Sun., 2 p.m., kids learn natural science in the park, taught by Houston Museum of Natural Science, 3801 Eastside, http://www.levyparkhouston.org/ Next Opportunity Dec. 15 (note date change) learn, enjoy, media, class, kids, park, Houston

Midtown Park <u>BEATS & EATS</u> 4th Fri., 6 - 9 p.m., live music & food in the park, 2811 Travis St., https://midtownhouston.com/events Next Opportunity **TBD** enjoy, park, Houston

<u>ELECTRONICS RECYCLING</u> 1st Sat., 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., Kingwood Metro Park & Ride, 3210 W. Lake Houston Pkwy., https://www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/electronics_recycling.html Next opportunity Dec. 7 care, recycle, Houston

ZUMBA IN LEVY PARK Sun., 9 a.m. & Mon., 6:30 p.m., Zumba class in the park, 3801 Eastside, http://www.levyparkhouston.org/ Next Opportunities **Dec. 2/Dec. 8 & Dec. 9/Dec. 15** enjoy, learn, class, park, Houston

Memorial Park <u>GREENHOUSE VOLUNTEER DAYS</u> Weds. - Fri., 8 - 11 a.m., volunteers work in park greenhouse to care for native plants, 6501 Memorial Dr., https://txmn.org/gulfcoast/events/ Next Opportunities TBD care, garden, park, Houston

Houston Museum of Natural Science MEMBER EVENT 2nd Sat., 8 – 10 a.m., the museum opens one hour early for members on the second Saturday, family programming, tours & crafts, 5555 Hermann Park Dr., www.hmns.org, Next Opportunities **TBD,** Topic: TBD enjoy, kids, Houston

Memorial Park NATIVE PLANT NURSERY dates/times vary, volunteers work in park greenhouse or tree nursery to care for native plants/trees, 6501 Memorial Dr. (Maintenance Yard), https://memorialparkconservancy.volunteerhub.com/?format=1&filter=%7B%7D#_=_ Next Opportunity **TBD** care, tree, garden, park, Houston

Bagby Park CHALK ON THE BLOCK 1st Sat., 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., artists create art on the sidewalks near the park, 415 Gray St., https://midtownhouston.com/events Next Opportunity TBD enjoy, park, Houston

Houston Museum of Natural Science <u>FREE TUESDAYS</u> Tues., 5 - 8 p.m., free admission to permanent exhibits, 5555 Hermann Park Dr., www.hmns.org Next Opportunities **Dec. 3 & Dec. 10** learn, Houston

Bagby Park GET FIT 2nd & 4th Sat., 9:30 – 11:30 a.m., high intensity interval training for first hour, followed by yoga for second hour, 415 Gray St., https://midtownhouston.com/events Next Opportunity Dec. 14 enjoy, park, Houston

YAPPY HOUR Tues., 6 p.m., get tips for urban pet living & get your questions answered by an expert in Levy Park, 3801 Eastside, http://www.levyparkhouston.org/ Next Opportunity TBD learn, enjoy, animals, park, Houston

Bagby Park <u>HEROES AGAIN BOOT CAMP</u> Mon., 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., program with Fitmix Yoga & Latin Fitness Studio to offer a safe space for fitness & mental health, 415 Gray St., https://midtownhouston.com/events Next Opportunity **TBD** enjoy, park, Houston

MID-MAIN BLOCK PARTY 1st Thurs., 6 - 10 p.m., music, prepared food, produce & more, benefits local non-profits, 3606 Main St., http://www.midmainhouston.com/firstthursday/ Next Opportunity Dec. 5 care, farmers, Houston

Edith L. Moore Nature Sanctuary <u>GUIDED NIGHT HIKE</u> usually monthly on Fri., 7 – 8:30 p.m. (Oct. – Mar.), enjoy guided night hike of the sanctuary to observe nocturnal creatures, kids 6+ welcome, 440 Wilchester Blvd., www.houstonaudubon.org Next opportunity **Dec. 6** enjoy, walk, kids, animals, bird, Houston

<u>HEARTHSTONE GARDEN CLUB MEETING</u> 3rd Tues., 6:30 – 9 p.m., members of garden club meet, 7615 Ameswood Rd. & online, https://hearthstonegardenclub.com/index.php/activities/ Next Opportunity **Dec. 10**, Topic: Holiday meeting learn, enjoy, meeting, garden, Houston

Sheldon Lake State Park <u>BIRD SURVEY</u> 1st Sun., 8 a.m., (Sep. – May), bird survey in the park, 14140 Garrett Rd., https://houstonaudubon.org/ Next Opportunity Jan. 5 care, enjoy, park, bird, Houston

KIDS BINGO NIGHT AT LEVY PARK Thurs., 4:30 p.m., kids enjoy bingo in the park, 3801 Eastside, http://www.levyparkhouston.org/ Next Opportunities Dec. 5 & Dec. 12 enjoy, kids, park, Houston

MARKET ON THE BAYOU Mon., 4 - 8 p.m., art, prepared food, produce & hand-made crafts, Raven Tower, 310 North St., https://www.facebook.com/mondaymarketonthebayou/?ref=page_internal Next Opportunity TBD care, farmers, Houston

Edith L. Moore Nature Sanctuary <u>GUIDED TOUR</u> usually 1st Sat., 9:30 - 11 a.m. (except summer), enjoy guided tour of the sanctuary, including visit to the historic log cabin & interpretive hike through the forest, 440 Wilchester Blvd., www.houstonaudubon.org Next opportunity **TBD** enjoy, walk, Houston

Edith L. Moore Nature Sanctuary <u>COMMUNITY WORK DAY</u> usually 3rd Sat., 9 a.m. – noon (except summer), maintain bird sanctuary, children 5+ welcome, 440 Wilchester Blvd., register with www.houstonaudubon.org OR https://volunteersignup.org/3BQXD Next opportunity **Dec. 21** care, kids, Houston

Baldwin Park <u>SOUND BATH MEDITATIONS</u> 2nd Weds., 6 - 7 p.m., free class in the park, sound bath meditation using sound as a tool to cultivate & support deep relaxation, 1701 Elgin St., https://midtownhouston.com/events Next Opportunity **Dec. 11** enjoy, class, park, Houston

Memorial Park <u>EASTERN GLADES CONSERVATION HORTICULTURE</u> some Tues., Weds. & Thurs., occasional Sat., 8 - 10 a.m., volunteers maintain gardens in the park, including pruning, weeding, planting & removing invasive species, E. Memorial Loop Dr. (Eastern Glades Parking Lot), https://memorialparkconservancy.volunteerhub.com/?format=1&filter=%7B%7D#_=_ Next Opportunity TBD care, garden, park, Houston

Hermann Park MEMBERS RIDE FREE 2nd Sat., 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., members enjoy free ride on Hermann Park Railroad, 6100 Hermann Park Dr., http://www.hermannpark.org/calendar/ Next Opportunity Dec. 14 enjoy, kids, park, Houston

BIRD SURVEY usually 3rd Sat./month, 7:30 - 9:30 a.m. (except summer), join group for birding, Woodland Park, 212 Parkview, https://www.friendsofwoodlandpark.org/ OR www.houstonaudubon.org Next Opportunity Dec. 21 enjoy, walk, bird, park, Houston

Nature Discovery Center <u>OUTDOOR EXPLORERS</u> Thurs., 4:30 - 6 p.m., kids 5 – 12 (max 10 kids enjoy lessons, outdoor investigations, crafts, animals encounters & more, 7112 Newcastle St, http://www.naturediscoverycenter.org/ Next Opportunity **TBD** enjoy, learn, kids, animals, garden, tree, Houston

MOBILE MARKET 4th Weds., 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., the Famers' Market comes to you, Baker Ripley East Aldine, Aldine Mail Rte., https://www.urbanharvest.org/mobile-market/ Next Opportunity **TBD** care, enjoy, farmers, Houston

<u>LET'S DO THIS, HOUSTON BIKE RIDES</u> date/times vary, organized ticketed group rides with a variety of themes, https://www.letsdothishouston.com/calendar enjoy, cycle, Houston

PHOTO WORKSHOP AT PARK usually 1st Sat., 10 a.m., learn photography in Levy Park with Houston Center for Photography experts, 3801 Eastside, http://www.levyparkhouston.org/ Next Opportunity Dec. 7 learn, enjoy, media, class, photo, park, Houston

<u>LADIES RIDE</u> last Sun., 8 – 11 a.m., join outing for a supported ladies ride, meet at The Hive, 4486 W 12th St., brunch afterward optional, https://www.facebook.com/groups/htxbike/ Next Opportunity Dec. 29 enjoy, cycle, Houston

Sheldon Lake State Park PRAIRIE RESTORATION Tues., 9 a.m. – noon, ongoing restoration of native prairie, 14140 Garrett Rd, https://txmn.org/gulfcoast/events/ Next Opportunities Dec. 3 & Dec. 10 enjoy, park, garden, Houston

Midtown Park <u>YAPPY HOUR</u> occasionally, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m., treats for your dog, giveaways, contests & prizes in the park, 2811 Travis St., https://midtownhouston.com/events Next Opportunity TBD enjoy, animals, park, Houston

Exploration Green PLANT PROPAGATION most Thurs., 8 – 11 a.m., volunteers propagate plants in wetland nursery at Exploration Green or plant plants in the park, corner of Seakale & Bay Area Blvd., https://txmn.org/gulfcoast/events/ OR https://www.explorationgreen.org/calendar or https://txmn.org/gbmn/events/ OR https://www.facebook.com/ExplorationGreen/events Next Opportunity Dec. 4/Dec. 5, 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. (Note additional dates & time change) care, garden, park, Houston

Buffalo Bayou <u>HISTORY BOAT TOUR</u> usually one Sat./month, 10 – 11:30a.m., guided historical tour along Buffalo Bayou, leaving from Allen's Landing, 1001 Commerce St., www.buffalobayou.org Next Opportunity **TBD** enjoy, boat, park, Houston

Buffalo Bayou <u>VOLUNTEER DAY</u> usually 3rd or 4th Sat., 8:30 – 11:30 a.m., volunteers help maintain the park, meet at Water Works, 105 Sabine St., www.buffalobayou.org Next Opportunity TBD care, park, water, Houston

Buffalo Bayou BOAT RIDES certain Weds./Sat., time varies seasonally 45-minute boat rides along Buffalo Bayou, from Allen's Landing, 1001 Commerce St., www.buffalobayou.org Next Opportunity **TBD** enjoy, boat, park, Houston

MOBILE MARKET 4th Thurs., 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., the Famers' Market comes to you, Baker Ripley Gulfton, 6500 Rookin St., https://www.urbanharvest.org/mobile-market/ Next Opportunity Dec. 26 care, enjoy, farmers, Houston

GARDEN LECTURE 2nd Thurs., 7 - 8 p.m., lecture on a gardening topic, Delores Fenwick Nature Center, Pearland, https://pearlandrecycles.com/calendar/ Next Opportunity Dec. 12 (moved online) Topic: TBD learn, media, lecture, media, garden, Houston

Edith L. Moore Nature Sanctuary <u>SANCTUARY STEWARDS</u> Sat./Sun., 7 a.m. – 7 p.m., volunteers answer questions, monitor sanctuary to keep an eye out for issues, enforce sanctuary rules & more, educational materials provided to volunteers, shifts are 3 hours, 440 Wilchester Blvd, https://txmn.org/gulfcoast/events/ Next opportunities **Dec. 7/Dec. 8 & Dec. 14/Dec. 15** care, enjoy, Houston

Midtown Park <u>THROWBACK THURSDAY WORKOUT</u> 3rd Thurs., 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., enjoy fun, retro music-inspired workout while enjoying hits from the 80s, '90s, & early 2000s in the park, 2811 Travis St., https://midtownhouston.com/events Next Opportunity **TBD** enjoy, class, park, Houston

<u>VOLUNTEER IN SCHOOL GARDEN</u> **2**nd **Sat., 9 a.m. – noon,** volunteers work in the Grassroom at Kolter Elementary School, consisting of Pocket Prairies, Pollinator Gardens, raised beds & orchards, 9710 Runnymeade Dr., https://txmn.org/gulfcoast/events/ Next Opportunity **Dec. 14** care, enjoy, garden, kids, Houston

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office <u>GREEN THUMB LECTURE</u> (Jan – Oct.): 2nd Mon., 10 p.m., Genoa Friendship Gardens, 1210 Genoa Redbluff Rd. & online, 3rd Tues., 11 a.m., online, https://harris.agrilife.org/events/ OR https://hcmga.tamu.edu/events/ OR https://txmg.org/events Next Opportunity TBD (moved online) Topic: TBD learn, media, lecture, garden, Houston

Exploration Green TREE NURSERY 2nd & last Sat., 8 a.m. – noon, volunteers repot, prune & stake trees, 1801 Neptune Ln., Clear Lake, https://txmn.org/gulfcoast/events/ & https://www.explorationgreen.org/calendar Next Opportunity **Dec. 14** care, tree, park, Houston

MOBILE MARKET 2nd Weds., 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., the Famers' Market comes to you, Plaza Santa Clara, 5616 Lawndale St., https://www.urbanharvest.org/mobile-market/ Next Opportunity **TBD** care, enjoy, farmers, Houston

Edith L. Moore Nature Sanctuary <u>HOME SCHOOL NATURE DAYS</u> occasional Thurs., 9:30 a.m. - noon (during school year), educational activities for children ages 3+, includes activities, games, and crafts around the sanctuary, come and go anytime from 9:30 AM to noon, 440 Wilchester Blvd.,

www.houstonaudubon.org Next Opportunity **TBD**, Topic: TBD learn, enjoy, kids, animals, garden, Houston

<u>MEYERLAND FARMERS' MARKET</u> Sat., 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., farmers sell their produce, Pilgrim Lutheran Church, 8601 Chimney Rock, https://www.facebook.com/meyerlandfm/ Next Opportunity TBD care, farmers, Houston

Kickerillo-Mischer Preserve NATURE EXPLORERS CLUB 3rd Weds., 9:30 - 11 a.m. (Sep. – Dec.), discover intricacies of nature through exploration, observation & journaling, ages 9 - 12, 20215 Chasewood Park Dr., https://cp4.harriscountytx.gov/EventsNext Opportunity TBD enjoy, learn, class, kids, park, Houston

MOBILE MARKET 2nd Thurs., 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., the Famers' Market comes to you, HOPE Clinic, 13930 Bellaire Blvd., https://www.urbanharvest.org/mobile-market/ Next Opportunity Dec. 12 care, enjoy, farmers, Houston

Buffalo Bayou <u>WALKING TOUR</u> usually 3rd Sat., time varies, guided tour by naturalist, meet at Water Works, 105 Sabine St., www.buffalobayou.org Next Opportunity **Dec. 21** enjoy, park, water, walk, Houston

Exploration Green STEWARDSHIP SATURDAY 3rd Sat., 8:30 – 11:30 a.m., volunteers engage in various stewardship activities ranging from planting (trees, grasses, forbs, and wetland vegetation), removing invasive plant species, and collecting and removing litter and debris from the park space, 16205 Diana Ln., https://www.explorationgreen.org/calendar Next Opportunity **Dec. 21** care, garden, pollution, park, Houston

<u>FAMILY STORY TIME IN LEVY PARK</u> Tues., 10 a.m., kids enjoy stories in the park, followed by activity or craft, 3801 Eastside, http://www.levyparkhouston.org/ Next Opportunities **Dec. 3 & Dec. 10** enjoy, kids, animals, park, Houston

Exploration Green STEWARDSHIP FRIDAY Fri., 8 a.m. - noon, volunteers help maintain all of our 200 acres as we remove tallow and woody invasives, 16205 Diana Ln., https://www.explorationgreen.org/calendar Next Opportunities **Dec. 6 & Dec. 13** care, garden, tree, park, Houston

Nature Discovery Center <u>YOGA IN THE PARK</u> Sat., 8:30 a.m., free yoga class (donations accepted) in a beautiful natural setting, 7112 Newcastle St, http://www.naturediscoverycenter.org/ Next Opportunity **TBD** enjoy, learn, park, Houston

MOBILE MARKET usually 2nd Sat., 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., the Famers' Market comes to you, Project Row Houses, 2310 Elgin, https://www.urbanharvest.org/mobile-market/ Next Opportunity TBD care, enjoy, farmers, Houston

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office OPEN GARDEN DAY (Mar. – Oct.): 3rd Mon., 8:30 - 11 a.m., enjoy touring Genoa Friendship Garden, 1202 Genoa Red Bluff Rd., https://hcmga.tamu.edu/Next Opportunity TBD enjoy, walk, garden, Houston

Buffalo Bayou BOOKS ON THE BAYOU 1st Sat., 9 & 10 a.m., story time event for infants, toddlers, & preschoolers (best for 6 months – 4 years) & their parents/caregivers, includes silly stories, rhymes, & songs, with a chance to check out books at Houston Public Library's Mobile Express, 9 a.m. in English, 10 a.m. in Spanish, Barbara Fish Daniel Nature Play Area in Buffalo Bayou Park, 105 Sabine St., www.buffalobayou.org Next Opportunity **Dec. 7** enjoy, kids, park, Houston

Discovery Green GREEN FLEA BY NIGHT usually 3rd Sat., 6 – 10 p.m., flea market, artful kitsch, vintage items, recycled/repurposed, collectibles & more, 1500 McKinney, http://www.discoverygreen.com/flea OR https://downtownhouston.org/calendar Next Opportunities **Dec. 7 & Dec. 14 (Note date change)** care, recycle, park, Houston

Houston Federated Garden Clubs MONTHLY MEETING 2nd Fri., 10 a.m., general meeting, speaker at each meeting, Faith Lutheran Church, 4600 Bellaire Blvd., https://www.houstonfederationgardenclubs.org/calendar Next Opportunity Dec. 13, Topic: Holiday Brunch learn, meeting, garden, Houston

MOBILE MARKET 2nd Weds., 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., the Famers' Market comes to you, Wesley Community Center, 1410 Lee St., https://www.urbanharvest.org/mobile-market/ Next Opportunity Dec. 11 care, enjoy, farmers, Houston

<u>CITIZEN'S CLIMATE LOBBY MEETING</u> 2nd Sat., 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., organization that advocates for carbon fee & dividend to address climate change, currently meeting online, https://citizensclimatelobby.org/chapters/TX_Houston_Central/ Next Opportunity **Dec. 14 (moved online)** learn, media, meeting, energy, pollution, Houston

<u>HISTORIC HOUSTON SALVAGE WAREHOUSE</u> open by appointment, purchase materials reclaimed from historic homes, 1200 National St., (832) 409-5503, http://www.historichouston.org/care, recycle, Houston

<u>BIRD WALK</u> usually 3rd Fri., 8 a.m., meet at cabin, Edith L. Moore Nature Sanctuary, 440 Wilchester Blvd., 713-464-4900 or http://www.houstonaudubon.org Next Opportunity **Dec. 20** enjoy, bird, Houston

MOBILE MARKET 4th Sat., 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., the Famers' Market comes to you, Trinity United Methodist Church, 2600 Holman, https://www.urbanharvest.org/mobile-market/ Next Opportunity Dec. 28 care, enjoy, farmers, Houston

Discovery Green CONCERT IN THE PARK occasionally, 7 p.m., concert in the park to start your weekend early, 1500 McKinney, http://www.discoverygreen.com/ Next Opportunity **TBD** enjoy, media, park, Houston

HERSHE GARDEN WORKDAY 4th Sat., 9 a.m. – noon, volunteers work in Hershe Garden, 4516 Hershe St., https://txmn.org/gulfcoast/events Next Opportunity Dec. 28 care, enjoy, garden, Houston

<u>SIERRA CLUB Monthly Meeting</u> usually 3rd Weds., 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Bay Area Community Ctr, 5002 E. NASA Pkwy, Seabrook, http://www.meetup.com/Houston-Sierra-Club-Outings/events/ Next Opportunity Dec. 18 (moved online) Topic: TBD care, learn, media, Houston

ENERGY CORRIDOR FARMERS' MARKET 2nd & 4th Thurs., 3:30 – 6:30 p.m., locally-grown, farm-fresh produce for sale, 1520 Eldridge Pkwy., https://ynfma.org/CALENDAR/ Next Opportunity Dec. 12 care, farmers, Houston

ECO-OLOGY Tues., 3 – 4 p.m., EXPLORATION Mon. 5 – 6 a.m., VEGAN WORLD Tues., 8 – 9 p.m., KPFT, Next opportunities Dec. 3, Dec. 9, Dec. 10, & Dec. 16 learn, care, media, Houston

MOBILE MARKET 1st & 3rd Tues., 1 – 4 p.m. (during school year), the Famers' Market comes to you, Third Ward Multiservice Center, 2900 Holman, https://www.urbanharvest.org/mobile-market/Next Opportunity Dec. 3 care, enjoy, farmers, Houston

Children's Museum of Houston <u>FREE FAMILY NIGHT</u> 2nd Thurs., 5 - 8 p.m., member event, activities, music, & more in the museum, 1500 Binz St., https://www.cmhouston.org/events Next Opportunity **Dec. 12** enjoy, kids, Houston

Houston Arboretum & Nature Center <u>BIRD COUNT</u> usually 2nd Sat., 8 – 10 a.m., meet in front of center to document birds in arboretum, 4501 Woodway Dr, http://houstonarboretum.org/ Next Opportunity **Dec. 14** care, bird, Houston

Discovery Green <u>CONSCIOUS BREATHING & SOUND MEDITATION YOGA EN ESPANOL</u> Mon., 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., prácticas de Yoga, Respiración y Meditación de Sonido, 1500 McKinney, http://www.discoverygreen.com/ Next Opportunities **Dec. 2, Dec. 9 & Dec. 16**enjoy, class, park, Houston

MOBILE MARKET 4th Sat., 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., the Famers' Market comes to you, New Hope Housing Rittenhouse, 577 W. Rittenhouse St., https://www.urbanharvest.org/mobile-market/ Next Opportunity TBD care, enjoy, farmers, Houston

Wildlife Center VOLUNTEER TRAINING twice monthly on Sat., 10 – 11:30 a.m., (except Nov./Dec./Jan.) 7007 Katy Rd, 713 861-9453, http://www.wildlifecenteroftexas.org/ Next opportunity TBD learn, care, animals, Houston, class

<u>SMITH STREET FARMERS' MARKET</u> 1st Weds., 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., exciting and diverse selection of local vendors providing handmade goods, locally sourced produce, grass-fed meat, cold-pressed juice, baked goods, jams, and specialty products, The ACRE at Allen Center, https://downtownhouston.org/calendar Next Opportunity **Dec. 4** care, farmers, Houston

Discovery Green <u>HATHA YOGA</u> some Sat., 9 - 10 a.m., practice yoga for enhanced awareness & a strong, healthy body, 1500 McKinney, http://www.discoverygreen.com/ Next Opportunities **Dec. 7 & Dec. 14** enjoy, class, park, Houston

<u>SIERRA CLUB Monthly Meeting</u> **2**nd **Thurs., 7 – 10 p.m.,** St. Stephen's Pecore Hall, 1805 W. Alabama, http://www.meetup.com/Houston-Sierra-Club-Outings/events/ Next Opportunity **Dec. 12,** Topic: Holiday Party care, learn, media, Houston

Discovery Green INTERVAL TRAINING Weds., 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., interval training, burn calories while gaining strength & endurance, 1500 McKinney, http://www.discoverygreen.com/ Next Opportunity **TBD** enjoy, class, park, Houston

MOBILE MARKET 4th Thurs., 2 – 4 p.m., the Famers' Market comes to you, Burbank Middle School, 315 Berry Rd., https://www.urbanharvest.org/mobile-market/ Next Opportunity TBD care, enjoy, farmers, Houston

Houston Galveston Area Council PARKS & NATURAL AREAS Meeting usually 2nd Mon., 2 – 4 p.m., discussion of parks/natural areas in 13-county region, 3555 Timmons Ln., justin.bower@h-gac.com Next Opportunity Dec. 9 learn, media, meeting, park, Houston

MCKINNEY STREET FARMERS' MARKET 1st & 3rd Weds., 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., exciting and diverse selection of local vendors providing handmade goods, locally sourced produce, grass-fed

meat, cold-pressed juice, baked goods, jams, and specialty products, Central Plaza at Houston Center, 1200 McKinney St., https://downtownhouston.org/calendar Next Opportunity **Dec. 4** care, farmers, Houston

TABLE TENNIS IN LEVY PARK Mon., 1 p.m., enjoy table tennis matches in the park, 3801 Eastside, http://www.levyparkhouston.org/ Next Opportunity TBD enjoy, park, Houston

MOBILE MARKET 4th Tues., 3 – 6 p.m., the Famers' Market comes to you, Avenue Center, 3517 Irvington Blvd., https://www.urbanharvest.org/mobile-market/ Next Opportunity **Dec. 24** care, enjoy, farmers, Houston

NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY Monthly Meeting 2nd Mon., 6:45 p.m., University of Houston –Clear Lake, 2700 Bay Area Blvd., https://seeds.org/chapters/clearlake/ Next opportunity **Dec. 9 (hybrid)**, Topic: TBD learn, meeting, media, lecture, garden, Houston

RICE U. BIRD WALK some Tues., 7:30 a.m., volunteers count birds at Rice University, meet at Intramural Field 6, 6100 Main St., www.houstonaudubon.org Next Opportunities Dec. 3 & Dec. 10 care, bird, Houston

Houston Galveston Area Council <u>ORGANICS RECOVERY ROUNDTABLE</u> quarterly, meeting promotes recovery of food waste & other organic materials, 3555 Timmons Ln., erin.livingston@h-gac.com, Next Opportunity **TBD** learn, care, meeting, garden, Houston

MOBILE MARKET 2nd Tues., 9 a.m. - noon, the Famers' Market comes to you, Clark Park, 9710 Clark Rd., https://www.urbanharvest.org/mobile-market/ Next Opportunity **Dec. 10** care, enjoy, park, farmers, Houston

BAYOU RIDE 1st Sun., 8 – 11 a.m., Bike Houston offers guided educational ride, start at NikosNikos Market Square, 301 Milam St., moderate pace with stops, www.bikehouston.org Next Opportunity Jan. 5 enjoy, cycle, water, Houston

PLANT IT FORWARD FARM STAND Sun., 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. & Sat., 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., farm-fresh produce for sale from local Plant it Forward farms, Sun: 12581 Dunlap, Sat: University of St. Thomas, 1318 Sul Ross St., http://plantitforward.farm/purchaseourproduce/#_farmstand Next Opportunities Dec. 7/Dec. 8 & Dec. 14/Dec. 15 care, farmers, Houston

Houston Galveston Area Council <u>LIVABLE HOUSTON INITIATIVE</u> 4th Weds., 12 - 1:30 p.m., discuss vision of desired future for Houston residents & how to achieve, 3555 Timmons Ln., justin.bower@h-gac.com Next Opportunity **TBD** learn, meeting, park, Houston

<u>LOCAL ECONOMY ACTION GROUP Meeting</u> **2**nd **Weds., 6:30 p.m.,** seedbed for approaches to sustainable businesses, Start Houston, 1121 Delano St., Next Opportunity **Dec. 11** care, meeting, learn, Houston

<u>COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY RECYCLING COALITION</u> usually 2nd Thurs., 1 – 2 p.m., webinar shares information among those working on waste reduction on college campuses, http://curc3r.org/webinars/ Next Opportunity **TBD** Topic: TBD learn, media, pollution, recycle, Houston

MOBILE MARKET 1st & 3rd Thurs., 2 - 4 p.m., the Famers' Market comes to you, Blackshear Elementary School, 2900 Holman St., https://www.urbanharvest.org/mobile-market/ Next Opportunity TBD care, enjoy, park, farmers, Houston

BAT CHAT 1st & 3rd Fri., 30 min. before sunset, Waugh Street Bridge Allen Pkwy & Waugh, https://www.houstontx.gov/parks/bats.html Next Opportunity Dec. 6 learn, enjoy, animals, Houston

MOBILE MARKET 2nd Weds., 2 – 5 p.m., the Famers' Market comes to you, Wesley Community Center, 1410 Lee St., https://www.urbanharvest.org/mobile-market/ Next Opportunity Dec. 11 care, enjoy, farmers, Houston

<u>TRANSITION HOUSTON Monthly Meeting</u> usually 1st Tues., 7 – 9 p.m., Group supports transition from oil dependency to local resilience, Haven's Center, 1827 W. Alabama, https://www.facebook.com/groups/TransitionHouston Next Opportunity **TBD** learn, meeting, Houston

Edith L. Moore Nature Sanctuary <u>TUESDAY TRAIL CREW</u> Tues., 9 a.m. – noon, trail maintenance, 440 Wilchester Blvd., www.houstonaudubon.org Next opportunities **Dec. 3 & Dec. 10** care, walk, Houston

TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST TUESDAY usually 2nd Tues., 12 - 1 p.m., webinar, covers different advanced topic each month, https://txmn.tamu.edu/tmntuesdays/ Next Opportunity **Dec. 10**, Topic: Training Class Mentor Programs Showcase learn, media, lecture, animals, fish, tree, garden, bird, Houston

Texas Wildlife Rehabilitation Center <u>VOLUNTEER INTEREST MEETING & ORIENTATION</u> usually 1st & 2nd Tues., 6 p.m., learn to care for animals in center, 10801 Hammerly Blvd., http://www.twrcwildlifecenter.org/ Next Opportunities **Dec. 3** (meeting) & **Dec. 10** (orientation) care, learn, class animals, Houston

<u>YOUTH BIRDING CLUB</u> 3rd Sat., 9 – 11 a.m., youth explore campus & birds that live there with experienced birder/birding educator, Environmental Institute of Houston, UH-Clear Lake, 2700 Bay Area Blvd., https://www.uhcl.edu/environmental-institute/ Next Opportunity **Dec. 21** enjoy, bird, kids, Houston

Houston Audubon <u>ARCHBISHOP FIORENZA PARK BIRD SURVEY</u> usually 4th Mon., 7:30 a.m., join group to survey birds, 13551 Westpark, www.houstonaudubon.org Next Opportunity **Dec. 23** care, enjoy, walk, park, bird, Houston

Edith L. Moore Nature Sanctuary <u>NATIVES NURSERY VOLUNTEERS</u> most Fri., 8 – 11:30 a.m., separate seedlings, re-pot plants, 440 Wilchester Blvd., www.houstonaudubon.org & https://txmn.org/gulfcoast/events/ Next opportunity **Dec. 13** care, garden, Houston

<u>CITIZENS' TRANSPORTATION COALITION Meeting</u> 3rd Thurs., 5:30 p.m., group focusing on public transportation, Rudyard's Pub, 2010 Waugh, https://www.facebook.com/CTCHouston/ Next Opportunity **Dec. 19** learn, meeting, pollution, Houston

HOUSTON CRITICAL MASS Cycling Event last Fri., 7 p.m., meet other cyclists at Guadalupe Plaza Park, 2311 Runnels St., ride around Houston, to make Houston more bike-friendly. http://houstoncriticalmass.com/ Next opportunity Dec. 27 care, enjoy, cycle, Houston

Houston Botanic Garden <u>GUIDED TOURS</u> by reservation, private guided tours of the garden, One Botanic Ln. (at 8210 Park Place Blvd.), https://secure.hbg.org/events/ enjoy, learn, walk, garden, Houston

Houston Botanic Garden <u>NATIVE AREAS GARDENING</u> Weds. – Sat., 9 a.m. – noon, volunteers work in native plant gardens, One Botanic Ln. (at 8210 Park Place Blvd.), https://txmn.org/gulfcoast/events/ Next Opportunities **Dec. 4 – Dec. 7 & Dec. 11 – Dec. 14** care, enjoy, garden, Houston

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office MASTER GARDENER LECTURE 1st Tues., noon, lectures on a variety of horticultural topics, Trini Mendenhall Community Center, 1414 Wirt Rd., fun & education for adults/kids, https://hcmga.tamu.edu/lecture-series/ Next Opportunity Dec. 3, Topic: Girl on the Grow learn, enjoy, garden, kids, Houston

MOBILE MARKET 1st Thurs., 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., the Famers' Market comes to you, UT Physicians, 550 Greens Pkwy., https://www.urbanharvest.org/mobile-market/ Next Opportunity Dec. 5 care, enjoy, park, farmers, Houston

<u>EPA TOOLS & RESOURCES WEBINAR SERIES</u> 3rd Weds., 2 p.m., EPA shares resources & information that are practical & can be applied, https://www.epa.gov/research-states/epa-tools-and-resources-webinar-series Next Opportunity **Dec. 11 (Note date change),** Topic: Better Together: Participatory Science Resources & Opportunities at EPA learn, media, meeting, pollution, Houston

<u>GARDEN VOLUNTEERS</u> **Sat., 8 – 10 a.m.,** volunteers work in community garden, start time changes seasonally, 3201 Airline, Facebook.com/beautys-community-garden OR https://app.vomo.org/project/beautys-community-garden Next Opportunities **Dec. 7 & Dec. 14** care, garden, Houston

<u>HOUSTON PARKS & RECREATION</u> varies, wide variety of activities at Houston parks, https://www.houstontx.gov/parks/ enjoy, park, kids, Houston

Nature Discovery Center <u>CURIOUS KIDS</u> Tues., 10 – 11:15 a.m. or 4 – 5:15 p.m. (during school year), pre-K science program, 7112 Newcastle St, http://www.naturediscoverycenter.org/ Next Opportunities **Dec. 3 & Dec. 10** learn, enjoy, class, kids, Houston

PRELUDE MUSIC SERIES AT LEVY PARK monthly, usually 4 p.m., enjoy music for families in the park, 3801 Eastside, http://www.levyparkhouston.org/ Next Opportunity TBD enjoy, media, kids, park, Houston

Houston Arboretum & Nature Center <u>ROVING NATURALIST</u> Sat., 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., naturalist available to educate/answer questions, 4501 Woodway Dr., www.houstonarboretum.org Next Opportunities Dec. 7 & Dec. 14 learn, walk, Houston

RICE VILLAGE FARMERS MARKET 1st & 3rd Sun., 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., fresh produce, prepared foods & more, Kelvin Dr. & Amherst St., https://rice-village.com/happenings/ Next Opportunity Dec. 15 care, farmers, Houston,

ACRES HOMES FARMERS' MARKET 1st & 3rd Sat., 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., fresh produce from area farms, cooking class on the 3rd Sat. (register at: https://www.facebook.com/beautyscommunitygarden/), 2500 S Victory Dr., https://www.facebook.com/events/501745514426431/501745521093097/ Next Opportunity Dec. 7 care, enjoy, farmers, Houston

Discovery Green <u>YOGA FLOW & SOUND MEDITATION</u> Tues., 6:30 – 7:30 a.m., Strengthen your body, relax your mind & find your center with this dynamic flow yoga sequence & sound healing, 1500 McKinney, http://www.discoverygreen.com/ Next Opportunities Dec. 3 & Dec. 10 enjoy, class, park, Houston

FLORAL FRIDAYS Fri., 11 a.m., online program on horticulture, https://galveston.agrilife.org/events/ Next Opportunities Dec. 6 & Dec. 13 learn, media, garden, lecture, Houston

<u>SENIOR BIRDING BUS TRIPS</u> usually monthly, day varies, normally 8 or 9 a.m., bus transport from Memorial City Mall, snack & guide, reservations required, bring your own lunch, 303 Memorial City Way, www.houstonaudubon.org Next Opportunity **TBD**, Location: TBD enjoy, learn, walk, bird, Houston

Houston Audubon <u>HOUSTON BOTANIC GARDEN BIRD SURVEY</u> usually 2nd Mon., 8 a.m., join group to survey birds, 8505 N. Bayou Dr., www.houstonaudubon.org Next Opportunity **Dec. 9** care, enjoy, walk, park, bird, Houston

NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY Monthly Meeting 3rd Thurs., 6:45 – 9:30 p.m., Houston Arboretum & Nature Center, 4501 Woodway Dr, https://npsot.org/chapters/houston/ Next opportunity Dec. 19 (hybrid), Topic: TBD learn, media, meeting, lecture, garden, Houston

NATIVE PLANT GARDEN VOLUNTEERS monthly, volunteers maintain native plant gardens at the Houston Zoo, 6200 Hermann Park Dr., contact sallyhilliard2@gmail.com to sign up, https://npsot.org/chapters/houston/ Next opportunity **TBD** care, enjoy, garden, animals, Houston

CHALLENGES & TREATMENT SOLUTIONS FOR SMALL WATER SYSTEMS last Tues., 1 p.m., monthly webinar by EPA to communicate with drinking water systems professionals, https://www.epa.gov/water-research/small-drinking-water-systems-webinar-series Next Opportunity Dec. 2, 1 – 4 p.m., Topic: Lead Reduction Updates and Lead Service Line Identification and Replacement learn, lecture, media, water, Houston

<u>GREATER EAST END FARMERS' MARKET</u> Sun., 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., 2700 block of Navigation, across from Ninfa's, eastendhouston.com/market Next Opportunities **Dec. 8 & Dec. 15** care, farmers, Houston

ORGANIC HORTICULTURE BENEFITS ALLIANCE MEETING 4th Weds., 5 - 7 p.m., members of the Organic Horticulture Benefits Alliance meet virtually to discuss current events, San Jacinto Environmental Supply, 2221 W. 34th St., https://www.ohbaonline.org/register Next Opportunity TBD, Topic: TBD learn, meeting, garden, Houston

City of Houston MATTRESS RECYCLING 2240 Central Street or 5565 Kirkpatrick. Weds. - Sun. 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. (Daylight Savings Time) & 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. (Non-Daylight Savings Time) care, recycle, Houston

Nature Discovery Center <u>TREE I.D.WALK</u> 1st Sat., 10 – 11 a.m. guided tree walks in park to learn to identify trees, 7112 Newcastle St, http://www.naturediscoverycenter.org/ Next Opportunity **Dec. 7** learn, enjoy, walk, tree. park, Houston

Houston Audubon <u>GLENBROOK PARK BIRD SURVEY</u> usually 2nd Mon., TBD, join group to survey birds in a park adjacent to the Houston Botanic Garden, 8201 N Bayou Dr., www.houstonaudubon.org Next Opportunity TBD care, enjoy, walk, park, bird, Houston

TEXAS PARKS & WILDLIFE on PBS Sat. 3 p.m., https://www.pbs.org/show/texas-parks-and-wildlife/ Next opportunities Dec. 7 & Dec. 14 learn, Houston, park, animals, media

HOUSTON COMMUNITY TOOLBANK WAREHOUSE TOUR 3rd Thurs., 9 – 10 a.m., toolbank lends tools to nonprofits, community groups & corporate volunteers doing charitable work, 1215 Gazin St., http://www.houstontoolbank.org/ Next Opportunity **Dec. 19** care, Houston

BROMELIAD SOCIETY MEETING 3rd Tues., 6:30 – 8:45 p.m., bromeliad society meets, speaker each month, Judson Robinson Jr. Community Center, 2020 Hermann Dr., https://bromeliadsocietyhouston.org/events/ Next Opportunity Dec. 17 learn, care, garden, meeting, Houston

Houston Audubon <u>BIRDING CLASS & FIELD TRIP</u> usually one Sat./month & a prior weekday, birding class at the Edith L. Moore Nature Sanctuary, 440 Wilchester Blvd., followed by birding trips in/outside Houston for ages 12+, see calendar at www.houstonaudubon.org Next Opportunity Class: **TBD** Topic: TBD, (moved online), Trip: **TBD** Location: N/A enjoy, learn, media, bird, Houston

<u>VOLUNTEER TUESDAYS</u> Tues., 9 – 11 a.m., volunteer in demonstration habitat, Environmental Institute of Houston, UH-Clear Lake, 2700 Bay Area Blvd., https://npsot.org/chapters/clearlake/ OR https://txmn.org/gbmn/events/ OR https://www.uhcl.edu/environmental-institute Next Opportunities Dec. 3 & Dec. 10 care, garden, Houston

Houston Audubon MEMBER FIELD TRIP usually 4th Sat., birding trips in/outside Houston for ages 12+, members of Houston Audubon, see calendar at www.houstonaudubon.org Next Opportunity TBD, Location: TBD enjoy, bird, Houston

EASTERN GLADES BIRD SURVEY usually 1st Mon., 8 a.m., join group for bird survey in Eastern Glades portion of Memorial Park, meet at Fitness Center on Arnott St., https://www.memorialparkconservancy.org/visit/#eventcalendar OR https://houstonaudubon.org/programs/calendar.html Next Opportunity Jan. 6 care, enjoy, walk, bird, park, Houston

WHITE OAK BAYOU BOARD MEETING 2nd Tues. (except November), 7 – 8 p.m., monthly board meeting of the White Oak Bayou Association, location varies, to attend, call them at 765-426-1743, http://whiteoakbayou.org Next Opportunity TBD learn, meeting, water, Houston

FINCA FARM STAND Sat., 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., fresh produce from Finca Tres Robles, 257 N. Greenwood St., https://www.fincatresrobles.org/farm-stand Next Opportunity TBD care, farmers, Houston

NATURE PHOTO ASSOC Meeting usually 1st Weds., 7 p.m., (Sep. – May) meet at library, Edith L. Moore Nature Sanctuary, 440 Wilchester Blvd., 713-464-4900, http://www.houstonaudubon.org/ Next Opportunity TBD enjoy, learn, media, meeting, photo, bird, Houston

TRASH BASH last Tues./month, 8:30 – 11 a.m., volunteers remove trash from ER & Ann Taylor Park, 1850 Reed Rd., https://www.facebook.com/natureheritagesociety Next Opportunity Dec. 24 care, enjoy, pollution, park, Houston

Houston Zoo MEMBER MORNINGS 1st Sat., 8 a.m., members get in one hour early, 6200 Hermann Park Dr., www.houstonzoo.org Next Opportunities Dec. 7 enjoy, animals, Houston

PALM CENTER FARMERS MARKET 2nd & 4th Sat., 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., buy locally grown produce, 9314 Cullen Blvd., https://www.facebook.com/PalmCenterMarket/ Next Opportunity **Dec. 14** care, enjoy, garden, farmers, Houston

Bagby Park <u>TEACH YOU TUESDAY</u> 1st Tues., 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., learn a different skill each month in the park, 415 Gray St., https://midtownhouston.com/events Next Opportunity **Dec. 3** learn, enjoy, class, park, Houston

<u>WESTBURY COMMUNITY GARDEN WORK DAY</u> usually 4th Sat., 12:30 – 4 p.m., volunteers tend the garden, 12581 Dunlap, http://westburycommunitygarden.org/ Next Opportunity Dec. 28 care, garden, Houston

<u>WESTBURY COMMUNITY GARDEN BOARD MEETING</u> 3rd Tues., 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., monthly board meeting open to all garden members, Platou Community Center, 11655 Chimney Rock, http://westburycommunitygarden.org/ Next Opportunity **TBD** learn, care, garden, meeting, Houston

POST HOUSTON FARMERS' MARKET 1st & 3rd Sun., 2 – 6 p.m., market highlights seasonal organic produce and showcases the cultural diversity of Houston's food scene, providing visitors with a free community food lesson, spotlighting other local makers and organizations making a difference toward the city's green future, and offering Houstonians the opportunity to harvest their own fresh, organic produce, Blackwood Skyfarm, 401 Franklin St., https://blackwoodland.org/calendar/list/ Next Opportunity Dec. 15 care, farmers, Houston

Nature Discovery Center MONDAY MORNING GARDENING some Mon., 9 a.m. – noon, learn about native plant gardening & assist center, 7112 Newcastle St, http://www.naturediscoverycenter.org/ Next Opportunity TBD learn, care, garden, Houston

Exploration Green BIRD SURVEY 2nd Tues., 7 - 10 a.m., volunteers count birds in the park, 16250 Diana Ln., Clear Lake, https://www.explorationgreen.org/calendar Next Opportunity **Dec. 10** care, enjoy, bird, park, Houston

MASTER NATURALIST Monthly Meeting 1st Thurs., 6:30 – 9 p.m., guest speaker at each meeting, Cherie Flores Garden Pavilion, 1500 Hermann Dr., https://txmn.org/gulfcoast/events/ Next opportunity Dec. 5, Topic: TBD learn, lecture, meeting, Houston

Hermann Park <u>BIRD SURVEY</u> usually 2nd Mon., 7:30 – 10:30 a.m. Call Jim or Harlan at 713-932-1639, www.houstonaudubon.org Next Opportunity Dec. 9 care, bird, Houston

Houston Galveston Area Council <u>PEDESTRIAN & BICYCLE Subcommittee Meeting</u> 3rd Thurs., bimonthly, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m., 3555 Timmons Lane, Call 713-993-2497, Next opportunity **TBD** learn, cycle, meeting, Houston

<u>URBAN HARVEST FARMERS MARKET</u> Sat., 8 a.m. – noon, St. John's School, 3401 Westheimer, www.urbanharvest.org Next Opportunities Dec. 7 & Dec. 14 care, farmers, Houston

<u>FOOD POLICY WORKGROUP Monthly Meeting</u> 2nd Weds., 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., Bring your own lunch, Upper Kirby Building,3015 Richmond Ave, RSVP jay.crossley@houstontomorrow.org, Next Opportunity **Dec. 11** learn, meeting, Houston

HOUSTON URBAN GARDENERS Meeting 2nd Mon., 6:30 pm, 1475 W. Gray, 832-345-7333, http://www.houstonurbangardeners.org/ Next opportunity Dec. 9 care, learn, meeting, garden, Houston

Bagby Park BRUNCH & BOOKS 1st Thurs., 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., book of the month series with guest speaker in the park, 415 Gray St., https://midtownhouston.com/events Next Opportunity TBD learn, enjoy, park, Houston

Houston Botanic Garden <u>STORY TIME & GARDEN STROLL</u> 3rd Fri., 10:30 a.m., kids book reading in the garden, One Botanic Ln. (at 8210 Park Place Blvd.), https://secure.hbg.org/events/Next Opportunity **Dec. 20** enjoy, kids, garden, Houston

MOBILE MARKET 1st & 3rd Weds., 2 – 4 p.m., the Famers' Market comes to you, Lantrip Elementary School, 100 Telephone Rd., https://www.urbanharvest.org/mobile-market/ Next Opportunity Dec. 4 care, enjoy, farmers, Houston

ZUMBA CLASS 3rd Tues., 6:30 p.m., enjoy Zumba class at rooftop organic farm, Post HTX, 401 Franklin St. https://downtownhouston.org/calendar Next Opportunity TBD enjoy, farmers, Houston

Houston Hemerocallis Society_MONTHLY MEETING 4th Thurs., 7:30 p.m. (Jan. – Apr., Sep. & Oct.), social, club business, presentation & daylily raffle, Hermann Park, Cherie Flores Garden Pavilion, McGovern Centennial Gardens, 1500 Hermann Dr., http://www.ofts.com/hhs/ Next Opportunity TBD learn, enjoy, garden, Houston

MOBILE MARKET 3rd Thurs., 2 – 4 p.m., the Famers' Market comes to you, Mason Park, 541 S 75th St., https://www.urbanharvest.org/mobile-market/ Next Opportunity **Dec. 19** care, enjoy, farmers, Houston

Midtown Park ZUMBA Tues., 6:30 p.m., Zumba class in the park, 2811 Travis St., https://midtownhouston.com/events Next Opportunities Dec. 3 & Dec. 10 enjoy, park, Houston

MOBILE MARKET 1st Thurs., 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., the Famers' Market comes to you, UT Physicians – Greens, 550 Greens Pkwy., https://www.urbanharvest.org/mobile-market/ Next Opportunity **Dec. 5** care, enjoy, farmers, Houston

BRAYS BAYOU ASSOCIATION MEETING 3rd Mon., 7:30 – 8:30 p.m., monthly meeting of the association, speaker at each meeting, The Gathering Place, 5310 S. Willow Dr., Contact bobx206@gmail.com Next Opportunity **Dec. 16** learn, meeting, water, Houston

Nature Discovery Center <u>BELLAIRE GARDEN CLUB Meeting</u> 1st Thurs., 7 p.m. (Mar. – May & Sep. – Nov.), 7112 Newcastle St, Bellaire, http://www.naturediscoverycenter.org/ Next opportunity TBD learn, enjoy, kids, Houston

Midtown Park <u>SAMBA</u> 2nd Tues., 7 - 9 p.m., Samba class in the park, 2811 Travis St., https://midtownhouston.com/events Next Opportunity TBD enjoy, class, park, Houston

Lorraine Cherry Nature Preserve <u>BIRD SURVEYS</u> Tues., 8 a.m. (Sep. – May) & 1st Thurs., 5:30 p.m. (Sep. – Nov. & Feb. – May), volunteers survey birds in the preserve, 2400 W. 11th St., www.houstonaudubon.org Next Opportunities **Dec. 3 & Dec. 10 & Dec. 5** care, enjoy, bird, park, Houston

Buffalo Bayou TAI CHI Tues., 6 – 7 p.m., Tai Chi class in the park, The Water Works, 105 Sabine St., www.buffalobayou.org Next Opportunity TBD enjoy, class, park, Houston

Houston Arboretum & Nature Center <u>NATURE HIKE</u> Sat., 10 & 11 a.m., family-friendly guided nature hike, 4501 Woodway Dr, www.houstonarboretum.org Next Opportunities **Dec. 7 & Dec. 14** enjoy, walk, kids, Houston

<u>HEIGHTS EPICUREAN MARKET</u> 1st Sat., 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., crafts, produce, & more, Grace United Methodist Church, 1245 Heights Blvd., http://heightsepicurean.com/ Next Opportunity **Dec. 7** care, farmers, Houston

Houston Arboretum & Nature Center <u>HOME SCHOOL</u> some Mon.., 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., different 3-week science unit each month, ages 5 - 12, 4501 Woodway Dr, www.houstonarboretum.org Next Opportunities **Dec. 2, Dec. 9 & Dec. 16,** Topic: Mushroomology (Mycology) learn, enjoy, kids, Houston

<u>ELECTRONICS RECYCLING</u> 2nd Sat., 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., City of Houston & Compucycle offer recycling of electronics, Ellington Field/Clear Lake Neighborhood Recycling Center, 246 Loop Rd., https://www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/electronics_recycling.html Next Opportunity **Dec. 14** care, recycle, Houston

Children's Museum of Houston MEMBER FIRST FRIDAY 1st Fri., 10 a.m., members have the museum, to themselves for one hour, 1500 Binz St., https://www.cmhouston.org/events Next Opportunity Dec. 6 enjoy, kids, Houston

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING Fri., 8 a.m. – noon, Compucycle accepts drop-off of electronics for recycling, 8019 Kempwood, https://compucycle.com/compucycle-drop-off-info/ Next Opportunities **Dec. 6 & Dec. 13** care, recycle, Houston

Houston Arboretum & Nature Center <u>BOY SCOUTING CLASSES</u> by reservation only, boy scouts learn about nature, 4501 Woodway Dr, www.houstonarboretum.org enjoy, learn, kids, Houston

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM GARDENING Fri., 7 – 10 a.m., volunteers clean up the weeds, thin areas, & plant, 1500 Binz St., https://txmn.org/gulfcoast/events/ Next Opportunities Dec. 6 & Dec. 13 care, garden, Houston

Houston Arboretum & Nature Center <u>YOGA ON THE LAWN</u> 3rd or 4th Sun., 9 a.m., class on lawn, Vinyasa flow accessible to all levels, 4501 Woodway Dr, https://houstonarboretum.org Next Opportunity **Dec. 15** enjoy, learn, class, garden, Houston

<u>BLODGETT URBAN GARDEN FARMERS MARKET</u> Sat., 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., buy locally grown produced, learn about sustainable gardening techniques, & volunteer in the garden, 3216 Blodgett St., https://blodgetturbangardens.com/ Next Opportunities **Dec. 7 & Dec. 14** care, enjoy, learn, garden, farmers, Houston

Houston Arboretum & Nature Center <u>GIRL SCOUTING CLASSES</u> monthly, times varies, girl scouts learn about nature, in person & outdoors, 4501 Woodway Dr, www.houstonarboretum.org Next Opportunities **Dec. 7, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.,** Topic: Brownies – Hiker & **1 – 4 p.m.,** Topic: Juniors – Geocacher learn, enjoy, class, kids, Houston

Willow Waterhole Reserve BIRD COUNT 3rd Sat., 8 – 11 a.m., volunteers count birds, www.houstonaudubon.org, Next opportunity Dec. 21 care, bird, Houston

Midtown Park <u>FAMILY CAPOEIRA</u> **3rd Sat., 7 - 9 p.m.**, Capoeira (Afro-Brazilian martial art) class in the park, 2811 Travis St., https://midtownhouston.com/events Next Opportunity **Dec. 21** enjoy, class, kids, park, Houston

Houston Arboretum & Nature Center <u>GARDENING & LANDSCAPE VOLUNTEERS</u> usually Mon.
 - Weds., 8 – 11 a.m., volunteers assist staff with gardening & landscaping at the arboretum, 4501
 Woodway Dr, https://txmn.org/gulfcoast/events/ Next Opportunity TBD care, garden, Houston

Discovery Green ZUMBA Weds., 6:30 – 7:30 a.m., enjoy Zumba class in Spanish & English, 1500 McKinney, http://www.discoverygreen.com/ Next Opportunities **Dec. 4 & Dec. 11** enjoy, class, park, Houston

<u>GULF OF MEXICO WEDNESDAY WEBINAR</u> usually last Weds., time varies, webinar from Gulf of Mexico Alliance about resources & projects around the Gulf of Mexico, https://gulfofmexicoalliance.org/announcements/events/ Next Opportunity **TBD** Topic: TBD learn, lecture, media, animals, Houston

<u>ILLEGAL AMIGOS RIDE</u> **Tues., 7:30 p.m.,** join group ride, start location is Discovery Green, 1500 McKinney St., https://www.facebook.com/groups/htxbike/ Next Opportunity **Dec. 3 & Dec. 10** enjoy, cycle, park, Houston

Hermann Park WHISTLESTOP PRAIRIE WORK DAY 2nd Fri., 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., volunteers work on pocket prairie at the Whistlestop Prairie next to the entrance to the Japanese Garden and the Obelisk, 6501 Memorial Dr., https://txmn.org/gulfcoast/events/ Next Opportunity Dec. 13 care, garden, park, Houston

Houston Arboretum & Nature Center <u>TYKE HIKES</u> some Mon.s, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m., (except summer), for kids 18 mo. – 3 with parent, includes links to book reading & video, craft or activity supplies & suggested stroller-friendly hike, supplies to be picked up at the center, sold as a monthly package, 4501 Woodway Dr, www.houstonarboretum.org Next Opportunities **Dec. 9, Dec. 16 & Dec. 8, 10:30 a.m.** (in Spanish on 12/8) enjoy, learn, walk, kids, Houston

OUTDOOR NATURE CLUB Meeting usually 1st Mon., 6:30 – 8 p.m., 713-664-5206, Bayland Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet, Speaker each month, http://www.outdoornatureclub.org/ OR

http://www.outdoornatureclub.org/ OR https://www.facebook.com/OrnithologyGroup Next opportunity **TBD (moved online)** Topic: TBD learn, media, Houston, meeting, lecture, bird

SMITH ST. FARMERS' MARKET 1st Weds., 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., selection of local vendors providing handmade goods, locally sourced produce, grass-fed meat, cold-pressed juice, baked goods, jams, and specialty products, The ACRE at Allen Center, 1241-1299 Smith St., https://downtownhouston.org/calendar Next Opportunity Dec. 4 care, farmers, Houston

Levy Park JAPAN JUNCTION 1st **Weds., 4:30 p.m.,** kids enjoy expanding their cultural horizons thru Japanese storytelling & crafts in the park, duration 1 – 1.5 hours, 3801 Eastside, http://www.levyparkhouston.org/ Next Opportunity **Dec. 4,** Story: Hats for the Jizo, Craft: Kasajizo ornament enjoy, kids, park, Houston

<u>WESTCHASE FARMERS MARKET</u> Thurs., 3 – 6 p.m., Parking lot of St. Cyril's of Alexandria Church,10503 Westheimer Rd., westchasedistrictfarmersmarket.com Next Opportunities **Dec. 5 & Dec. 12** care, farmers, Houston

<u>CLUTCH CITY CRUISERS RIDE</u> Thurs., 7:45 p.m., join group ride, start location is Market Square Park, 301 Milam St., https://www.facebook.com/groups/htxbike/ Next Opportunity **Dec. 5 & Dec. 12** enjoy, cycle, park, Houston

NATIVE PRAIRIES ASSOCIATION of TEXAS Meeting usually 4th Weds., 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Red Cross Building, 2700 Southwest Fwy., speaker each month, HNPAT@texasprairie.org, https://texasprairie.org/events/ Next opportunity **Dec. 19**, (Note date change), Topic: Holiday dinner learn, meeting, lecture, Houston

Houston Arboretum & Nature Center <u>HATCHLINGS</u> some Wed.s, Sat.s, Sun.s, 10 a.m., (except summer), for kids up to 24 mo. with parent, kids engage in outdoor nature play in this unique opportunity to interact, explore, and bond with their caregivers in the natural world, 4501 Woodway Dr, www.houstonarboretum.org Next Opportunity **Dec. 8** enjoy, kids, Houston

Don Greene Park WORK DAY 3rd Sat., 9 a.m. – noon, volunteers work to restore new pocket park,6009 Cypress St., www.facebook.com/friendsofdongreene OR https://www.facebook.com/groups/TransitionHouston Next Opportunity **Dec. 21** care, garden, park, Houston

HOUSTON CANOE CLUB MEETING usually 2nd Weds., 7 p.m., meeting of canoeing enthusiasts, Bayland Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet St. https://thcc.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page_id=0&club_id=496051 Next Opportunity TBD (hybrid) learn, meeting, media, boat, Houston

<u>SUNNYSIDE FARMERS MARKET</u> 1st Thurs., 10:30 a.m. – 2 p.m., buy locally grown produce, 9314 Cullen Blvd., http://www.gotexan.org/LocateGOTEXAN/CertifiedFarmersMarkets/Houston.aspx Next Opportunity **Dec. 5** care, enjoy, garden, farmers, Houston

Houston Zoo <u>BRINGING THE ZOO TO YOU</u> Weds., 11 a.m., online updates of what our furred, flippered, & feathered friends are up to and how zookeepers are caring for them, via Facebook Live, https://www.facebook.com/houstonzoo Next Opportunities **Dec. 4 & Dec. 11** enjoy, media, animals, Houston

Houston Arboretum & Nature Center <u>BIRD WALK</u> 2nd Sat., 8 - 10 a.m., (except summer), enjoy relaxed guided walk to look for/observe birds, 4501 Woodway Dr, www.houstonarboretum.org Next Opportunity **Dec. 14** enjoy, walk, bird, Houston

ELEANORA'S MARKET Sat., 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., farmers & artisans sell their wares, Cavatore Italian Restaurant, 2120 Ella Blvd., http://eleanorasmarket.com/ Next Opportunities **Dec. 7 & Dec. 14** care, farmers, Houston

ENJOY, LEARN ABOUT, AND CARE FOR NATURE UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES OUTSIDE HOUSTON

HOMETOWN CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL Dec. 6, 6 – 9 p.m., stage entertainment, shopping, music, lights, inflatables, food trucks and much more, Independence Park, Pearland, https://www.parks.pearlandtx.gov/special-events/hometown-christmas-festival/tree-lighting enjoy, kids, park, outside

Houston Museum of Natural Science <u>SATURDAY SCOUT CLASSES</u> Dec. 14, various times, variety of classes for girl & boy scouts of different ages, 5555 Hermann Park Dr., www.hmns.org learn, enjoy, kids, class, Houston

<u>SMITH POINT HAWK WATCH</u> ongoing thru Nov. 30, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., observation tower to watch hawks open during annual hawk migration, Candy Abshier Wildlife Management Area, Anahuac, https://www.gcbo.org enjoy, bird, outside

<u>DIY BEACH CLEAN-UP</u> ongoing, get help to organize your own beach clean-up, contact the Gulf Coast Bird Observatory at csilling@gcbo.org, https://www.gcbo.org/ care, pollution, beach, outside

<u>CAMP MUSTANG ISLAND</u> **Dec. 14 – Dec. 15**, join group outing to camp on Mustang Island State Park and visit the surrounding area, meet in Pearland, https://www.meetup.com/hatsandmore/events/calendar/ enjoy, camp, park, outside

<u>WATER QUALITY TESTING VOLUNTEER</u> Dec. 6, 2 – 4 p.m., volunteers assist with water quality testing in Jesse Jones Park, Humble, https://txmn.org/heartwood/events/ care, learn, pollution, water, outside

Galveston Island State Park <u>SUPER MOON WALK</u> Dec. 10, 6 – 7:30 p.m., discover the mysteries of *la luna*, or the moon with a ranger as guide, while we explore the night life of the park, Galveston, http://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/galveston-island/park_events enjoy, star, walk, park, outside

Kleb Woods Nature Center <u>ASTRONOMY NIGHT</u> Dec. 7, 6 - 9 p.m., presentation at 6 p.m. followed by a star party in the farm clearing with members of Houston Astronomical Society, telescopes available for night sky viewing, and experts answer questions, 20303 Draper Rd, Tomball, https://cp4.harriscountytx.gov/Events learn, enjoy, star, park, outside

Armand Bayou Nature Center PAINT BY NATURE Dec. 14, 1 – 4 p.m., take short hike to view subject for nature painting, then move indoors to paint using a reference photo, Subject: Cardinal, instructor will provide guidance, 8500 Bay Area Blvd, Pasadena, https://www.abnc.org/enjoy, learn, bird, walk, outside

<u>WATSON RARE NATIVE PLANT PRESERVE WORK DAY</u> Dec. 14, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., volunteers prepare for prescribed burn, including cleaning up trails and fire breaks and the area around the cabin, Watson Rare Native Plant Preserve, Warren, https://txmn.org/gulfcoast/events/ care, garden park, outside

Houston Museum of Natural Science <u>DIG PIT</u> ongoing, kids enjoy digging for cast fossil dinosaurs in pit, Sugar Land, www.hmns.org enjoy, kids, animals, outside

Houston Museum of Natural Science <u>WEEKDAY LABS</u> dates vary, time varies, (during school year), topics cover physical sciences, history, biology, & earth science, some offered virtually, contact museum for details, www.hmns.org/sugarland learn, enjoy, media, kids, outside

Armand Bayou Nature Center CHRISTMAS BY THE BAYOU Dec. 8, 12 – 4 p.m., take pictures with Santa, Meet Friendly Elves, Make Yarn Dolls, Paint Tree Cookies & Meet Animal Ambassadors, 8500 Bay Area Blvd, Pasadena, www.abnc.org enjoy, tree, animals, kids, outside

Gulf Coast Bird Observatory NURSERY WORK DAYS Dec. 9 & Dec. 16, 9 a.m. - noon, volunteers work in native plant nursery in Lake Jackson, https://txmn.org/gulfcoast/events/care, enjoy, garden, outside

HIKE LONE STAR TRAIL Dec. 7, 8:30 a.m., join group outing to hike 10 miles on Lone Star Trail, meet at trailhead #12, https://www.meetup.com/hatsandmore/events/calendar/ enjoy, walk, outside

Galveston Island State Park <u>WINTER BIRDING</u> Dec. 7, Dec. 21, & Dec. 28, 9 a.m., learn basics of birding, identify resident species, and catch sight of some uncommon birds, led by ranger, Galveston, https://txmn.org/gulfcoast/events/enjoy, learn, walk, bird, park, outside

Moody Gardens SHARKS IN DEPTH ongoing, new exhibit explores shark facts versus fiction, anatomy, and behavior through a series of hands-on activities, Galveston, https://www.moodygardens.com/attractions/events-calendar/enjoy, learn, animals, outside

<u>VOLUNTEER AT SAN JACINTO BATTLEGROUND</u> Dec. 5 & Dec. 12, 8:30 – 11:30 a.m., volunteers restore native prairie at San Jacinto Battleground, La Porte, https://txmn.org/gbmn/events/care, enjoy, garden, outside

Galveston Island State Park PRAIRIE ADVENTURE HIKE Dec. 15 & Dec. 29, 9 a.m., guided hike thru rare coastal prairie, learn about plants/animals of this habitat, Galveston, http://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/galveston-island/park_events enjoy, learn, walk, animals, garden, water, park, outside

FREE LEAD TESTING ongoing, enrollment open for the voluntary Lead Testing in School and Child Care Program, a free statewide program to test for lead in drinking water at public schools (K-12) and regulated childcare facilities, trains participants to collect samples, tests their drinking water for lead, and helps them take action to reduce lead in drinking water, bttps://www.tceg.texas.gov/drinkingwater/lead-testing-school-and-child-care-drinking-water/voluntary-

https://www.tceq.texas.gov/drinkingwater/lead-testing-school-and-child-care-drinking-water/voluntary-lead-testing-program learn, care, pollution, kids, outside

Houston Museum of Natural Science <u>AUGMENTED REALITY</u> **ongoing**, travel back to age of dinosaurs using augmented reality, Sugar Land, http://www.hmns.org enjoy, learn, media, kids, outside

RAIN BARREL SALE ongoing, discounted rain barrels for sale, The Woodlands, https://www.thewoodlandsgreen.org/care, water, garden, outside

<u>WINTER MAKERS MARKET</u> **Dec. 7, 2 – 6 p.m.,** market features over 40 unique craft vendors, Kid Zone, DIY crafting sessions & food trucks, Rob Fleming Park, The Woodlands, http://www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/enjoy, kids, park, outside

Kleb Woods Nature Center VOLUNTEER PARTY Dec. 14, 8:30 – 10:30 a.m., volunteers connect with nature by working on various projects around the park such as invasive species removal or trail

clearing, 20303 Draper Rd, Tomball, https://cp4.harriscountytx.gov/Events care, enjoy, garden, walk, park, outside

Lake Livingston State Park <u>HOLIDAY PARTY IN THE LODGE</u> Dec. 14, 5 - 7 p.m., enjoy festive refreshments, crafts and activities for the kids, s'mores cooking on the patio, holiday music, decorations, and more, Livingston, https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/lake-livingston/park_events enjoy, kids, park, outside

<u>CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT</u> **Dec. 14, 7 a.m. – 5 p.m.**, volunteers count birds in annual national event, WG Jones State Forest, Conroe, https://txmn.org/heartwood/events/ care, enjoy, bird, park, outside

Houston Museum of Natural Science <u>COLLECTION OF HISTORY, MYSTERY & WONDER</u> ongoing, exhibit about wunderkammern, collections made during the renaissance of variety of objects, Sugarland, www.hmns.org/sugarland enjoy, outside

<u>WATER QUALITY MONITORING</u> **ongoing**, call for volunteers to assist in Water Quality Lab and record keeping at our Kemah Headquarters of Galveston Bay Foundation, contact waterquality@galvbay.org if interested care, learn, water, pollution, outside

Moody Gardens <u>4D THEATER</u> **ongoing,** environmental 4D films, see website for current offerings, Galveston, https://www.moodygardens.com/attractions/events-calendar/ enjoy, learn, media, outside

Brazos Bend State Park <u>ALL ABOUT US</u> Dec. 7/Dec. 8 & Dec. 14/Dec. 15, 10 a.m., take short guided walk to learn about the park's diverse ecosystem, 21901 FM 762 Rd, Needville, (fee to enter),

https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/brazos-bend/park_events learn, enjoy, animals, walk, garden, park, outside

PARADE OF LIGHTS CHRISTMAS PADDLE Dec. 7, 5 p.m., join group outing to kayak in Parade of Christmas Lights event, location sent to registrants, https://www.meetup.com/KayakingHouston/events/enjoy, boat, outside

Jesse Jones Park <u>CONSERVATION CONNECTIONS</u> Dec. 4 & Dec. 11, 8:30 – 11:30 a.m., volunteers assist staff with conservation tasks, ages 18+ or accompanied by an adult, 20634 Kenswick Dr, Humble, https://www.pct3.com/JJP care, enjoy, park, outside

Armand Bayou Nature Center OWL PROWL/NIGHT HIKE Dec. 13, 6 p.m., walk thru the woods to look and listen for owls, ages 6+, 8500 Bay Area Blvd, Pasadena, www.abnc.org enjoy, walk, kids, bird, outside

MASTER NATURALIST TRAINING ongoing, training to become a master naturalist, in the Coastal Prairie chapter, https://txmn.org/coastal/learn, class, animals, garden, water, outside

<u>UGLY SWEATER & PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT</u> Dec. 7, 8 a.m. - noon, pickleball tournament in Falconwing Park, The Woodlands, http://www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/enjoy, park, outside

Kleb Woods Nature Center <u>TEAM CHALLENGE</u>, <u>NEW DISCOVERY & SCIENCE UPDATE</u> Dec. 3, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., learn about observations made by HCP4-Community Citizen Scientist Corps members and fellow data collectors, learn of scientific updates and new information gleaned from data submitted through open-science projects, 20303 Draper Rd, Tomball, https://cp4.harriscountytx.gov/Events learn, lecture, park, outside

Jesse Jones Park <u>HOMESTEAD FOR THE HOLIDAYS</u> Dec. 14, 3 – 6 p.m., enjoy music, holiday crafts and an early visit from Saint Nicholas (great for photos), 20634 Kenswick Dr, Humble, https://www.pct3.com/JJP enjoy, kids, park, outside

Moody Gardens <u>LEARN LIVE! PRESCHOOL EXPEDITIONS</u> <u>Dec. 11, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.,</u> kids learn crafts, experiments, story time, and admission into the corresponding attraction, Topic: Pole to Pole, Galveston, https://www.moodygardens.com/educate/forkids learn, enjoy, class, animals, kids, outside

<u>HOLIDAY WITH THE CRANES</u> **Dec. 14 & Dec. 15, times vary daily,** winter birding, educational events, outdoor adventure, variety of locations in Galveston, https://www.galvestonnaturetourism.org/nature-events/enjoy, learn, bird, outside

<u>VOLUNTEER IN THE PARK</u> <u>Dec. 6 & Dec. 13, 8:30 - 11 a.m.</u>, volunteers plant, mulch, weed the native gardens and prairie being created at Bayside Regional Park, Bacliff, https://txmn.org/gbmn/events/ <u>care</u>, <u>garden</u>, <u>park</u>, <u>outside</u>

Mercer Botanic Gardens <u>TAI CHI</u> Dec. 4 and Dec. 7 & Dec. 14, 10 a.m., enjoy beginner Tai Chi class in the garden, (indoors on 12/4), 22306 Aldine Westfield Rd, Humble, https://www.facebook.com/MercerBotanicGardens/events/?ref=page_internal enjoy, class, garden, outside

Brazos Bend State Park <u>CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT</u> Dec. 14, 6:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., volunteers count birds in annual national survey, 21901 FM 762 Rd, Needville, (fee to enter), www.brazosbend.org care, enjoy, bird, walk, park, outside

Big Thicket National Preserve <u>GUIDED CANOE TRIPS</u> Dec. 4, Dec. 12, & Dec. 14, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., guided canoe tour of the preserve, Kountze, https://www.nps.gov/bith/planyourvisit/calendar.htm enjoy, boat, park, outside

Moody Gardens <u>LEARN WILD! SCIENCE DAY</u> **Dec. 4, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.,** students participate in STEM-focused hands-on learning experiences in an interactive classroom setting, Topic: Cool Climates-Polar Opposites, Galveston, https://www.moodygardens.com/educate/forkids learn, enjoy, class, animals, kids, outside

GUIDED BIRD WALK Dec. 14, 8 a.m., enjoy guided bird walk in Taylor Lake Village Community Park, https://birdingforfun.com/events/enjoy, walk, bird, park, outside

John Paul Landing Park <u>LET'S GO FISHING</u> **Dec. 5, 9 a.m. – noon,** learn how to bait your hook, how to properly and safely cast, and how to safely remove the hook from a fish, fishing equipment & bait available for those who don't have it, Cypress, https://cp4.harriscountytx.gov/Events learn, class, fish, park, outside

<u>TOUR DE LITES</u> **Dec. 14, 5:30 – 10 p.m.,** bike ride of decorated bikes, prizes for best decoration, hayride & more, Independence Park, Pearland, https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tour-de-lites-2024-tickets-1080026902539 enjoy, cycle, kids, park, outside

FIELD TRIP VOLUNTEERS Dec. 3 & Dec. 4, 9 – 11:30 a.m., volunteers support staff by helping with crowd control, pointing out specific wildlife or native plants, & helping with nature activities for kids, Jesse Jones Park, Humble, https://txmn.org/heartwood/events/ care, enjoy, kids, walk, animals, garden, park, outside

Brazos Bend State Park <u>SPECTACULAR SNAKES</u> Dec. 8, 2 p.m., learn all about one of nature's most magnificent creatures, snakes, and meet a special guest up close and personal, 21901 FM 762 Rd, Needville, (fee to enter), https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/brazos-bend/park_events enjoy, learn, kids, animals, park, outside

Mary Jo Peckham Park <u>NATURE FINDS!</u> Dec. 5, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m., learn about and examine our local natural resources and the unique gems awaiting to be found within Precinct 4 Parks, Katy, https://cp4.harriscountytx.gov/Events learn, class, garden, animals, park, outside

Moody Gardens 3D THEATER ongoing, environmental 3D films, see website for current offerings, Galveston, https://www.moodygardens.com/attractions/events-calendar/enjoy, learn, media, outside

Sea Center Texas <u>INTRO. TO FISHING BASICS</u> **Dec. 7, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.,** learn all about fishing in this interactive event, includes classroom & outdoor, hands-on activities, Lake Jackson, https://tpwd.texas.gov/calendar/site-calendars/sea-center-texas/ learn, class, fish, outside

Sea Center Texas CHRISTMAS WITH THE FISHES Dec. 14, 1 p.m., dive show featuring Sandy Claws & elves & Mrs. Claus reads a fishy story, Lake Jackson, https://tpwd.texas.gov/calendar/site-calendars/sea-center-texas/enjoy, kids, fish, outside

Jesse Jones Park HOMESTEAD FOR THE HOLIDAYS Dec. 14, 3 – 6 p.m., volunteers needed for event with music, holiday crafts and an early visit from Saint Nicholas (great for photos), 20634 Kenswick Dr, Humble, https://www.pct3.com/JJP care, enjoy, kids, park, outside

JINGLE BOATS Dec. 14 & Dec. 21, 9 a.m. & 4:30 p.m., kayakers hunt for presents along the shore, departing from Riva Row Boat House, The Woodlands, https://www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/enjoy, boat, outside

FORAGING WALKABOUT Dec. 14, 9 a.m. - noon, learn about edible wild plants on this walk, Jese Jones Park, Humble, https://www.foragingtexas.com/p/upcomin.html learn, enjoy, walk, garden, park, outside

Brazos Bend State Park HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS Dec. 14, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., 10AM-3PM: Home for the Paw-lidays – walk a shelter dog, 10AM & 1PM: Bark Ranger Hike – hike with a dog, 11:30AM & 2PM: Guerilla Gardening 101: learn how to make seed balls that will allow us to easily distribute native, flowering plants throughout the park in a.m. & distribute the balls in the p.m., 1:30PM: Daylight Stargazing – learn a little about the thing all our lives constantly revolve around: the Sun & use our telescope to study and observe the surface of the brightest star in our skies, 21901 FM 762 Rd, Needville, (fee to enter), https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/brazos-bend/park_events enjoy, care, learn, kids, animals, garden, star, park, outside

Brazos Bend State Park <u>ALLIGATORS: FROM EGG TO APEX</u> Nov. 24 & Nov. 30, 1 p.m., learn about the epic lives of Brazos Bend's most popular resident - alligators, 21901 FM 762 Rd, Needville, (fee to enter), https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/brazos-bend/park_events learn, animals, park, outside

Houston Museum of Natural Science <u>TREEHOUSES</u> **ongoing,** climb through large treehouses, become an animal tracker, get face-to-face with wildlife of all sizes, move your feet on the forest sound dance floor, & more, Sugar Land, www.hmns.org enjoy, learn, kids, animals, tree, outside

John Paul Landing Park <u>TEAM CHALLENGE</u>, <u>NEW DISCOVERY & SCIENCE UPDATE</u> Dec. 4, 10 a.m. – noon, learn about observations made by HCP4-Community Citizen Scientist Corps members and fellow data collectors, learn of scientific updates and new information gleaned from data submitted through open-science projects, Cypress, https://cp4.harriscountytx.gov/Events learn, lecture, park, outside

BEACH CLEAN-UP Dec. 7, 9 a.m. - noon, volunteers clean up Seawolf Park, Galveston, https://www.splashtx.org/calendar care, pollution, beach, park, outside

Brazos Bend State Park TXORA OUTDOOR REC INDUSTRY MARKET Dec. 7 & Dec. 8, 7 a.m. – 3 p.m., learn about adaptive, traveling engagement spaces that facilitate connections with local commerce, recreation, activity and community, 21901 FM 762 Rd, Needville, (fee to enter), https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/brazos-bend/park_events learn, park, outside

Moody Gardens PLANET EARTH: DEEP SEA ADVENTURES ongoing, new exhibit about life at the bottom of the ocean, a habitat absent of light, learn how life forms have adapted to lightless environments, including refinements of senses, the evolution of unique body parts, and illumination using "biological flashlights", Galveston, https://www.moodygardens.com/attractions/events-calendar/enjoy, learn, animals, fish, outside

BREWS & BAYOUS Dec. 8, 1 – 3 p.m., fundraiser for the Bayou Land Conservancy, enjoy beer at Fortress BeerWorks, Spring, https://www.bayoulandconservancy.org/calendar care, water, outside

Kleb Woods Nature Center <u>HOMESTEAD HOUR</u> Dec. 7, 1 - 2 p.m., visit the original 1896 Kleb house to learn about the rich history of Kleb Woods and what life was like for the Kleb family in the

early 1900s, 20303 Draper Rd, Tomball, https://cp4.harriscountytx.gov/Events learn, enjoy, park, outside

<u>HOLIDAY DELIGHTS 2024: A COASTAL CHRISTMAS</u> Dec. 8, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., ocean-themed decorations, games, crafts, and mermaid photos to go along with our interactive Coastal Cowboys exhibit, plus pictures with and letters to Santa, a petting zoo, an elf hunt, food trucks, music, and storybook readings, Bryan Museum, Galveston, https://www.visitgalveston.com/events/holiday-delights-a-coastal-christmas/enjoy, learn, water, beach, animals, kids, outside

Jesse Jones Park <u>HEIRLOOM GARDENING</u> Dec. 5, 2 p.m., learn about common practices, both past and present, in gardening; help conserve and maintain our garden by lending a helping hand in planting, tending, and harvesting, ages 11+, 20634 Kenswick Dr, Humble, https://www.pct3.com/JJP care, learn, enjoy, garden, kids, park, outside

Moody Gardens <u>DINOS ALIVE!</u> **ongoing,** new exhibit provides up-close and personal experience with some of the planet's most feared and amazing creatures, featuring over 20 life-like animatronic dinosaurs, Galveston, https://www.moodygardens.com/attractions/events-calendar/ enjoy, learn, animals, outside

Moody Gardens <u>LEARN WILD! HOME SCHOOL</u> **Dec. 3, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.,** explore a featured attraction, ambassador animal presentations, and documentary movies and engage with our Educators in walk-up hands-on activities, Topic: Cool Climates-Polar Opposites, Galveston, https://www.moodygardens.com/educate/forkids learn, enjoy, media, class, animals, kids, outside

Mercer Botanic Gardens <u>GNOME FOR THE HOLIDAY</u> Dec. 9, 10 – 11:30 a.m., create a unique and whimsical wooden garden gnome holiday ornament, ages 5+, 22306 Aldine Westfield Rd,

Humble, https://www.facebook.com/MercerBotanicGardens/events/?ref=page_internal enjoy, kids, tree, garden, outside

FORAGING WALKABOUT Dec. 7, 9 a.m. - noon, learn about edible wild plants on this walk, San Jacinto Battleground Park, La Porte, https://www.foragingtexas.com/p/upcomin.html learn, enjoy, walk, garden, park, outside

<u>CHRISTMAS ROUNDUP</u> **Dec. 7, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.,** local vendors with hand crafted gifts and goodies, activities for the kiddos, performances, a visit from Santa, and pet adoptions, plus home tour, 2 – 7 p.m., organized by Keep Simonton Beautiful, Simonton, https://www.facebook.com/keepsimontonbeautiful/enjoy, care, animals, kids, outside

Huntsville State Park <u>VOLUNTEER IN THE PARK</u> Dec. 14, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m., volunteers take on tasks in the park, Huntsville, https://texanbynature.org/events/ care, enjoy, park, outside

Mercer Botanic Gardens <u>VOLUNTEER OPEN HOUSE</u> **Dec. 5, 9 a.m. - noon,** learn about volunteer opportunities at the garden, features Mercer's Greenhouse opportunities, including helping with propagation, plant care, and more, Humble, ages 16+,

https://www.facebook.com/MercerBotanicGardens/events/?ref=page_internal learn, care, meeting, garden, outside

Mercer Botanic Gardens <u>GARDEN TOUR</u> Dec. 7 & Dec. 14, 10:30 a.m. & Dec. 13, 9 a.m., leisurely one-hour guided walking tour of the garden, 22306 Aldine Westfield Rd, Humble, https://www.facebook.com/MercerBotanicGardens/events/?ref=page_internal enjoy, garden, walk, outside

<u>BACKYARD COMPOSTING</u> Dec. 7, 10 – 11:30 a.m., learn the simple, cost-effective way to enrich your lawn & garden with compost made in your own backyard, The Woodlands, http://www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/ learn, class, garden, outside

<u>CIGAR & WHISKEY NIGHT</u> Dec. 5, 6 p.m., fundraiser for ducks unlimited, exclusive cigars, whiskeys & great food, Harlem Road Texas BBQ, Richmond, http://www.ducks.org care, bird, outside

FRIDAY NIGHT HEIGHTS Dec. 6, 6, 6:30 & 7 p.m., climbing at night in lit-up course at Texas TreeVentures, The Woodlands, http://www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/enjoy, kids, tree, outside

Kleb Woods Nature Center BOOK CLUB Dec. 10, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., naturalists explore a book with lively discussions, shared insight, and the joy of discovering new narratives, book topics will focus mainly on nature and history, 20303 Draper Rd, Tomball, https://cp4.harriscountytx.gov/Events learn, meeting, park, outside

<u>FAMILY BINGO NIGHT</u> Dec. 6, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., enjoy family-friendly bingo in Rob Fleming Park, The Woodlands, http://www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov enjoy, kids, park, outside

FISHING SAFETY Dec. 3, 4 – 5:30 p.m., learn about fishing rules and regulations, how to cast properly and safely playing a fun game called backyard bass, ages 8 – adult, Richard & Meg Weekley Community Center, Cypress, https://cp4.harriscountytx.gov/Events learn, enjoy, kids, fish, park, outside

Coastal Prairie Conservancy <u>WATERFOWL HUNT</u> Dec. 13, 3 p.m. – Dec. 15, 5 p.m., enjoy waterfowl hunting guided by hunters who know this area well, Indiangrass Preserve, Waller, https://www.coastalprairieconservancy.org/event-calendar enjoy, bird, outside

BAYOU CLEAN-UP Dec. 7, 9 – 11 a.m., volunteers clean up Rabbs Bayou & shoreline, Richmond, https://www.splashtx.org/calendar care, pollution, water, outside

EAST END LAGOON TRAIL WALK Dec. 14, 9 a.m., guided nature walk at the East End Lagoon Nature Preserve, learn about the unique habitats present & view a variety of birds, https://www.galvestonparkboard.org/calendar.aspx enjoy, learn, walk, bird, outside

<u>HYPERTUFA BOWL WORKSHOP</u> **Dec. 5, 9 a.m.**, learn to make a hypertufa bowl, Waller County Extension Office, Hempstead, https://txmg.org/wallermg learn, class, garden, outside

Kleb Woods Nature Center WREATH MAKING Dec. 14, 2:30 – 4 p.m., make and style your own grapevine wreath, suitable for adults and teens, 20303 Draper Rd, Tomball, https://cp4.harriscountytx.gov/Events enjoy, learn, class, kids, garden, park, outside

Blackwood Educational Land Institute <u>AGRITOURISM DAYS</u> Dec. 7 & Dec. 14, 12 - 4 p.m., Farm Stand open, offering chef-curated meals that feature ingredients sourced directly from our farm, authentic farm-to-plate experience, diverse selection of beers, wines, and non-alcoholic beverages available, stroll through the gardens, woods, and prairies with one of Blackwood's staff members and learn about our seasonal highlights, we'll share our favorite spots, visit the farm animals, and discuss how Blackwood is working toward modeling a closed loop food system, Hempstead, https://blackwoodland.org learn, enjoy, farmers, garden, animals, tree, walk, outside

<u>HOLIDAY WORKSHOP</u> **Dec. 7, 10 a.m.,** experts share tips and secrets of the trade (shortcuts too) and help you make your holiday home dazzle this season, Kim's Home & Garden, Huntsville, https://www.kimshg.com/events enjoy, outside

<u>PAPER SHREDDING</u> Dec. 14, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., paper shredding offered at Stella Roberts Recycling Center, Pearland, https://pearlandrecycles.com/calendar/ care, recycle, outside

4H NATURAL RESOURCE PHOTO CONTEST deadline Dec. 15, 4H participants participate in photo contest of natural resources in several different categories, https://galveston.agrilife.org/events/enjoy, kids, photo, animals, fish, tree, garden, outside

<u>SOUTHERN CLASSIC YOUTH LIVESTOCK PROJECT EXPERIENCE</u> Dec. 13 – Dec. 15, for 4H/FFA youth, learn basic principles of livestock management, Brazos County Expo Center, Bryan, https://galveston.agrilife.org/events/ learn, care, kids, farmers, animals, outside

4H PHOTO CONTEST deadline Dec. 13, 4H participants participate in photo contest in several different categories, https://galveston.agrilife.org/events/enjoy, kids, photo, outside

<u>RECERTIFICATION SEMINAR</u> Dec. 12, 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., recertification in weed management & control, livestock vector control & housefly management, laws & regulations, feral hog management & control, and soil nutrient management, https://galveston.agrilife.org/events/ learn, care, farmers, animal, garden, pollution, outside

Mercer Botanic Gardens <u>WOMENS' RESTORATIVE HIKE</u> Dec. 10, 8 & 9:30 a.m., enjoy guided restorative hike just for women in the garden, 22306 Aldine Westfield Rd, Humble, https://www.facebook.com/MercerBotanicGardens/events/?ref=page_internal enjoy, walk, garden, outside

SPRING CREEK CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT Dec. 14, 7 a.m., volunteers count birds at Spring Creek Greenway, as part of annual national count, meet at Creekside Trailhead, Spring, https://www.bayoulandconservancy.org/calendar care, bird, outside

SNOWFEST Dec. 7, 3 - 8 p.m., holiday festival in Missouri City, fun recycling activity & learn about going green in the new year, https://www.missouricitygreen.org/upcoming-events.html enjoy, learn, recycle, outside

Kleb Woods Nature Center <u>HISTORY DISCUSSION GROUP</u> Dec. 12, 9 - 11 a.m., meeting to discuss different book, article, or historical topic, 20303 Draper Rd, Tomball, https://hcp4.net/events/learn, meeting, park, outside

Kleb Woods Nature Center <u>LITTLE EXPLORERS NATURE TALES</u> Dec. 6, 10 a.m., nature-themed program for kids 3 - 6, stories/activities, Topic: Winter, 20303 Draper Rd, Tomball, https://cp4.harriscountytx.gov/Events enjoy, learn, kids, park, outside

Lake Houston Wilderness Park <u>BIRDING FOR BEGINNERS</u> Dec. 8 & Dec. 15, 10 a.m., learn the basics of birding, go over common birds with their songs, and then take you on a short hike to see what we can find, in the park, New Caney, https://www.houstontx.gov/parks/lakehoustonpark.html learn, enjoy, bird, walk, park, outside

Houston Museum of Natural Science COOKIES WITH SANTA Dec. 7, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. and Dec. 15, 9 a.m. – noon & 1 – 3 p.m., (12/7): 3njoy holiday crafts in Santa Land, the tradition of cookies and milk, and a take away photo with Santa & Mrs. Claus, (12/15): sensory friendly hour at 9 a.m., photos with Santa 1 – 3 p.m., decorate our holiday cookies (and eat them) with Santa 9 a.m. – noon, 5555 Hermann Park Dr., www.hmns.org enjoy, kids, photo, Houston

<u>TURKEY RE-BANDING</u> **Dec. 11, 6 p.m.,** Galveston County Fair & Rodeo turkey re-banding, https://galveston.agrilife.org/events/ learn, care, farmers, kids, bird, outside

<u>EXPLORANDO LAKE CREEK</u> <u>Dec. 14, 9 – 11 a.m.,</u> Una caminata de senderismo guiada en español, Lake Creek Preserve, Montgomery, https://www.bayoulandconservancy.org/calendar enjoy, walk, park, outside

<u>LAKE CLEAN-UP</u> **Dec. 14, 9 – 11 a.m.,** volunteers clean up Wallisville Lake & shoreline, Wallisville, https://www.splashtx.org/calendar care, pollution, water, outside

<u>HIKE LAKE HOUSTON WILDERNESS PARK</u> **Dec. 14, 9 a.m.,** join group outing to hike on trails at Lake Houston Wilderness Park, carpool from Meyerland Plaza at 7:30 a.m., New Caney, https://www.meetup.com/Houston-Sierra-Club-Outings/events/enjoy, walk, park, outside

<u>GROWING TOMATOES FROM SEED</u> <u>Dec. 7, 9 – 11 a.m.</u>, learn to grow tomatoes from seeds, covers where to obtain seeds/supplies, & more needed to start/grow your seedlings, plus how to pick the best seed varieties for Galveston County, seed starting methods, growing techniques & preparing your starter plants for spring garden planting, Galveston County Agrilife Extension Office, La Marque, https://galveston.agrilife.org/events/ <u>learn</u>, <u>class</u>, <u>garden</u>, <u>outside</u>

<u>BUTTON HOLIDAY TREE ART</u> **Dec. 16, 1 - 3 p.m.,** use recycled buttons to make a fun holiday tree, all ages, Hockley Community Center, Hockley, https://cp4.harriscountytx.gov/Events enjoy, recycle, kids, outside

<u>FISHING SAFETY</u> **Dec. 12, 4 – 5:30 p.m.,** learn about fishing rules and regulations, how to cast properly and safely playing a fun game called backyard bass, ages 8 – adult, Hockley Community Center, Hockley, https://cp4.harriscountytx.gov/Events learn, enjoy, kids, fish, outside

John Paul Landing Park <u>NATURE'S WAYS STORY TIME</u> Dec. 3 & Dec. 10, 10 a.m., program for kids 2 - 5, read a nature story, and do an activity or explore outside, on 9/24: bird theme, Cypress, https://cp4.harriscountytx.gov/Events enjoy, learn, kids, bird, park, outside

Kleb Woods Nature Center ECOLOGICAL SURVEY Dec. 10, **9 – 11 a.m.**, volunteers learn about local biodiversity and contribute to habitat management, get hands-on experience with survey techniques, species identification, and ecological data collection, ages 14+, 20303 Draper Rd, Tomball, https://cp4.harriscountytx.gov/Events care, learn, enjoy, bird, animals, kids, garden, outside

<u>BACKPACKING TURKEY CREEK</u> <u>Dec. 6 – Dec. 8</u>, outdoor programs for kids, camping, & backpacking, The Woods Project, Big Thicket National Preserve, Kountze, https://thewoodsproject.org/calendar/enjoy, care, kids, camp, walk, park, outside

<u>LAMB & GOAT TAG IN</u> **Dec. 8, 9 – 10:30 a.m.,** Galveston County Fair & Rodeo lamb & goat tag-in, https://galveston.agrilife.org/events/ learn, care, farmers, kids, animals, outside

Mary Jo Peckham Park <u>STORY TIME IN THE PARK</u> Dec. 10, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., kids enjoy a story and fun activity in Peckham Park, Katy, https://cp4.harriscountytx.gov/Events enjoy, kids, park, outside

John Paul Landing Park <u>ANGLER EDUCATION CAMP</u> Dec. 14, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., learn fishing safety, tacklebox basics, casting practice, and fishing, limited fishing equipment and bait provided, bring your own lunch, all ages, Cypress, https://cp4.harriscountytx.gov/Events learn, enjoy, kids, fish, park, outside

Galveston Island State Park <u>SURF FISHING</u> Dec. 10 & Dec. 24, 9 a.m. – noon, beachside fishing, fish with Park Host, bring your own gear, limited loaner gear available, Galveston, http://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/galveston-island/park_events enjoy, learn, fish, beach, park, outside

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM Dec. 5, 12 - 3 p.m., Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program educates volunteers about disaster preparedness for the hazards that may occur where they live, learn readiness, people helping people, rescuer safety, and doing the greatest good for the greatest number, Hockley Community Center, Hockley, https://cp4.harriscountytx.gov/Events learn, outside

Galveston Bay Foundation PRAIRIE PLANTING Dec. 7, 9 - 11 a.m., volunteers plant prairie plants to restore degraded landscape, family-friendly, Dr. Ned and Fay Dudney Clear Creek Nature Center, League City, https://galvbay.org/events/ care, enjoy, garden, kids, outside

<u>CAMPING/HIKING LITTLE THICKET</u> **Dec. 6 – Dec. 8,** outdoor programs for kids, camping, hiking & service project, The Woods Project, Little Thicket Nature Sanctuary, Cleveland, https://thewoodsproject.org/calendar/ enjoy, care, kids, camp, walk, park, outside

Lake Houston Wilderness Park <u>BUILDING DEBRIS SHELTERS</u> Dec. 7 & Dec. 14, 1:30 p.m., learn how to build a wilderness survival shelter out of what we can find in the forest, New Caney, https://www.houstontx.gov/parks/lakehoustonpark.html learn, care, lecture, park, outside

Pundt Park OWL PROWL Dec. 14, 5 – 7 a.m., document the owls of the Spring Creek Greenway on this 125th annual Christmas Bird Count, in the park, ages 16+, Spring, https://www.pct3.com/Explore/Parks care, enjoy, walk, bird, park, outside

BRAZOS BEND STATE PARK VOLUNTEER TRAINING applications open, register for training to volunteer in the park at the gift shop, nature center, for visitor programs & more in January 2025, Needville, http://www.brazosbend.org/organization/training.shtml learn, care, class, park, outside

Houston Museum of Natural Science <u>BLOCK PARTY</u> Dec. 5 – Dec. 8 & Dec. 12 – Dec. 15, family-friendly hands-on STEAM exhibit that promotes cooperation and problem-solving, featuring super-sized blue blocks, building and stacking games, colorful interlocking bricks and more, Sugar Land, www.hmns.org enjoy, learn, kids, outside

OYSTER FARMING WORKSHOP Dec. 6, 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., learn the fundamentals of oyster aquaculture and its benefits to Galveston County, event highlights the growing opportunities in mariculture, an industry that supports sustainable seafood production, Galveston County AgriLife Extension office, La Marque, https://galveston.agrilife.org/events/ learn, class, fish, farmers, outside

Dennis Johnston Park ART IN THE PARK Dec. 12, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. & Dec. 13, noon, (12/12): make your own fresh wreath using natural botanicals sourced from the Spring Creek Greenway, adults only, (12/13): sing along to classic holiday music, enjoy a cup of hot cocoa, and decorate cinnamon-scented ornaments that will look and smell great for years to come, Spring, https://www.pct3.com/Explore/Parks enjoy, garden, park, outside

Dennis Johnston County Park <u>SPEARTHROWING</u> **Dec. 3, 9 & 10:30 a.m.**, learn about the atlatl, a primitive spear used by indigenous people around the world, try your hand at launching a spear, kids 10+, 709 Riley Fuzzel Road, Spring, https://www.pct3.com/Explore/Parks learn, enjoy, kids, park, outside

John Paul Landing Park <u>A CLOSER LOOK AT NATURE</u> Dec. 11, 2 p.m., learn about horns, antlers, and the animals that use them, during the presentation, you'll get to see some horns and antlers up close, in the park, best for school-aged children and their families, Cypress, https://cp4.harriscountytx.gov/Events enjoy, learn, kids, animals, park, outside

Carter Park 1ST SHOT ARCHERY Dec. 7, 8:30, 9:45 & 11 a.m., courses for beginners taught by certified instructors, all equipment provided, ages 7+, Spring, https://www.pct3.com/Explore/Parks learn, enjoy, kids, park, outside

Galveston Bay Foundation RAIN BARREL WORKSHOP Dec. 8, 1 - 3 p.m., pre-order a rain barrel, pick it up at this event & learn to install/use it in a hands-on demonstration at the event, learn how rain barrels work & how to use water conservation tools, Kemah, https://galvbay.org/events care, learn, class, water, outside

<u>TURKEY PICK-UP</u> **Dec. 4, 5 – 6 p.m.,** Galveston County Fair & Rodeo turkey pickup, https://galveston.agrilife.org/events/ learn, care, farmers, kids, bird, outside

5K BIKE-A-THON Dec. 7, 9:30 a.m., join bike ride that benefits Sewa International, Sugar Land Memorial Park, Sugar Land, https://www.facebook.com/groups/htxbike/enjoy, cycle, park, outside

<u>PRESERVING THE HARVEST HANDS-ON WORKSHOP</u> **Dec. 6, 1 – 5 p.m.,** learn basics of food preservation, canning safety, hot water bath & pressure canning, San Jacinto Community Center, Highlands, https://harris.agrilife.org/events/learn, class, garden, outside

Mercer Botanic Gardens <u>CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT</u> Dec. 14, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., volunteers count birds as part of annual national count, all skill levels welcome, 22306 Aldine Westfield Rd, Humble, https://www.pct3.com/Explore/Parks care, bird, garden, outside

Galveston Island State Park <u>CRABBY TUESDAYS</u> Dec. 3, Dec. 17 & Dec. 31, 9 a.m. - noon, hands-on crabbing program where you'll learn the tricks of the trade, Galveston, http://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/galveston-island/park_events learn, enjoy, fish, park, outside

Spring Creek Greenway & Nature Center <u>CRITTER CHATS</u> Dec. 6 & Dec. 18, 2 p.m. and Dec. 13, 10 a.m., come by the Nature Center to listen to Animal Care Staff give a chat about an animal ambassador, 300 Riley Fuzzel Road, Spring,

https://www.facebook.com/springcreekgreenwaynaturecenter/events/?ref=page_internal enjoy, learn, kids, animals, park, outside

Coastal Prairie Conservancy <u>STEWARDSHIP DAY</u> Dec. 14, 9 a.m. - noon, volunteers manage invasive plants, plant native plants & restore prairie habitat, Shrike Prairie at Warren Lake, Hockley, https://www.coastalprairieconservancy.org/event-calendar care, enjoy, garden, outside

Spring Creek Greenway & Nature Center ALL ABOUT TEXAS DINOSAURS Dec. 7, 2 p.m., travel to Texas past and learn about dino-rific creatures in our All About Texas Dinosaurs presentation, all ages, 709 Riley Fuzzel Road, Spring,

https://www.facebook.com/springcreekgreenwaynaturecenter/events/?ref=page_internal learn, animals, class, kids, park, outside

George Ranch Historical Park S'MORES WITH SANTA Dec. 7, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., get photo taken with Santa Cowboy Clause with his trusty steed, Rudolph the Red Horse, then sit with the cowhands by the campfire and toast yourself a sweet and gooey s'more while singing Christmas and country songs & lastly, be sure to stop by the craft table to make a holiday ornament photo frame to

remember your trip to the Ranch, Richmond, https://www.georgeranch.org/event-calendar/ enjoy, kids, horse, park, outside

John Paul Landing Park <u>BEAVERS</u> **Dec. 12, 10 - 11:30 a.m.**, learn all about the important role of beavers in our ecosystem, ages 8+, Cypress, https://cp4.harriscountytx.gov/Events learn, kids, animal, park, outside

<u>HOLIDAY SING-OFF</u> **Dec. 12, 6:30 - 8 p.m.,** local high school choirs will perform festive holiday numbers at Market Street's Sing-Off competition, Central Park, The Woodlands, https://hellowoodlands.com/calendar/enjoy, kids, park, outside

Dennis Johnston County Park <u>LIL' NATURALIST</u> **Dec. 11, 10 – 11:30 a.m.**, kids 3 – 7 learn about the natural world, all welcome, 709 Riley Fuzzel Road, Spring, https://www.pct3.com/Explore/Parks learn, enjoy, animals, garden, kids, park, outside

Blackwood Educational Land Institute <u>VOLUNTEER DAYS</u> Dec. 4 & Dec. 11, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., volunteers engage in farm & garden activities, followed by homemade lunch, all ages & skill levels accepted, Hempstead, https://blackwoodland.org care, enjoy, farmers, garden, kids, outside

DECK THE PINES Dec. 6, 5 - 8 p.m., tree lighting at 7 p.m., live nativity animals, DJ Chico, rides, face painting, balloon artists and more, plus Santa will be on hand for holiday photos with the kids, Pine Market, Montgomery, https://hellowoodlands.com/calendar/ enjoy, kids, animals, outside

SPACE NEWS & BREWS Dec. 7, 2 – 5 p.m., ask-me-anything discussion with space experts-and craft brew experts-about important space science and exploration news that may have passed you by, plus what's coming up that you don't want to miss, Vallensons Brewing Company, Pearland, https://spacecenter.org/events/ learn, meeting, star, Houston

Galveston Island State Park <u>SUNRISE FISHING</u> Dec. 5, Dec. 12, Dec. 19 & Dec. 26, 9 a.m., learn intermediate fishing skills needed to get to the catching part of fishing, limited loaner gear available, Galveston, http://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/galveston-island/park_events enjoy, learn, fish, park, outside

John Paul Landing Park CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT Dec. 12, noon, explore the Christmas Bird Count (CBC), the longest-running wildlife census in the world, including its history, significance, and how you can get involved locally, all ages, Cypress, https://cp4.harriscountytx.gov/Events learn, care kids, bird, park, outside

Houston Museum of Natural Science <u>TROPICAL ODYSSEY</u> **ongoing,** immerse yourself in the story of rainforest conservation, Sugar Land, http://www.hmns.org/calendar/ learn, enjoy, garden, animals, outside

Galveston Island State Park <u>BASIC ANGLER EDUCATION</u> Dec. 7, Dec. 14, Dec. 21, & Dec. 28, 9 a.m., learn some tips and tricks for fishing in Galveston Bay, some loaner gear available, Galveston, http://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/galveston-island/park_events learn, fish, class, park, outside

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY Dec. 14, 11 a.m., Wreaths Across America will be at Forest Park The Woodlands Cemetery to remember and honor veterans through the laying of remembrance wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes and the act of saying the name of each and every veteran aloud, The Woodlands, https://hellowoodlands.com/calendar/enjoy, outside

BLACK COWBOY DAY Dec. 7, 8 a.m., learn about black cowboys, Black Cowboy Museum, Rosenberg, https://www.meetup.com/outdoor-afro-houston/events/ learn, animals, outside

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES OUTSIDE HOUSTON

MASTER GARDENER LUNCH & LEARN 2nd Weds., 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., master gardeners present on variety of topics, Waller County Extension Office, Hempstead, https://waller.agrilife.org/events/ Next Opportunity Dec. 11 learn, meeting, garden, outside

KATY MARKET DAY usually 3rd Sat., 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. (Mar. – Nov.), produce, arts, crafts & prepared foods from local farmers/vendors, Katy, https://katymarketday.com/ Next Opportunity Dec. 21 care, enjoy, farmers, outside

MASTER GARDENER MEETING 1st Thurs., 9 - 11 a.m., master gardeners in Waller county meeting, Waller County Extension Office, Hempstead, https://waller.agrilife.org/events/ Next Opportunity Dec. 5, Topic: TBD learn, meeting, garden, outside a

TEXAS CITY PRAIRIE PRESERVE WORK DAY 2nd Fri., 8:30 – 11:30 a.m., volunteers remove invasive species, harvest native seeds, plant marsh grasses & tend butterfly garden, https://txmn.org/gulfcoast/events/ OR https://houstonprairie.org/dpp-calendar/ Next Opportunity Dec. 13 care, enjoy, garden, outside

COASTAL HERITAGE PRESERVE WORK DAY 1st & 3rd Thurs., 9 a.m. – noon, volunteers restore native prairie ecosystem at Coastal Heritage Preserve, Galveston, https://www.artistboat.org/coastal-heritage-preserve/ Next Opportunity **Dec. 5** care, enjoy, garden, outside

Fort Bend Master Gardeners <u>YOUTH ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE MEETING</u> 3rd Thurs., 9 - 11 a.m., youth activities committee meeting, open to members-only, Extension Conference Room, Rosenberg, https://fbmg.org/events/ Next Opportunity **Dec. 19** learn, meeting, media, kids, garden, outside

Kleb Woods Nature Center <u>BLUEGRASS CONCERT</u> **4**th **Sat. 12 – 4 p.m.,** enjoy bluegrass music in nature, 20303 Draper Rd, Tomball, https://cp4.harriscountytx.gov/Events Next Opportunity **Dec. 28** enjoy, outside

Gulf Coast Bird Observatory NURSERY/GARDEN WORK DAY 2nd Thurs., 8:30 - 11 a.m., volunteers work in wetland nursery or native plant garden in Lake Jackson, https://txmn.org/gulfcoast/events/ Next Opportunity Dec. 12 care, enjoy, garden, outside

<u>BAYTOWN FARMERS' MARKET</u> 3rd Sat., 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. (6 – 10 p.m. in Jul./Aug.), farm fresh produce & crafts, plus music, Baytown Town Square, https://www.baytown.org/954/The-Market-at-Town-Square Next Opportunity **Dec. 21** care, farmers, outside

ADULT LEADERS PARENTS ASSOCIATION MEETING usually 1st Mon., every other month, 6 p.m., adult leaders & parents of kids in 4H program meet, Waller County Extension Office, Hempstead, https://waller.agrilife.org/events/ Next Opportunity TBD learn, meeting, farmers, kids, animals, outside

<u>PEACH STREET FARMERS' MARKET</u> Sat., 8 a.m. – noon, farm fresh produce, Peach St., Angleton, http://psfmarket.org/ Next Opportunities Dec. 7 & Dec. 14 care, farmers, outside

<u>EPA AIR, CLIMATE, ENERGY WEBINAR SERIES</u> 3rd Tues., 2 p.m., EPA shares current research & activities related to air pollution, associated health/environmental risks & reducing air pollution, https://www.epa.gov/air-research/air-climate-energy-research-webinar-series Next Opportunity TBD, Topic: TBD learn, media, class, pollution, outside

<u>COASTAL PRAIRIE VOLUNTEER DAY</u> varies, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., volunteers assist in restoration work at Indiangrass Preserve, Waller, https://www.coastalprairieconservancy.org/event-calendar Next Opportunity **TBD** care, enjoy, garden, outside

George Observatory SCOUTING at the OBSERVATORY date varies, courses for scouts of all ages, Needville, www.hmns.org Next Opportunity TBD, Topic: TBD learn, enjoy, kids, star, outside

<u>SEABROOK BIRD SURVEY</u> 1st Sat., 9 a.m., join group for bird survey in Pine Gully Park, Seabrook, www.houstonaudubon.org Next Opportunity Dec. 7 care, enjoy, walk, bird, park, outside

COASTAL PRAIRIE MASTER NATURALIST Meeting usually 1st Thurs., 6:45 – 8 p.m., social/snacks followed by expert presentation & then chapter business, Rosenberg Civic Center, Rosenberg, http://txmn.org/coastal/events/ Next Opportunity Dec. 5, Topic: TBD learn, media, meeting, animals, garden, outside

<u>SURF, PADDLE, KAYAK SURFSIDE BEACH</u> daily, rent surf or paddle boards & kayaks at Surfside Beach, http://bayoucityadventures.org/enjoy, boat, beach, outside

GRAND PARKWAY FARMERS' MARKET Sat., 8 a.m. - noon, farm-fresh produce for sale from local farmers, Church of the Holy Apostles, Katy,

http://www.farmersmarketongrandparkway.com/home.html Next Opportunities **Dec. 7 & Dec. 14** care, farmers, outside

Jesse Jones Park <u>WILDLIFE WEDNESDAYS</u> some Weds., 10 a.m., program for young kids to learn about animals, 20634 Kenswick Dr, Humble, https://www.pct3.com/JJP Next Opportunity **Dec. 4** care, garden, park, outside

Jesse Jones Park <u>INVASIVES BEWARE</u> usually 3rd Sat., 9 a.m. - noon, document & remove invasive plants & animals, 20634 Kenswick Dr, Humble, https://www.pct3.com/JJP Next Opportunity TBD care, garden, animals, park, outside

Jesse Jones Park FIRST FRIDAY FRIENDS 1st Fri., 1 p.m., seniors 55+ meet for educational program, walk & fun environmental activities, 20634 Kenswick Dr, Humble, https://www.pct3.com/JJP Next Opportunities TBD enjoy, learn, walk, park, outside

GALVESTON BAY PRAIRIE RESTORATION Thurs. & Sat., 8 - 11 a.m., volunteers restore native prairie in the EcoCenter sponsored by Reliant, near Beach City & Baytown, https://txmn.org/gulfcoast/events/ OR https://www.volunteer.galvbay.org/ Next Opportunities Dec. 5/Dec. 7 & Dec. 12/Dec. 14 care, garden, outside

Jesse Jones Park <u>TADPOLES CLUB</u> some Thurs., 9 a.m. (during school year), interactive program for pre-school kids, animals, puppets, crafts, stories, short walks & more, 20634 Kenswick Dr, Humble, https://www.pct3.com/JJP Next Opportunity **Dec. 5** care, garden, park, outside

MAIN STREET MARKET Sat., 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., farm fresh produce, local artisans, chefs & more, Conroe, https://hellowoodlands.com/calendar/ Next Opportunities Dec. 7 & Dec. 14 care, farmers, outside

Fort Bend Master Gardeners <u>BOARD MEETING</u> usually 2nd Tues., 9 a.m. - noon, board of directors meeting, open to members-only, Extension Conference Room, Rosenberg, https://fbmg.org/events/ Next Opportunity **Dec. 10** learn, meeting, garden, outside

Jesse Jones Park <u>GARDENS & GREENHOUSE MAINTENANCE</u> Weds., 8:30 – 11:30 a.m., volunteers work in gardens/greenhouse at the park, 20634 Kenswick Dr, Humble, https://txmn.org/gulfcoast/events/ Next Opportunities **Dec. 4 & Dec. 11** care, garden, park, outside

John Paul Landing Park <u>BIRD WALK</u> Thurs., 7:30 – 10:30 a.m., enjoy guided bird walk in the park, Cypress, https://cp4.harriscountytx.gov/Events Next Opportunities **Dec. 5 & Dec. 12** enjoy, walk, bird, park, outside

Fort Bend Master Gardeners <u>MEMBER MEETING</u> usually 3rd Thurs., 10 a.m., master gardener meeting, open to members-only, Fort Bend County Fairgrounds, Rosenberg, https://fbmg.org/events/Next Opportunity **TBD** learn, media, meeting, garden, outside

ECOCENTER NURSERY WORKDAY Thurs., 8 – 11 a.m., volunteers work in EcoCenter native plant nursery, Mont Belvieu, https://www.volunteer.galvbay.org/?view=calendar Next Opportunities **Dec. 5** & **Dec. 12** care, garden, outside

Jesse Jones Park <u>BIRDING</u> 1st Sat., 8 a.m., guided birding hike in the park, 20634 Kenswick Dr, Humble, https://www.pct3.com/JJP OR https://houstonaudubon.org/ Next Opportunity **Dec. 7** enjoy, bird, walk, park, outside

BUCKET BRIGADE INTERPRETIVE BEACH TOURS Sat./Sun., 9 a.m. – 1:45 p.m. (during summer – thru Labor Day Weekend), free interpretive beach tours, for all ages, on the half hour, Stewart Beach, plus several other locations, Galveston, https://www.galvestonparkboard.org/ Next Opportunities TBD learn, enjoy, beach, outside

<u>JERSEY VILLAGE FARMERS' MARKET</u> 1st & 3rd Sun., 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., fresh produce, prepared foods, & more, Jersey Village, https://www.jerseyvillagetx.com/page/parks.farmersmarket Next Opportunity **Dec. 15** care, farmers, Houston

<u>OPEN GARDEN DAYS</u> Thurs., 9 - 11 a.m., Discovery Garden open to the public, Carbide Park, La Marque, https://galveston.agrilife.org/events/Next Opportunities **Dec. 5 & Dec. 12** enjoy, garden, walk, park, outside

MARINE DEBRIS SURVEY 1st Sat., 10 a.m., clean East Beach & recording the type of trash collected, Galveston, contact mhuette@seaturtles.org to participate, https://seaturtles.org/events/category/gulf/ Next Opportunity Dec. 7 care, learn, pollution, beach, outside

Jesse Jones Park FROG CLUB some Weds., 2 p.m. (during school year), interactive 30-minute program for kids 6 & under, nature story & short hike, 20634 Kenswick Dr, Humble, https://www.pct3.com/JJP Next Opportunity TBD care, garden, park, outside

<u>SIERRA CLUB Monthly Meeting</u> **2**nd **Thurs., 7 – 10 p.m.,** St. Stephen's Pecore Hall, 1805 W. Alabama, http://www.meetup.com/Houston-Sierra-Club-Outings/events/ Next Opportunity **Dec. 12,** Topic: Holiday Party care, learn, media, outside

NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY Monthly Meeting 3rd Thurs., 6:45 – 9:30 p.m., Houston Arboretum & Nature Center, 4501 Woodway Dr, https://npsot.org/chapters/houston/ Next opportunity Dec. 19 (hybrid), Topic: TBD learn, media, meeting, lecture, garden, outside

<u>SEABOURNE VOLUNTEER DAYS</u> certain Sat. & Weds., time varies, volunteers work in gardens, or greenhouse, Seabourne Creek Park, Rosenberg, http://txmn.org/coastal/ Next Opportunity **TBD** care, enjoy, garden, park, outside

WOODLANDS WATERSHED PROJECT MEETING 1st Mon., 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., committee meeting, reviews, plans & actions water-related education & volunteer opportunities, online, https://txmn.org/heartwood/events/ Next Opportunity TBD learn, media, meeting, water, outside

WG JONES POLLINATOR GARDEN & TREE NURSERY Tues., 8:30 a.m. - noon, volunteers engage in weeding, seeding, mulching, watering, & pruning in pollinator garden & tree nursery, WG Jones State Forest, Conroe, https://txmn.org/heartwood/events/ Next Opportunities Dec. 3 & Dec. 10 care, enjoy, garden, tree, outside

<u>SUP RENTALS</u> daily (May – Oct.), rentals & guided stand-up paddle tours in various locations, http://www.surfsuptx.com/event-calendar/ enjoy, boat, outside

WG JONES PROPAGATION STATION some Fri./Sun., 10 a.m. - noon, volunteers propagate plants & learn to identify native seedlings, WG Jones State Forest, Conroe, https://txmn.org/heartwood/events/ OR https://npsot.org/calendar/ Next Opportunity TBD care, enjoy, garden, outside

<u>CITIZEN'S CLIMATE LOBBY MEETING</u> 2nd Sat., 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., organization that advocates for carbon fee & dividend to address climate change, Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church, The Woodlands, https://citizensclimatelobby.org/chapters/TX_The_Woodlands/ Next Opportunity **Dec. 14** learn, meeting, energy, pollution, outside

<u>INVASIVES REMOVAL</u> dates vary, 8 – 11 a.m., volunteers remove invasive air potato, The Woodlands, https://txmn.org/heartwood/events/ Next Opportunity **TBD** care, enjoy, garden, tree, outside

<u>KAYAKING & STAND UP PADDLEBOARDING</u> normally Thurs. – Mon., 9 a.m. - sunset, kayaks and paddleboards for rent at Riva Row Boat House on Lake Woodlands, The Woodlands, http://www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/rivarowboathouse Next Opportunities **Dec. 5 – Dec. 9 & Dec. 12 – Dec. 16** enjoy, boat, outside

EAGLE LAKE FARMERS' MARKET 3rd Sat., 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., farm-fresh produce available in downtown Eagle Lake, https://www.facebook.com/cityeaglelake.tx Next Opportunity **Dec. 21** care, farmers, outside

<u>BIRD WALK</u> 3rd Sun., 8 a.m., (Sep. – May), Lake Houston Nature Club leads bird walk at East End Park, Kingwood, https://pineywoodswildlifesociety.org/home/birding-field-trips/ OR https://txmn.org/heartwood/events/ Next Opportunity **TBD** enjoy, walk, bird, park, outside

LAKE CREEK PRESERVE GUIDED HIKE 3rd Sat., 10 a.m. 12:30 p.m., volunteers hike leaders & sweepers provide guided hikes at Lake Creek Preserve, Magnolia, https://txmn.org/heartwood/events/ Next Opportunity Dec. 21 care, enjoy, walk, outside

LAKE CREEK PRESERVE GUIDED HIKE 3rd Sat., 10 a.m. 12:30 p.m., enjoy guided hikes on trails at Lake Creek Preserve, Magnolia, https://www.unation.com/event/lake-creek-preserve-guided-hike-13519802 Next Opportunity Dec. 21 enjoy, walk, outside

COASTAL NATIVES NURSERY VOLUNTEER WORK DAY 2nd Thurs., 8:30 a.m. - noon, volunteers propagate native coastal plants, training provided, High Island, www.houstonaudubon.org OR https://txmn.org/gulfcoast/events/ Next Opportunity Dec. 12 care, garden, outside

Texas City Garden Club MONTHLY MEETING 2nd Weds., 10 - 11 a.m., meeting of the club, Nessler Center, Texas City, https://txmg.org/galveston/ Next Opportunity Dec. 11, Topic: TBD learn, care, garden, meeting, outside

<u>NURSERY WORK DAYS</u> **Fri., 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.,** volunteers propagate plants, transplant seedlings and plants, and maintain the nursery through watering, weeding pots, fertilizing, and occasional special projects, Galveston, https://seaturtles.org/events/ Next Opportunities **Dec. 6 & Dec. 13** care, garden, outside

<u>CITIZEN'S CLIMATE LOBBY MEETING</u> **2**nd **Sat., 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.,** organization that advocates for carbon fee & dividend to address climate change, currently meeting online, https://citizensclimatelobby.org/chapters/TX_Houston_Central/ Next Opportunity **Dec. 14 (moved online)** learn, media, meeting, energy, pollution, outside

Galveston Island State Park <u>STEWARDSHIP DAYS</u> Thurs./Mon., 8:30 – 11:30 a.m., volunteers pot plants in the nursery, plant native plants, & remove invasives, Galveston, https://txmn.org/gbmn/events/ Next Opportunity **TBD** care, garden, park, outside

League City Garden Club MONTHLY MEETING 2nd Weds., 10 - 11 a.m., meeting of the club, League City, http://www.leaguecitygardenclub.org/ Next Opportunity Dec. 11, Topic: TBD learn, care, garden, meeting, outside

<u>SATURDAYS at the GEORGE</u> Sat., 9 & 10 p.m., stargazing at the George Observatory, Needville, www.hmns.org/observatory Next Opportunities Dec. 7 & Dec. 14 enjoy, star. outside

DEER PARK PRAIRIE PRESERVE WORK DAY 2nd Weds. & 4th Sat., 9 a.m. - noon, join Houston chapter of Native Prairies Assoc. of TX in work at preserve, seed collecting on Weds., 1222 E. Purdue Ln, Deer Park, HNPAT@TexasPrairie.org https://texasprairie.org/events/ & https://texasprairie.org/hnpat/ & https://txmn.org/gulfcoast/events/ & https://txmn.org/coastal/events/ Next Opportunities Dec. 11 & Dec. 21 care, enjoy, garden, outside

GARDENERS BY THE BAY MEETING 1st Weds., 9:30 a.m., different gardening topic at each meeting, Webster Presbyterian Church, Webster, https://gbtb.org/ Next Opportunity Dec. 4, Topic: Flower Arranging learn, meeting, garden, outside

<u>FARMERS' MARKET</u> Sat., 9 a.m. – noon, Hope Farms farmers' market, fresh produce, local vendors, kids' activities, classes, gardening tips & more, 10401 Scott St., https://www.facebook.com/HopeFarmsHTX/ Next Opportunities Dec. 7 & Dec. 14 care, farmers, kids, Houston

Jesse Jones Park <u>TAI CHI in the PARK</u> Weds., 9 a.m. beginner class taught by third degree black belt, low impact stretching, range of motion exercises, 20634 Kenswick Dr, Humble, https://www.pct3.com/JJP Next opportunity **TBD** enjoy, park, outside

LAKE HOUSTON PARK NATIVE GARDENS Fri., 10 a.m. - noon, volunteers help with seeding in new nursery, seeding in the park, weeding in pollinator garden, & helping to create new pollinator habitat around the park, New Caney, https://txmn.org/heartwood/events/ OR https://www.houstontx.gov/parks/lakehoustonpark.html Next Opportunity TBD care, enjoy, bird, walk, park, outside

Galveston Bay Area Master Naturalists MONTHLY MEETING 1st Thurs., 5 p.m., presentation, social & business meeting, Galveston County Agrilife Extension Office, La Marque, https://txmn.org/gbmn/events/ Next Opportunity Dec. 5, 6 p.m., Topic: TBD learn, media, animals, garden, lecture, outside

Dennis Johnston Park POLLINATOR GARDEN MAINTENANCE 1st Thurs., 9 – 10:30 a.m., volunteers weed, plant & mulch in the garden, Spring, https://txmn.org/heartwood/events/ OR https://www.pct3.com/Explore/Parks Next Opportunity Dec. 5 care, enjoy, animals, park, outside

GNARANTS GROUP RIDE Mon., 6 – 8 p.m., enjoy group mountain bike ride, http://ghorba.org/events/ Next Opportunities Dec. 2, Dec. 9 & Dec. 16 enjoy, cycle, outside

<u>DEER PARK BIRD SURVEY</u> 4th Sat., 7:30 – 9 a.m., Deer Park Prairie, 1222 E. Purdue Ln, Deer Park, 936-827-7973, https://texasprairie.org/events/ Next Opportunity **TBD** care, bird, park, outside

<u>KAYAKING TOURS</u> dates/times vary, variety of kayak tours for people of different ages/skill levels, in variety of locations, some include overnight camping, https://www.meetup.com/outdoor-adventures-kayaking-training-tours/ Next Opportunities Dec. 5, Dec. 6, Dec. 7, Dec. 13, Dec 14, & Dec. 15 enjoy, boat, kids, outside

NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY Monthly Meeting 2nd Mon., 6:45 p.m., University of Houston –Clear Lake, 2700 Bay Area Blvd., https://npsot.org/chapters/clearlake/ Next opportunity Dec. 9 (hybrid), Topic: TBD learn, meeting, media, lecture, garden, outside

<u>LAKE HOUSTON WILDERNESS PARK VOLUNTEER DAY</u> Thurs., 9 – 11 a.m., volunteers remove invasives & maintain trails in the park, New Caney, https://txmn.org/heartwood/events/ Next Opportunity **TBD** care, enjoy, garden, walk, park, outside

OUTREACH AT THE MUSEUM 2nd & 4th Sat., 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., master naturalists offer fun outreach/craft activities at the Butterfly Garden at the Houston Museum of Natural Science, Sugar Land, http://txmn.org/coastal/events/ Next Opportunity Dec. 14 enjoy, learn, care, garden, animals, outside

GARDEN WORKDAY 3rd Thurs., 9 - 11 a.m., master naturalists volunteer in gardens at the Houston Museum of Natural Science, Sugar Land, http://txmn.org/coastal/events/ Next Opportunity Dec. 19 enjoy, learn, care, garden, animals, outside

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office <u>GREEN THUMB LECTURE</u> (Jan – Oct.): 2nd Mon., 10 p.m., & 3rd Tues., 11 a.m., online, https://harris.agrilife.org/events/ OR https://hcmga.tamu.edu/events/ OR https://txmg.org/events Next Opportunities TBD (moved online) Topic: TBD learn, media, lecture, garden, outside

<u>BUTTERFLY GARDENING</u> every other Thurs., 9 a.m. - noon, volunteers establish & maintain a butterfly/pollinator garden at Friends of Texas Wildlife, Magnolia, https://txmn.org/heartwood/events/Next Opportunity **TBD** care, enjoy, garden, animals, outside

Deer Park Petal Pushers Garden Club MONTHLY MEETING 3rd Thurs., 7 p.m., general meeting, speaker at each meeting, Burgess Recreation Center, Deer Park https://www.houstonfederationgardenclubs.org/calendar Next Opportunity TBD, Topic: TBD learn, meeting, garden, outside

LAKE HOUSTON WILDERNESS PARK GARDEN VOLUNTEER DAYS Fri., 10 a.m. - noon, volunteers work in native plant garden in the park, New Caney, https://txmn.org/gulfcoast/events/Next Opportunities Dec. 6 & Dec. 13 care, enjoy, garden, park, outside

<u>NECHES RIVER ADVENTURE</u> Sat., 10 a.m. – noon (Mar. – Nov.), Riverfront Park, Beaumont, boat trip in Big Thicket National Preserve, Beaumont, currently available for charters only in Feb., 409-651-5326 for tickets, https://www.nechesriveradventures.org/ Next Opportunities **Dec. 7 & Dec. 14** enjoy, boat, outside

KINGWOOD FARMERS MARKET Thurs., time varies, Town Center Park, 8 North Main St., Kingwood, https://www.facebook.com/kingwoodfarmersmarket/ Next Opportunities Dec. 5 & Dec. 12 care, farmers, outside

Jesse Jones Park <u>SECOND SUNDAY PICKERS</u> 2nd Sun., 2 – 4 p.m., concert in the park, 20634 Kenswick Dr, Humble, https://www.pct3.com/JJP Next opportunity **Dec. 8** enjoy, park, outside

POLLINATOR GARDEN WORKDAY Sat., 8:30 a.m. - noon, master naturalists volunteer in gardens at the Willow Fork Park, Katy, http://txmn.org/coastal/events/ Next Opportunities Dec. 7 & Dec. 14 enjoy, learn, care, garden, animals, outside

<u>EPA TOOLS & RESOURCES WEBINAR SERIES</u> 3rd Weds., 2 p.m., EPA shares resources & information that are practical & can be applied, https://www.epa.gov/research-states/epa-tools-and-resources-webinar-series Next Opportunity **Dec. 11 (Note date change),** Topic: Better Together: Participatory Science Resources & Opportunities at EPA learn, media, meeting, pollution, outside

TEXAS CITY DIKE BIRD SURVEY 3rd Thurs., 9 a.m., volunteers survey birds along Texas City dike, meet at First Lady Pavilion, Texas City, www.houstonaudubon.org Next Opportunity Dec. 19 care, enjoy, bird, outside

Jesse Jones Park <u>SECOND SATURDAY SETTLERS</u> 2nd Sat., 10 a.m. - noon, learn about settler life in the park, 20634 Kenswick Dr, Humble, https://www.pct3.com/JJP Next opportunity **Dec. 14** Topic: TBD learn, enjoy, garden, park, outside

GULF OF MEXICO WEDNESDAY WEBINAR usually last Weds., time varies, webinar from Gulf of Mexico Alliance about resources & projects around the Gulf of Mexico, https://gulfofmexicoalliance.org/announcements/events/ Next Opportunity TBD Topic: TBD learn, lecture, media, animals, outside

LAKE HOUSTON WILDERNESS BIRD CENSUS 3rd Sun., 7 - 9 a.m., volunteers count/identify birds in the park & report via eBird, New Caney, https://txmn.org/heartwood/events/ Next Opportunity Dec. 15 care, enjoy, bird, walk, park, outside

ARTISAN MARKET 1st Sat., 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., locally made foods, flowers, art and crafts plus pet adoptions, music & food trucks, Grand Central Park, The Woodlands, https://hellowoodlands.com/calendar/ Next Opportunity Dec. 7 enjoy, garden, animals, park, outside

Jesse Jones Park <u>VOLUNTEER Meeting</u> usually 4th Mon., 7 p.m., programs on nature, open to all, 20634 Kenswick Dr, Humble, https://www.pct3.com/JJP Next Opportunity TBD learn, meeting, park, outside

Attwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge <u>ATTWATER PRAIRIE CHICKEN VAN TOURS</u> 1st Sat., 8 – 10 a.m., Eagle Lake, Call (979) 234-3021, ext. 221 or 223 Next opportunity **Dec. 7** enjoy, bird, outside

<u>HUNTSVILLE AUDUBON SOCIETY MEETING</u> 3rd Thurs. (except Jun. – Aug. & Dec.), Huntsville Service Center, Huntsville, http://www.huntsvilleaudubon.org/index.html Next Opportunity TBD learn, meeting, bird, outside

<u>GALVESTON ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY TRIPS</u> some months, group birding trips in the U.S. & outside the U.S., contact them to join & for details on trips, https://galvestonbirders.org/category/upcoming-trips/ enjoy, bird, outside

Houston Museum of Natural Science MEMBER EVENT 2nd Sat., 8 - 10 a.m., special museum activity for members on the second Saturday, family programming, tours & crafts, Sugar Land, www.hmns.org/sugarland, Next Opportunity **TBD,** Topic: TBD enjoy, kids, outside

<u>EPA WATER RESEARCH WEBINAR SERIES</u> usually last Weds., 2 p.m., EPA shares current research & activities related to integrity of water systems in U.S., https://www.epa.gov/water-research/water-research-webinar-series Next Opportunity **TBD**, Topic: TBD learn, media, class, water, outside

<u>SEABOURNE CREEK BIRD WALK</u> usually 1st Weds., 8 – 10:30 a.m. (Oct. – May), join group for birding walk in park, Seabourne Creek Park, Rosenberg, http://txmn.org/coastal/ Next Opportunity Dec. 4 enjoy, walk, bird, park, outside

WOODLANDS GARDEN CLUB MEETING 2nd Tues., 9 a.m., garden club meeting, for gardeners in the greater Woodlands area, Shenandoah Municipal Complex, Shenandoah, http://www.thewoodlandsgardenclub.org/home.html Next Opportunity Dec. 9 (Note date change)
Topic: Christmas Luncheon at Black Walnut learn, care, garden, meeting, outside

Kleb Woods Nature Center <u>BIRD WALK</u> Weds., 7:30 – 10:30 a.m. & 1st Sat., 8 – 10 a.m., 20303 Draper Rd, Tomball, https://cp4.harriscountytx.gov/Events Next opportunities **Dec. 4 & Dec. 11 & Dec. 7** enjoy, outside, bird, walk

<u>HOMESCHOOL SCIENCE</u> usually Tues. – Thurs., 9 - 11 a.m., classes for students in grades 1 – 8, different topics each month, Long Acres Ranch, Richmond, https://longacresranch.org/news_and_events/ Next Opportunities **Dec. 17 – Dec. 19,** Topic: TBD learn, class, kids, outside

Seabourne Creek Nature Park INSECT HIKE 4th Thurs., 9 – 11 a.m., guided hike to look for insects & other arthropods in the park, Seabourne Creek Park, Rosenberg, http://txmn.org/coastal/Next Opportunity TBD enjoy, learn, walk, animals, park, outside

Eddie V. Gray Wetlands Center <u>EPIC SERVICE CLUB</u> Weds., 3:45 p.m. (during the school year), free service learning club for high school students interested in learning about & solving coastal environmental problems, 1724 Market St., Baytown, 281-420-7128, https://www.facebook.com/baytownwetlands Next opportunities **Dec. 4 & Dec. 11** learn, enjoy, kids, outside

Kleb Woods Nature Center <u>VOLUNTEER WORK CREW</u> Tues., 8:30 – 11:30 a.m., 20303 Draper Rd, Tomball, https://cp4.harriscountytx.gov/Events OR https://txmn.org/heartwood/events/ Next opportunities **Dec. 3 & Dec. 10** care, enjoy, outside

<u>HERITAGE GARDENERS MONTHLY MEETING</u> 1st Thurs., 10 a.m. (Sep. – May), general meeting of Heritage Gardeners Club, speaker at each meeting, The Marie Workman Center, Friendswood, & online, https://www.facebook.com/FriendswoodHeritageGardeners Next Opportunity **TBD**, Topic: TBD learn, media, meeting, garden, outside

<u>KAYAK ADVENTURES</u> usually Sat./Sun. & occasional Fri./holiday, times vary, guided/interpretive kayak trips on Galveston Bay, kids 7+ may accompany parents, includes equipment, Galveston, https://www.artistboat.org/public-kayak-registration/ Next Opportunities **Dec. 7/Dec. 8 & Dec. 14/Dec. 15** Location: Coastal Heritage Preserve enjoy, boat, kids, outside

<u>ARCHERY PRACTICE</u> **usually Tues., 2:30 p.m.,** archery practice for kids, Long Acres Ranch, Richmond, https://longacresranch.org/news_and_events/ Next Opportunity **TBD** learn, enjoy, class, kids, outside

Baytown Nature Center <u>BIRD SURVEY</u> 3rd Thurs., 8 a.m. – 9 a.m., (Jan. – May & Aug. – Dec.), 6213 Bayway Dr, call (281) 424-9198, www.houstonaudubon.org Next opportunity **Dec. 19** care, bird, outside

Galveston Bay Area Master Naturalists Green Team MONTHLY MEETING 3rd Thurs., 6:30 p.m., team works to inform others about ways to reduce waste and live a more sustainable and environmentally friendly life, https://txmn.org/gbmn/events/ Next Opportunity TBD learn, care, meeting, outside

George Mitchell Nature Preserve <u>FOREST THERAPY</u> **periodically**, join a certified therapy guide to enjoy forest therapy, also known as forest bathing, The Woodlands, https://www.bayoulandconservancy.org/forest-therapy enjoy, walk, park, outside

UH Coastal Center <u>BIRD SURVEY</u> **4**th **Sat., 7 a.m.,** bird survey by volunteers, contact Debbie at rufous1@comcast.net to participate, www.houstonaudubon.org OR https://txmn.org/gbmn/events/ Next opportunity **Dec. 28** care, bird, outside

Baytown Nature Center TYKE HIKES some Fri., 10 a.m., weekly nature education for kids ages 3 – 5 accompanied by adult, 6213 Bayway Dr, call (281) 424-9198, https://secure.rec1.com/TX/baytown-tx/catalog/index/49ed08ed4b4f064d29ef7361451683fa?filter=c2VhcmNoPQ== Next opportunity **TBD** Topic: TBD enjoy, learn, animals, fish, bird, garden, kids, outside

<u>ENTOMOLOGY GROUP MEETING</u> usually 4th Weds., 9:30 – 11 a.m., learn about bugs in this meeting, Extension Conference Room, Rosenberg, https://fbmg.org/events/ Next Opportunity **TBD** learn, meeting, animals, outside

Spring Creek Nature Trail <u>BIRD WALK & SURVEY</u> Mon & 1st Sat., 7:30 a.m., guided 2-hour bird walk along Spring Creek, from George Mitchell Nature Preserve Trailhead, The Woodlands, , 9:30 a.m. https://www.bayoulandconservancy.org/bird-walks OR https://houstonaudubon.org/programs/OR https://www.facebook.com/springcreekgreenwaynaturecenter/events/?ref=page_internal Next Opportunities Dec. 9 & Dec. 16 & Dec. 7 enjoy, walk, bird, water, park, outside

Kleb Woods Nature Center <u>GARDEN VOLUNTEER GROUP</u> Mon., 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. (Dec. thru Mar.), volunteers perform needed work removing invasive species & clearing overgrown areas, 20303 Draper Rd, Tomball, https://cp4.harriscountytx.gov/Events Next Opportunity **TBD** care, enjoy, garden, outside

Galveston Bay Area Master Naturalists <u>SCRAPBOOK MONTHLY MEETING</u> 2nd Weds., 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., volunteers create scrapbook of Galveston Bay Area Master Naturalists' activities, League City, https://txmn.org/gbmn/events/ Next Opportunity **TBD** enjoy, outside

Baytown Nature Center NURTURE NATURE SERIES usually 1st Sat., 10 a.m. - noon, special programs celebrating the wonder of nature, 6213 Bayway Dr, 281-424-9198, https://secure.rec1.com/TX/baytown-

tx/catalog/index/49ed08ed4b4f064d29ef7361451683fa?filter=c2VhcmNoPQ== Next opportunity **TBD**,

Topic: TBD learn, kids, outside

Baytown Nature Center <u>FULL MOON HIKE</u> one Sat./month., start time varies, enjoy 90 minutes guided hike by moonlight, for adults/older children, 6213 Bayway Dr, call (281) 424-9198, https://secure.rec1.com/TX/baytown-

tx/catalog/index/49ed08ed4b4f064d29ef7361451683fa?filter=c2VhcmNoPQ== Next opportunity **Feb. 15, 6 p.m.** enjoy, walk, kids, outside

<u>GROGAN'S MILL FARMERS MARKET</u> Sat., 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., 2230 Buckthorn PI, Spring, http://www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/ Next Opportunities Dec. 7 & Dec. 14 care, farmers, outside

Moody Gardens <u>COLONEL PADDLEWHEEL BOAT CRUISES</u> occasionally, times vary, hourlong cruise of Galveston Bay abroad paddlewheel boat, https://www.moodygardens.com/attractions/events-calendar/ Next Opportunities <u>Dec. 14 & Dec. 21</u>, 6:30 p.m. enjoy, boat, outside

Mercer Botanic Gardens <u>NATIVE & ENDANGERED SPECIES GARDENING</u> Tues./Thurs., 9 – 11 a.m., volunteer care for gardens, & learn more about horticulture and botany, Humble, https://txmn.org/gulfcoast/events/ Next Opportunities **Dec. 3/Dec. 5 & Dec. 10/Dec. 12** care, enjoy, learn, garden, outside

<u>KAYAKING CLASSES</u> dates & times vary, kayaking classes for kids & adults, variety of skill levels, variety of locations, some virtual, occasional kids cycling class, including some virtual, https://www.meetup.com/outdoor-adventures-kayaking-training-tours/ Next Opportunities **Dec. 3**, **Dec. 4**, **Dec. 8**, **Dec. 10**, **Dec. 14** & **Dec. 15** learn, enjoy, media, class, boat, cycle, kids, outside

Moody Gardens BIRD SURVEY 1st Fri., 7 a.m., volunteers count birds in the garden, https://houstonaudubon.org/ OR https://www.galvestonnaturetourism.org/winter-nature-program/ Next Opportunity Dec. 6 care, enjoy, bird, outside

Eddie V. Gray Wetlands Center GATOR TALES Weds., 10 - 11 a.m. (summer/winter), fun/educational series for pre-school children & parents, 1724 Market St, Baytown, 281-420-7128, https://secure.rec1.com/TX/baytown-

tx/catalog/index/49ed08ed4b4f064d29ef7361451683fa?filter=c2VhcmNoPQ== OR https://www.facebook.com/baytownwetlands Next Opportunities **Dec. 4,** Topic: Using Tools to Explore Nature & **Dec. 11,** Topic: What is Migration? learn, enjoy, kids, water, animals, outside

<u>SUGAR LAND FARMERS MARKET</u> Sat., 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Imperial Sugar Land, 198 Sugarland St, Sugar Land, https://www.facebook.com/FarmersMarketAtImperial/ Next Opportunities Dec. 7 & Dec. 14 care, farmers, outside

<u>CANOEING/KAYAKING/SUP/SURFING</u> daily, rentals, guided tours & lessons available, variety of locations, Bayou City Adventures, 1520 Silver St., http://bayoucityadventures.org/enjoy, boat, outside

<u>BOARDWALK AT TOWNE LAKES FARMERS MARKET</u> 3rd Sat., 12:30 – 3:30 p.m., fresh produce/local vendors, Cypress, https://ynfma.org/CALENDAR/ Next Opportunity **Dec. 21** care, farmers, outside

Jesse Jones Park <u>BICYCLING</u> Daily, trails open for cycling, children must be accompanied, 20634 Kenswick Dr, Humble, https://www.pct3.com/JJP enjoy, cycle, garden, kids, outside

HOUSTON RENEWABLE ENERGY GROUP MEETING usually 2nd Tues., 7 p.m., monthly meeting of group promoting renewable energy in Houston, United Way, 50 Waugh Dr. http://houstonrenewableenergy.org/ Next Opportunity Dec. 10 (moved online) learn, meeting, energy, outside

BRIDGELAND FARMERS MARKET 2nd & 4th Sun., 12:30 – 3:30 p.m., parking lot adjacent to the Activity Center in Bridgeland, 16902 North Bridgeland Lake Pkwy, Cypress, https://ynfma.org/CALENDAR/ Next Opportunity Dec. 8 care, farmers, outside

Armand Bayou Nature Center BIRD COUNT usually 2nd Sat., 7 – 10 a.m., 8500 Bay Area Blvd, Pasadena, www.houstonaudubon.org Next Opportunity **Dec. 14** care, bird, outside

<u>HEARTWOOD MASTER NATURALIST Chapter Meeting</u> 2nd Weds., 6 – 8 p.m., for members & prospective members, guest speaker at each meeting, Houston Advanced Research Center, The Woodlands, https://txmn.org/heartwood/events/ Next opportunity **Dec. 11**, Topic: TBD learn, meeting, media, lecture, outside

Coastal Prairie Conservancy <u>WORK DAYS</u> Tues., 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. and Fri. & Sat., 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., at Indiangrass Preserve, Waller, remove invasives, mulch trails, restore habitat, remove brush, https://www.coastalprairieconservancy.org/event-calendar OR https://txmn.org/gulfcoast/events/ OR https://txmn.org/coastal/events/month/ Next Opportunities Dec. 3, Dec. 6 & Dec. 7 and Dec. 10, Dec. 13 & Dec. 14 care, garden, outside

<u>BIKE RIDES</u> various days/times, join group rides, various locations, organized by Bike Barn locations, http://bikebarn.com/articles/upcoming-rides-pg66.htm enjoy, cycle, outside

HARPER'S HORSEPEN BRANCH MAINTENANCE 3rd Sat., 9 a.m. - noon, volunteers hike along and maintain trails in the park, starts from Harper's Landing Park, The Woodlands, https://txmn.org/heartwood/events/ Next Opportunity Dec. 21 care, enjoy, garden, walk, pollution, park, outside

<u>COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY RECYCLING COALITION</u> usually 2nd Thurs., 12:30 – 2 p.m., webinar shares information among those working on waste reduction on college campuses, http://curc3r.org/webinars/ Next Opportunity **TBD** Topic: TBD learn, media, recycle, outside

Sea Center Texas <u>FISH HATCHERY TOURS</u> Tues. - Fri., 9, 11 a.m. & 1 p.m., Sat., 10 a.m. & 2:30 p.m., reservations needed, 300 Medical Dr., Lake Jackson, http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/spdest/visitorcenters/seacenter/ Next opportunities **Dec. 3 - Dec. 6 & Dec. 7 and Dec. 10 - Dec. 13 & Dec. 14 (reservations required)** care, enjoy, kids, fish, outside

Sea Center Texas <u>WETLAND EXHIBIT GUIDED TOURS</u> by reservation, see wetlands animals & learn how to attract wildlife, 300 Medical Dr, Lake Jackson, http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/spdest/visitorcenters/seacenter/ Next opportunity **contact them**. care, enjoy, kids, animals, outside

Coastal Prairie Conservancy <u>STEWARDSHIP DAYS</u> Tues./Fri., 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., volunteers manage invasive plants, plant native plants & restore prairie habitat, Indiangrass Preserve, Waller, https://www.coastalprairieconservancy.org/event-calendar Next Opportunities **Dec. 3/Dec. 6 & Dec. 10 (Note date change)** care, enjoy, garden, outside

Sea Center Texas STORY TIME Sat. & 3rd Fri., check calendar, 300 Medical Dr., Lake Jackson, http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/spdest/visitorcenters/seacenter/ Next opportunities TBD care, enjoy, kids, fish, outside

PEARLAND FARMERS MARKET 3rd Sat., 8 a.m. – noon, Town Center, 11200 Broadway St., Pearland, https://www.facebook.com/events/pearland-town-center/pearland-farmers-market/1794734627433677/ OR https://www.pearlandtx.gov/residents/get-connected/city-calendar/Next Opportunity Dec. 21 care, farmers, outside

GARDEN LECTURE 2nd Thurs., 7 - 8 p.m., lecture on a gardening topic, Delores Fenwick Nature Center, Pearland, https://pearlandrecycles.com/calendar/ OR https://www.facebook.com/keeppearlandbeautiful Next Opportunity Dec. 12, (moved online) Topic: TBD learn, media, lecture, media, garden, outside

Gulf Coast Bird Observatory <u>BIRD BANDING</u> 3rd Sat., 8 a.m. – noon, 103 Hwy 332, Lake Jackson, www.gcbo.org Next opportunity **Dec. 21** care, bird, outside

Mercer Botanic Gardens <u>STORY TIME IN THE GARDEN</u> some Mon., **10:30 – 11:30 a.m.**, 22306 Aldine Westfield Rd, Humble,

https://www.facebook.com/MercerBotanicGardens/events/?ref=page_internal OR https://cp4.harriscountytx.gov/Events Next opportunity **Dec. 16** enjoy, kids, garden, outside

Mercer Botanic Gardens <u>BIRD SURVEY</u> 4th Thurs., 8 a.m. (except summer), volunteers survey birds in the garden, 22306 Aldine Westfield Rd, Humble, www.houstonaudubon.org OR https://www.facebook.com/MercerBotanicGardens/events/?ref=page_internal Next Opportunity **Dec.** 26 care, enjoy, bird, garden, outside

<u>SIERRA CLUB Monthly Meeting</u> usually 3rd Weds., 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Bay Area Community Ctr, 5002 E. NASA Pkwy, Seabrook, http://www.meetup.com/Houston-Sierra-Club-Outings/events/ Next Opportunity Dec. 18 (moved online) Topic: TBD care, learn, media, outside

TOMBALL FARMERS' MARKET Sat., 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., 205 W. Main, Tomball, http://www.tomballfarmersmarket.org/ Next Opportunities Dec. 7 & Dec. 14 care, farmers, outside

Town Square ZUMBA Mon./Weds., 6 p.m., Zumba class in Town Square, Baytown, https://baytown.org/1002/Calendar-of-Events Next Opportunities **Dec. 2/Dec. 4 & Dec. 9/Dec. 11** enjoy, park, outside

Mercer Arboretum & Botanic Garden GARDEN CLUB usually last Sat., 9 a.m. - noon, volunteers assist with horticulture tasks in the garden, ages 16+, 22306 Aldine Westfield Rd, Humble, https://www.facebook.com/MercerBotanicGardens/ Next opportunity TBD care, enjoy, learn, garden, outside

Mercer Arboretum & Botanic Garden <u>LUNCH BUNCH</u> some Weds., noon – 2 p.m., learn about a gardening topic, bring your own lunch, ages 16+, 22306 Aldine Westfield Rd, Humble, https://www.facebook.com/MercerBotanicGardens/ Next opportunity **Dec. 11**, Topic: Container Gardening - Winter Salad Gardens learn, enjoy, garden, outside

Mercer Arboretum & Botanic Garden <u>BLOSSOM BRIGRADE: POLLINATOR GARDEN WORK</u>
Weds., 9 - 11 a.m., volunteers care for plants in and around the pollinator garden and Honeybee
Corral in the garden, activities include planting, weeing, mulching, and other hands-on garden work,

22306 Aldine Westfield Rd, Humble, https://txmn.org/heartwood/events/ Next opportunities **Dec. 4 & Dec. 11** care, enjoy, garden, animals, outside

Sea Center Texas YOUTH CATCH & RELEASE FISHING 1st & 3rd Weds., ages 7 – 16, by reservation only for groups of 10 - 20, 300 Medical Dr, Lake Jackson, http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/spdest/visitorcenters/seacenter/ Next opportunity **TBD** enjoy, fish, kids, outside

<u>HIGH ISLAND WORK DAY</u> 2nd Sat., 8:30 a.m. – noon (Oct. – Mar.), maintain bird sanctuary, lunch provided, 2088 5th St, High Island, www.houstonaudubon.org Next opportunity **Dec. 14** care, bird, outside

Mercer Botanic Gardens MUSIC IN THE GARDEN some Mon., 11:30 a.m., kids enjoy music education in the garden, 22306 Aldine Westfield Rd, Humble, https://www.facebook.com/MercerBotanicGardens/events/?ref=page_internal OR https://cp4.harriscountytx.gov/EventsNext opportunity TBD enjoy, kids, garden, outside

NASSAU BAY FARMERS' MARKET Sat., 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., 18045 Upper Bay Rd, Nassau Bay, https://www.facebook.com/Nassau-Bay-Farmers-Market-217094481767170/ Next Opportunities Dec. 7 & Dec. 14 care, farmers, outside

Armand Bayou Nature Center <u>GUIDED NIGHT HIKES</u> some Sat., start time varies, enjoy sights/sounds of prairie, forest & bayou in guided hike at night, see nocturnal creatures, 8500 Bay Area Blvd, Pasadena, http://www.abnc.org Next opportunities **TBD** enjoy, walk, outside

<u>FULSHEAR FARMERS' MARKET</u> Sat., 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., farm fresh produce, meats, prepared foods & more, Fulshear, http://fulshearfarmersmarket.com/ Next Opportunities Dec. 7 & Dec. 14 care, farmers, outside

FRIENDSWOOD FARMERS' MARKET 1st Sat., 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., fresh produce, baked goods, handicrafts & more, Stevenson Park, Friendswood, https://friendswoodmarket.com/ Next Opportunity Dec. 7 care, farmers, outside

Armand Bayou Nature Center <u>ECO-SCHOOLERS</u> Weds. & Fri., 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. (during school year), class taught by center biologists for kids 7 – 12, course repeats each week on Weds. & Fri., all activities outdoors, 8500 Bay Area Blvd, Pasadena, http://www.abnc.org Next opportunities **Dec. 4 & Dec. 6**, Topic: Simple Machines & **Dec. 11 & Dec. 13**, Topic: Brumation learn, class, kids, animals, outside

Armand Bayou Nature Center PRAIRIE FRIDAY Fri., 8:30 a.m. – noon, volunteer stewardship of center, 8500 Bay Area Blvd, Pasadena, registration required, http://www.abnc.org OR https://txmn.org/gulfcoast/events/ OR https://txmn.org/gbmn/events/ Next opportunities **Dec. 6 & Dec. 13** care, garden, outside

BRAZOSPORT DAYLILY CLUB 2nd Sun., 2:30 p.m., expert lecture at each meeting, day, Lake Jackson Civic Center, Lake Jackson, https://www.facebook.com/brazosportdaylilysociety Next opportunity Dec. 8 learn, meeting, garden, outside

Armand Bayou Nature Center <u>PONTOON BOAT CRUISES</u> some Sat./Sun., 7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. & sunset (time varies seasonally), 8500 Bay Area Blvd, Pasadena, Fees & registration may be

required. http://www.abnc.org Next opportunities **Dec. 7/Dec. 8 & Dec. 14/Dec. 15**enjoy, boat, outside

Armand Bayou Nature Center <u>ECO-KIDS</u> Weds. & Fri., 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. (during school year), drop-off program for kids 3 – 6, different nature topic each session, all activities outdoors, 8500 Bay Area Blvd, Pasadena, http://www.abnc.org, Next opportunities **Dec. 6**, Topic: Hibernation & **Dec. 13**, Topic: Cardinals & Bluejays learn, enjoy, class, kids, fish, animals, outside

Armand Bayou Nature Center <u>GUIDED KAYAK TOUR</u> normally Sat., 7:50 – 11:30 a.m., 8500 Bay Area Blvd, Pasadena, Fees & registration may be required, http://www.abnc.org Next opportunities **Dec. 7 & Dec. 14** enjoy, boat, outside

Armand Bayou Nature Center BOY SCOUTING PROGRAMS by reservation opportunity to earn various badges, 8500 Bay Area Blvd, Pasadena, http://www.abnc.org learn, class, kids, walk, animals, outside

Armand Bayou Nature Center <u>STEWARDSHIP SATURDAY</u> 8 a.m. – noon, 1st & 3rd Sat., 8500 Bay Area Blvd, Pasadena, registration required, http://www.abnc.org Next opportunity **Dec. 7** care, outside

Armand Bayou Nature Center <u>ECO-TOTS</u> Weds. & Fri., 9:30 – 11 a.m. (during school year + Jun.), adult + kids 18 mo. – 3, different nature topic each session, includes story/songs/short hike/etc., all activities outdoors, in Spanish on Weds., 8500 Bay Area Blvd, Pasadena, http://www.abnc.org Next opportunities **Dec. 4**, Topic: Squirrels, & **Dec. 6 & Dec. 11**, Topic: Shapes in Nature learn, enjoy, class, kids, bird, garden, outside

<u>FARMERS' MARKET ON TAMINA</u> Sat., 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., local farmers & vendors/artisans, prepared foods, Magnolia, http://www.farmersmarketontamina.com/ Next Opportunities Dec. 7 & Dec. 14 care, farmers, outside

<u>CYPRESS CREEK DAYLILY CLUB</u> 4th Sun, 2 p.m. (Jan. – Apr., Sep.& Oct.), expert lecture at each meeting, Klein United Methodist Church, Spring, https://cypresscreekdaylily.wixsite.com/ccdc Next opportunity TBD learn, meeting, garden, outside

Armand Bayou Nature Center <u>ECO-TEENS</u> Weds., 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. (during school year), drop off program for teens 14 - 18, 8500 Bay Area Blvd, Pasadena, http://www.abnc.org Next opportunities **Dec. 4,** Topic: Blacksmithing & **Dec. 11,** Topic: Ephemeral Art learn, class, kids, fish, animals, garden, outside

JUNIOR MASTER GARDENER MEETING 1st & 3rd Sat., 9:30 a.m., kids learn about gardening through fun activities, Harvest Education Center, Freeport, https://www.facebook.com/brazoriacountyextension Next Opportunity Dec. 7 learn, enjoy, care, kids, garden, outside

Brazos Bend State Park <u>BRAZOS RIVER PICKERS</u> usually 1st Sat., 5 – 7 p.m. (Oct. thru Apr.), bluegrass/old time music in the park, 21901 FM 762 Rd, Needville, (fee to enter), www.brazosbend.org OR https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/brazos-bend/park_events Next opportunity **Dec. 14** enjoy, park, outside

Armand Bayou Nature Center GIRL SCOUTING PROGRAMS by reservation opportunity to earn various badges, 8500 Bay Area Blvd, Pasadena, http://www.abnc.org learn, kids, animals, garden, outside

BELLVILLE FARMERS' MARKET 1st Sat., 9 a.m. – noon, Chesley Park, Bellville, https://www.bellvillefarmersmarket.com/ Next Opportunity Dec. 7 care, farmers, outside

OUTDOOR NATURE CLUB Meeting usually 1st Mon., 6:30 – 8 p.m., 713-664-5206, Bayland Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet, Speaker each month, http://www.outdoornatureclub.org/ OR http://www.outdoornatureclub.org/ OR https://www.facebook.com/singGroup Next opportunity TBD (moved online) Topic: TBD learn, media, outside, meeting, lecture, bird

Brazos Bend State Park <u>BIRD WATCHING HIKES</u> dates vary, 8 a.m., guided bird watching hike, 21901 FM 762 Rd, Needville, (fee to enter), www.brazosbend.org OR https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/brazos-bend/park_events Next opportunity **Dec. 6** enjoy, bird, walk, park, outside

<u>CHALLENGES & TREATMENT SOLUTIONS FOR SMALL WATER SYSTEMS</u> monthly, 1 p.m., monthly webinar by EPA to communicate with drinking water systems professionals, https://www.epa.gov/water-research/small-drinking-water-systems-webinar-series Next Opportunity **Dec. 2, 1 – 4 p.m.,** Topic: Lead Reduction Updates and Lead Service Line Identification and Replacement learn, lecture, media, water, outside

HUMBLE FARMERS' MARKET 2nd Sun., local produce/vendors, Humble, https://ynfma.org/CALENDAR/ Next Opportunity Dec. 8 care, farmers, outside

TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST TUESDAY 2nd Tues., 12 - 1 p.m., webinar, covers different advanced topic each month, https://txmn.tamu.edu/tmntuesdays/ Next Opportunity Dec. 10, Topic: Training Class Mentor Programs Showcase learn, media, lecture, animals, fish, tree, garden, bird, outside

MILLIKAN RESERVE FARMERS' MARKET 3rd Sun., 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., 19851 FM2154, College Station, https://marketonthegreen.splashthat.com/ Next Opportunity Dec. 15 care, farmers, outside

BOLIVAR BEACH RAMBLE 1st Sat., explore Bolivar Flats Shorebird Sanctuary, www.houstonaudubon.org Next opportunity Dec. 7 enjoy, bird, walk, outside

LA CENTERRA FARMERS' MARKET 2nd & 4th Sun., 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., local vendors/artisans, produce, eggs, cheese & more, Katy, https://www.facebook.com/events/lacenterra-at-cincoranch/farmers-market-at-lacenterra/254196965316911/ OR https://ynfma.org/CALENDAR/ Next Opportunity Dec. 8 care, farmers, outside

Armand Bayou Nature Center <u>ECO-ADVENTURERS</u> Weds., 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. (during school year), in depth study of environmental science topics for kids 11 – 14, 8500 Bay Area Blvd, Pasadena, http://www.abnc.org Next opportunity **Dec. 4,** Topic: Fur Investigations & **Dec. 11,** Topic: Foxes learn, class, kids, animals, outside

Armand Bayou Nature Center <u>ECO-AFTERNOONS</u> usually one Weds./month, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. (during school year), drop off program includes picnic, exploring, crafting, and more for kids 7 – 14, 8500 Bay Area Blvd, Pasadena, http://www.abnc.org Next opportunity **Dec. 11**, Topic: Campout Celebration learn, class, kids, fish, animals, outside

<u>TAMARRON FARMERS' MARKET</u> 2nd Sat., 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. (Oct.), local vendors/artisans, produce, eggs, cheese & more, Shenandoah, https://ynfma.org/CALENDAR/ Next Opportunity TBD care, farmers, outside

SUGAR LAND GARDEN CLUB MEETING 3rd Tues., 9:30 a.m. (Sep. – Apr.), speaker each month, plus plant swap & refreshments, St. Basil Hall, Sugar Land, http://sugarlandgardenclub.org Next Opportunity Jan. 21, Topic: Texas Monarch Flyway Strategy learn, meeting, garden, outside

<u>GALVESTON FARMERS' MARKET</u> Sun., 9 a.m. – noon (1 p.m. Oct. – May), fresh produce, prepared foods & more, 3304 Market., Galveston, http://www.galvestonsownfarmersmarket.com/Next Opportunities Dec. 8 & Dec. 15 care, farmers, outside

<u>SUGAR LAND GARDEN FIELD TRIPS</u> 4th Tues., (Sep. – Apr.), variety of field trips for members throughout the year, http://sugarlandgardenclub.org/index.html Next Opportunity TBD learn, media, meeting, garden, outside

SUGAR LAND GARDEN CLUB WORKSHOP 1st Tues., (Sep. – May), variety of workshops throughout the year, St. Basil Hall, Sugar Land, http://sugarlandgardenclub.org/index.html Next Opportunity Dec. 3 learn, media, meeting, garden, outside

<u>WOODLANDS GARDEN CLUB FLOWER ARRANGING</u> 3rd Tues., (Sep. – May), members of the Woodlands Garden Club assemble flower arrangements for delivery to hospices, https://www.facebook.com/TheWoodlandsGardenClub/ Next Opportunity **Dec. 17** enjoy, meeting, garden, outside

<u>FAIRFIELD PLAZA FARMERS' MARKET</u> 3rd Sun., 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., local vendors/artisans, produce, eggs, cheese & more, Cypress, https://ynfma.org/CALENDAR/ Next Opportunity **Dec. 15** care, farmers, outside

GALVESTON COUNTY AUDUBON MEETING & BIRDING FIELD TRIP usually 3rd Sat. & prior Weds., (except Dec.), time varies, meeting at Rosenberg Library, Rosenberg, trips to various locations, galvestoncountyaudubongroup@gmail.com, www.houstonaudubon.org OR https://www.galvestonnaturetourism.org/winter-nature-program/ Next Opportunity Meeting: TBD

Topic: TBD, Trip: TBD, Trip Location: TBD learn, meeting, enjoy, walk, bird, outside

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GLOBAL SOLUTIONS & OUTREACH PROGRAM EMPLOYMENT SURVEY ongoing, online survey for those interested in employment in the Global Solutions and Outreach Programs initiative of the AIChE Climate Solutions Community, https://www.climate-collaboration.com/questionnaire care, learn, media, energy, online

<u>STRATEGIES FOR INCREASED PRODUCTION</u> Dec. 14, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m., online class, learn strategies such as succession planting, spatial interaction, nurse cropping, cover cropping and living mulches, www.urbanharvest.org enjoy, learn, media, class, garden, Houston

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATORS VIRTUAL EXCHANGE MEETINGS Dec. 13, 8:30 a.m. (every other Fri.), networking for environmental educators, online, sign up at: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81906451252?pwd=R1g5TjZrcGRQNTIEYS9EV0xXZzZTZz09 learn, media, meeting, kids, outside

Houston Museum of Natural Science T. REX Dec. 10, 6 p.m., virtual event, educators discover innovative ways to integrate T. Rex into curriculum, from science to language arts and beyond, www.hmns.org learn, media, class, kids, online

COOL CONGREGATIONS COHORT Dec. 16, 7 p.m., activate your faith community's green team, or start a green team, with facilitation to guide you in developing plans to (1) incorporate care for the earth in all you do and (2) reduce your faith community's carbon footprint by 50% by 2030, online, https://www.eventbrite.com/e/cool-congregations-cohort-tickets-761255444527 learn, care, media, pollution, class, online

HOT ON THE TRAIL! Dec. 5, Dec. 12 & Dec. 19, 7 p.m., online class, virtual field trips to birding hot spots, practice your observation skills, https://birdingforfun.com/events/ learn, media, class, bird, online

<u>VIRTUAL EXPERIENCE AUCTION</u> ongoing thru Dec. 8, virtual fundraiser for the Gulf Coast Bird Observatory, online auction of outdoor experiences, https://www.gcbo.org/ care, enjoy, media, bird, online

CLIMATE, WATER, SCIENCE & SOCIETY IN 21ST CENTURY TEXAS Dec. 5, 6 p.m., virtual event that addresses the following questions: How will climate change impact Texas and the native prairie and savanna ecosystems? How do we plan restorations to be sustainable in 2050? Do we need to change our land management practices?, https://npsot.org/calendar/ learn, media, meeting, garden, online

BACKYARD BUG HUNT Dec. 20, 10 a.m., virtual program, Topic: Unusual Insects, online, https://txmg.org/events learn, media, lecture, animals, garden, online

<u>GULF PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL MEETING</u> **Dec. 4, noon,** virtual event, learn about innovative projects, get updates on our annual accomplishments, and learn about new opportunities to partner with the Gulf Partnership, https://gulfofmexicoalliance.org/announcements/events/ learn, media, water, beach, park, farmers, tree, online

<u>GULF PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL MEETING</u> <u>Dec. 5, 8:15 a.m. – 5 p.m.</u>, virtual event, meeting includes panels and updates from recent sand inventory efforts and cooperative/interagency agreements in the Gulf of Mexico, includes Gulf-wide multi-use initiatives, updates related to environmental studies and opportunities to brainstorm new study opportunities, plus a panel focused on planning for the next 5/10/20 years out for the Gulf of Mexico sand and sediment management, https://gulfofmexicoalliance.org/announcements/events/ <u>learn</u>, <u>media</u>, <u>water</u>, <u>beach</u>, <u>online</u>

SUNRISE MOVEMENT MEETING Dec. 4, 7 p.m., Houston Sunrise Movement meets weekly online to discuss current projects (public education campaign, environmental zine, etc) https://airalliancehouston.org/events/ learn, media, meeting, online

SUNRISE MOVEMENT HTX TRANSIT CAMPAIGN MEETING Dec. 7, 3 p.m., Houston Sunrise Movement meets weekly online to discuss their HTX transit campaign, https://airalliancehouston.org/events/ learn, media, meeting, online

STOP TXDOT I-45 MEETING Dec. 10, 6 p.m., virtual meeting of group opposing North Houston Highway Improvement Project, https://airalliancehouston.org/updates/#events learn, media, meeting, online

HOUSTON CLIMATE MOVEMENT MEETING Dec. 10, 7 p.m., monthly online meeting of the Houston Climate Movement, https://airalliancehouston.org/events/ learn, media, meeting, online

<u>DISTRICT B ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE MEETING</u> Dec. 11, 6:30 p.m., meeting with Council Member Jackson for District B on environmental justice issues in the district, online, https://airalliancehouston.org/events/ learn, media, meeting, pollution, online

<u>TOP 10 AG LAWS</u> **Dec. 5, noon,** virtual event, webinar focuses on several of the top agricultural law issues of 2024 & offers 1 Laws and Regs CEU for pesticide applicators in Texas, online, https://texanbynature.org/events/ learn, media, lecture, pollution, online

<u>CONSERVATION EASEMENTS 101</u> **Dec. 11, noon,** virtual event, speaker discusses conservation easements and explores how they benefit private landowners, communities, and future generations of Texans, online, https://texanbynature.org/events/ learn, media, lecture, online

<u>UPCOMING ONLINE ONLY OPPORTUNITIES</u> <u>FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS</u>

PARKS PASS FOR 4TH GRADERS ongoing, 4th graders and their families get free entry to natural areas & historic sites managed by the federal government, online application, https://everykidoutdoors.gov/index.htm enjoy, media, park, online

<u>FACILITATION BASICS FOR COASTAL MANAGERS</u> Dec. 4 & Dec. 5, 1 – 4 p.m., virtual training course, learn basic facilitation skills, tools to engage participants, & techniques to deal with disruptive

behaviors, includes time to practice skills, https://coast.noaa.gov/digitalcoast/training/calendar.html learn, media, class, online

BIOCHAR-BASED SYSTEM FOR THE REMOVAL OF PFAS FROM RECYCLED WATER Dec. 12,

10 a.m., virtual event, presenter discusses her research work findings about biochar properties optimization by characterization of feedstocks, pyrolysis temperature, and post-production modification to maximize PFAS retention, https://climatewebinars.net/webinar-calendar/month learn, media, lecture, tree, farmers, pollution, online

SITE CONSIDERATIONS BEFORE ESTABLISHING A NEW SEED ORCHARD Dec. 13, noon,

virtual event, learn about key site characteristics to consider before establishing a seed orchard, including factors such as soil type, previous land use and compaction, aspect, elevation, and proximity to water sources, all of which can impact the success of a future seed orchard, https://climatewebinars.net/webinar-calendar/month learn, media, lecture, tree, farmers, online

NAVIGATING THE TRUMP 2 DEREGULATORY AGENDA Dec. 8, 12:15 p.m., virtual event, webinar explores the experiences of federal environmental officials who successfully navigated the challenges of the first Trump administration,

https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/17031878629439319 learn, media, lecture, energy, pollution, online

BEST PRACTICES FOR RISK COMMUNICATION Dec. 12 & Dec. 13, 5 – 6:30 p.m., webinar teaches how to apply 7 risk communication best practices to help communities prepare for & respond to weather & climate hazards, online, https://coast.noaa.gov/digitalcoast/training/risk-communication.html learn, lecture, media, online

PLANET STEWARDS BOOK CLUB Dec. 10, 6 p.m., virtual event, discussion of *The Best Part of Us*, https://oceanservice.noaa.gov/education/planet-stewards/upcoming.html?utm_medium=email&utm_source=GovDelivery learn, media, meeting, online