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

<u>NEW YEAR'S DAY HIKE</u> Jan. 1, 9:45 – 11:45 a.m., join group outing to hike trails in Memorial Park, dogs welcome (on leash), meet at Rally Pavilion at the Cullen Running Center, 7575 N. Picnic Ln., https://bcoadventures.com/events-calendar/#espresso\_calendar enjoy, walk, animals, park, Houston

<u>DANCE!! IN LEVY PARK</u> <u>Dec. 27</u>, 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, learn, kids, class, park, Houston

Houston Arboretum & Nature Center <u>BACKYARD WILDLIFE HABITAT CERTIFICATION</u> Jan. 3, 10 a.m. – noon, first in a series of classes that takes students step-by-step of planning, planting & maintaining a backyard wildlife habitat that meets National Wildlife Federation certification standards, this first class deals with planning, 4501 Woodway Dr., https://houstonarboretum.org/events/ learn, class, garden, animals, Houston

**SOUND MEDITATION LEVY PARK Jan. 6, 7 p.m.,** enjoy a sound bath in the park, 3801 Eastside, http://www.levyparkhouston.org/ enjoy, park, Houston

<u>WINTER SOLSTICE WREATH WORKSHOP</u> <u>Dec. 22, 6:30 p.m.</u>, craft your own evergreen Yule wreath using seasonal foliage, herbs, and botanicals, The Atrium at POST Houston, 401 Franklin St., https://www.facebook.com/groups/hearthstonegardenclubtx learn, enjoy, class, garden, Houston

HIKE TERRY HERSHEY PARK Dec. 25, 5 p.m., join group outing to hike 5 miles in Terry Hershey Park, 15200 Memorial Dr., meet at Wycliffe Dr., https://www.meetup.com/joinneo/events/ enjoy, walk, park, Houston

GARDEN VOLUNTEERING Jan. 3, 9 – 11 a.m., members work on garden maintenance at Alabama Gardens, 2818 Alabama St., https://give.urbanharvest.org/volunteer\_calendar care, enjoy, garden, Houston

Children's Museum of Houston <u>DIA DE LOS REYES</u> Jan. 3, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., story time & crafts in Mexican village in the museum, 1500 Binz St., https://www.cmhouston.org/events enjoy, kids, Houston

<u>BIKE HEIGHTS</u> **Dec. 22, 7 p.m.,** join group outing to bike 8 mi. in the Heights to view holiday lights, meet at Stude Park, 1031 Stude St., https://www.meetup.com/joinneo/events/enjoy, cycle, park, Houston

4H ROUND-UP CONTEST registration open, contests on a variety of topics for kids participating in 4H programs on 1/31, HISD Nutrition Services Building, 6801 Bennington St., https://agrilife.org/harris4h/ learn, class, kids, photo, garden, animals, Houston

Children's Museum of Houston <u>FAMJAM</u> Jan. 2, 10 a.m. - noon, free coffee/breakfast snacks while mingling with other parents in the museum, 1500 Binz St., https://www.cmhouston.org/eventsenjoy, kids, Houston

**Houston Zoo ZOO LIGHTS ongoing,** zoo decorated with holiday lights, 6200 Hermann Park Dr., www.houstonzoo.org enjoy, animals, Houston

Houston Arboretum & Nature Center CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT Dec. 28, 6 - 9 a.m. & 9 a.m. – noon, volunteers count birds (in two shifts) in annual national count, 4501 Woodway Dr., https://houstonarboretum.org care, enjoy, bird, Houston

Children's Museum of Houston <u>NEW YEAR, NEW YOU</u> Jan. 1, 9 a.m. – 8 p.m., celebrate the new year in the museum, 1500 Binz St., https://www.cmhouston.org/events enjoy, kids, Houston

Buffalo Bayou RING IN THE PEACE Dec. 22, Dec. 29, Jan. 6, Jan. 8 & Jan. 9, 7 - 9 p.m., cistern tour with performance by Schola Cantorum of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, The Cistern, 105b Sabine St., www.buffalobayou.org enjoy, park, Houston

ENVIRONMENTAL SCHOLARSHIP open for applications, Pearland ISD, Alvin ISD, Fort Bend ISD, Houston ISD, Pasadena ISD & Clear Creek ISD seniors and homeschooled students form Pearland, Manvel or Brookside Village planning to pursue environmentally-minded studies can apply for this scholarship, https://www.facebook.com/keeppearlandbeautiful care, learn, kids, Houston

YOGA IN THE PARK Dec 29 & Jan. 5, 9 a.m., enjoy yoga class in Evelyn's Park, 4400 Bellaire Blvd., https://evelynspark.org/events\_enjoy, park, Houston

HIKE CULLEN PARK Dec. 25, 9 a.m., join group outing to hike 7 miles in Cullen Park, 19008 Saumes Rd., https://www.meetup.com/HoustonUrban-Trekkers/events/enjoy, walk, park, Houston

**INVERTEFEST Dec. 25 – Dec. 31,** volunteers search for & log invertebrates (such as insects, arachnids, slugs and snails, microscopic life like tardigrades or rotifers, marine life like clams, crabs, jellyfish and pond like life water boatmen, daphnia and water striders, and many others) in community

science project, various locations, https://txmn.org/coastal/tmncpc-event-calendar/ care, animals, Houston

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

Children's Museum of Houston <u>ROCKIN' NEW YEAR'S NOON BASH</u> Dec. 31, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., kids end-of-year bash rings in the New Year at the stroke of noon with ball drops, plus live performances & dance 'til the countdowns, in the museum, 1500 Binz St., https://www.cmhouston.org/events enjoy, kids, Houston

GARDEN VOLUNTEERING Dec 26 & Jan. 2, 7:30 - 9:30 a.m., volunteers assist with garden tasks, Spring Branch Elementary Garden, 1700 Campbell Rd., https://give.urbanharvest.org/volunteer\_calendar care, enjoy, garden, kids, Houston

Children's Museum of Houston <u>BANK OF AMERICA FREE DAYS</u> Jan. 3 & Jan. 4, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Bank of America cardholders get in free,1500 Binz St., https://www.cmhouston.org/events enjoy, kids, Houston

<u>FUN FORAGED BASKETRY</u> Jan. 2 – Jan. 16, 10 a.m. - noon, learn indigenous techniques to make vessels, lids, and handles with pine needle coiled basketry, Burnett Bayland Community Center, 6000 Chimney Rock Rd., https://cp4.harriscountytx.gov/Events learn, enjoy, tree, Houston

HOLIDAY MATH CRAFT Dec. 23, 4 p.m., practice number matching, addition, subtraction, multiplication, or division while coloring cheerful Christmas scenes that transform into 3D paper toys,

all ages, Burnett Bayland Community Center, 6026 Chimney Rock Rd., https://cp4.harriscountytx.gov/Events enjoy, learn, kids, Houston

SANTA'S HELPERS PET ADOPTION month of Dec., fees waived for adoption of pets wearing Santa hats, Humane Society Houston, 14700 Almeda Rd., https://www.houstonhumane.org/events/calendar care, animals, Houston

Children's Museum of Houston GIGGLES & STORIES Dec. 29, 10 a.m., bilingual story time plus songs & activities, 1500 Binz St., https://www.cmhouston.org/events enjoy, kids, Houston

<u>HOUSTON PLANT SWAP</u> **Dec. 27, 1 – 5 p.m.,** swap, sip, and socialize; bring your cuttings, rooted plants, pots, or planty extras and swap with fellow green thumbs, Eureka Heights Brewing Co., 941 W 18th St., https://houstonplantmarket.com/ care, enjoy, garden, Houston

Buffalo Bayou SOUND HEALING MEDITATION Jan. 7, 6 p.m. and Dec. 27/Dec. 28 & Jan. 3/Jan. 4 and Jan. 10, 10 a.m., meditation class with sound & light, The Cistern, 105b Sabine St., www.buffalobayou.org enjoy, park, Houston

Sheldon Lake State Park <u>LEAVES LIKE YOU WOULDN'T BE-LEAF</u> Dec. 28, 2 p.m., learn some leaf ID tips with us by creating your very own leaf rubbings, Pond Pavillion, 14140 Garrett Rd, https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/sheldon-lake/park\_events learn, enjoy, tree, park, Houston

<u>FULL MOON HIKE</u> Jan. 2, 6:45 – 8:15 p.m., join group outing to hike about 3 - 4 miles in Memorial Park, meet at the Rally Pavilion in the Running Center, 7575 N. Picnic Ln., https://bcoadventures.com/events-calendar/#espresso\_calendar enjoy, walk, park, Houston

**Discovery Green** KIDS SKATE FREE NIGHT Jan. 8, 5 – 10 p.m., kids skate for free with purchase of one adult entry, in the park, 1500 McKinney, http://www.discoverygreen.com/enjoy, skate, park, Houston

Houston Museum of Natural Science MIXERS & ELIXIRS Dec. 31, 8 p.m. 1 a.m., food, music, drinks, & dancing at museum, adults 21+ only, 5555 Hermann Park Dr., www.hmns.org care, enjoy, Houston

Children's Museum of Houston <u>NEARLY NEW YEAR</u> Dec. 30, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., kids enjoy fun activities and some jaw-dropping performances in the museum, 1500 Binz St., https://www.cmhouston.org/events enjoy, kids, Houston

Children's Museum of Houston COLOR SPLASH PLAY DATE Dec. 30, 10 a.m., young artists to explore, create, and celebrate the magic of color through a series of interactive stations, 1500 Binz St., https://www.cmhouston.org/events\_enjoy, kids, Houston

<u>HOUSTON PLANT MARKET</u> **Dec. 28, 12 – 5 p.m.,** enjoy shopping from a lush variety of plants, botanical goodies, handmade gifts, and more, all while enjoying craft beer in a cool, dog-friendly space, INDOOR Market, 941 W 18th St.,https://www.withheart.co/hpm care, enjoy, garden, animals, Houston

Nature Discovery Center WINTER DAY CAMPS Dec. 22, Dec. 23, Dec. 29, Dec. 30 & Jan. 2, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., day camp for kids 5 – 10, hands-on experiments/investigations, active games, crafts, & more, 12/22 Topic: Furry Friends, 12/23 Topic: Winter Nature, 12/29 Topic: Feathered Friends, 12/30 Topic: Tree Life, 1/2 Topic: Animal Extravaganza!, 7112 Newcastle, http://www.naturediscoverycenter.org/enjoy, learn, class, animals, garden, tree, kids, Houston

Children's Museum of Houston <u>POLAR PALOOZA SNOW DAYS</u> ongoing, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Children's Museum Houston transforms the courtyard into a winter wonderland, 1500 Binz St., https://www.cmhouston.org/events enjoy, kids, Houston

Children's Museum of Houston MAKER ANNEX ongoing thru Dec. 31, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., step-by-step workshop to guide you as you explore new ideas and ways to create and bring your own unique creations to life, 1500 Binz St., https://www.cmhouston.org/events learn, enjoy, kids, Houston

**Houston Aquarium** <u>BREAKFAST WITH SANTA</u> ongoing thru Dec. 24, enjoy breakfast with Santa & the fishes, 410 Bagby St., https://www.downtownaquariumhouston.com/breakfast-with-santa enjoy, kids, fish, Houston

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT Dec. 28, 6:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m., volunteers count birds in annual national event, Buffalo Bayou East, including: Addicks Reservoir/Bear Creek Park, Little Gems/North Area, Barker Reservoir North Area, Barker Reservoir South Area, Central Corridor Area, HANC/Memorial Park Area, Southwest Area and South/Southeast Area, https://houstonaudubon.org/programs/birding/christmas-bird-counts/upper-texas-coast.html care, enjoy, bird, water, park, Houston

<u>PILATES IN THE PARK</u> Dec 23 & Dec. 30, 6 p.m., enjoy Pilates class in Evelyn's Park, 4400 Bellaire Blvd., https://evelynspark.org/events enjoy, park, Houston

**Sheldon Lake State Park** <u>INAT CHAT</u> **Dec. 27, 1 p.m.,** learn how to use your phone discover more about what species are around you 14140 Garrett Rd, https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/sheldon-lake/park events learn, animals, garden, park, Houston

Children's Museum of Houston <u>ZUMBINI</u> Dec. 26, 10 a.m. & Jan. 8, 5:30 p.m., music & movement to promote toddler development in the museum, 1500 Binz St., https://www.cmhouston.org/events enjoy, kids, Houston

TAKE CARE OF TEXAS VIDEO CONTEST ongoing, students in grades 6-12 create a 30-second, PSA-style video that shows positive ways to take care of our environment, https://takecareoftexas.org/education/take-care-texas-video-contest care, kids, media, water, animals, tree, garden, bird, beach, Houston

**Space Center Houston** <u>SENSORY FRIENDLY GALAXY LIGHTS</u> **Jan. 5, 6:30 p.m.,** explore Galaxy lights exhibit in a reduced sensory environment, 1601 E. NASA Pkwy., https://spacecenter.org/events/enjoy, learn, kids, star, 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, Butterfly Journey, Cities of the Future, Call of the Dolphins, Dinosaurs of Antarctica, Dinosaur Discoveries, Mysteries of China, Mummies: Secrets of the Pharaohs, Secrets of the Sea 3D, Sharks 3D & T. Rex enjoy, learn, media, Houston

<u>ADOPT A GREENSPACE</u> ongoing, adopt a greenspace in Houston & help to keep our parks in good condition,

https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=EFqoV4sItEWIGclsdyEJTGt6P4aD03RKIr6NH 5JfyntUNTZMTFIXQTdVNTYwTUNQRFFWQIQ4VUI5Ti4u&route=shorturl care, pollution, park, Houston

**Trebly Park MOVIE UNDER THE STARS Dec. 26, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.**, enjoy screening of *The Fighting Temptations* in the park, 1515 Fannin St., https://downtownhouston.org/calendar enjoy, media, park, Houston

**Sheldon Lake State Park** <u>BACKYARD BASS</u> **Dec. 26, 2 p.m.,** learn fishing basics & then try your hand at catching our backyard bass 14140 Garrett Rd, https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/sheldon-lake/park\_events learn, enjoy, fish, park, Houston

**Discovery Green HOLIDAY LIGHTS ongoing,** enjoy the park lit up with holiday lights, 1500 McKinney, https://downtownhouston.org/calendar enjoy, park, Houston

Nature Discovery Center PARK WORK DAY Jan. 8, 10 – 11:30 a.m., family-friendly work day in the park, add granite to pathways, time-permitting will include removal of invasive species, 7112 Newcastle, http://www.naturediscoverycenter.org/ care, enjoy, walk, kids, park, Houston

Children's Museum of Houston SING, MOVE, PLAY Dec. 24, 10:30 a.m., kids discover rhythm, melody, and movement with fun, hands-on music games inspired by famous operas, 1500 Binz St., https://www.cmhouston.org/events enjoy, kids, Houston

<u>COMMUNITY GARDEN</u> <u>Dec 29 & Jan. 5, 9 a.m.</u>, 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

ART IN THE PARK Dec 23 & Dec. 30 and Dec 25 & Jan. 1, 10 a.m. – noon, kid-friendly art classes in Evelyn's Park, 4400 Bellaire Blvd., https://evelynspark.org/events\_enjoy, kids, park, Houston

<u>GARDEN VOLUNTEERING</u> daily thru Dec. 31, 8 – 10 a.m., volunteers assist with the maintenance and beautification of this local garden, NAM Community Garden, 5927 Louetta Rd., https://give.urbanharvest.org/volunteer\_calendar care, enjoy, garden, Houston

Houston Museum of Natural Science <u>TERRACOTA WARRIORS</u> ongoing, exhibit of terracotta warriors from China, 5555 Hermann Park Dr., www.hmns.org enjoy, 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 daily, Mon. – Fri., 8 a.m. – 6 p.m., volunteers assist with planting, weeding, watering, and harvesting produce, as well as maintaining garden infrastructure and seasonal upkeep, also support educational classes by helping set up materials, guide children and families during activities, and share lessons on nutrition and sustainable gardening practices, Houston Health Foundation's Community Family Garden, 190 Heights Blvd., https://give.urbanharvest.org/volunteer\_calendar\_care, enjoy, garden, Houston

**Discovery Green DJ SKATE NIGHT Dec. 27, 4 - 7 p.m.,** skate to music from the DJ in the park, 1500 McKinney, http://www.discoverygreen.com/ enjoy, skate, park, Houston

Children's Museum of Houston <u>NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS</u> Dec. 22, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., enjoy holiday magic and whimsical fun inspired by The Nightmare Before Christmas, including

musical moments, crafts, games and more in the museum,1500 Binz St., https://www.cmhouston.org/events enjoy, kids, Houston

GARDEN VOLUNTEERING Dec 23 & Dec. 30 and Dec 24 & Dec. 31, 4:15 p.m., volunteers assist with garden tasks, Tinsley Elementary Garden, 11035 Bob White Dr., https://give.urbanharvest.org/volunteer\_calendar care, enjoy, garden, kids, Houston

Children's Museum of Houston POLAR PALOOZA ongoing thru Jan. 5, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., plethora of multi-cultural activities and festive happenings in a snowy wonderland, in the museum, 1500 Binz St., https://www.cmhouston.org/events enjoy, kids, Houston

Houston Museum of Natural Science EXTREME ANIMALS ALIVE! ongoing, exhibit is a graphic novel aiming to reveal the strange and wonderful specializations animals exhibit to give them a leg up on the competition or evade predators, 5555 Hermann Park Dr., www.hmns.org learn, animals, Houston

HIKE BEAR CREEK PARK/FIRESIDE CHAT Dec. 27, 5 p.m., join group outing to hike 5 miles in Bear Creek Park, followed by fireside chat at 7;45 p.m., Pavilion #8, Sullin's Way, 3535 War Memorial Dr., https://www.meetup.com/joinneo/events/enjoy, walk, park, Houston

<u>BUBBLES & BOARD GAMES</u> Dec. 25 & Jan. 1 and Dec 29 & Jan. 5, 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

<u>GARDEN VOLUNTEERING</u> Dec 23 & Dec. 30, 8:30 – 11 a.m., volunteers help with garden maintenance at Dominican Sisters Community Garden, a donation garden, 6501 Almeda Rd., https://give.urbanharvest.org/volunteer\_calendar care, enjoy, garden, Houston

Children's Museum of Houston <u>KALEIDOSCOPE COLLOQUIUMS</u> ongoing thru Dec. 31, space for hands-on activities, storytelling, and cultural programming, engage in crafts, games, and rotating interactive experiences inspired by global traditions, 1500 Binz St., https://www.cmhouston.org/eventsenjoy, kids, Houston

**GREENSPACE ADOPTIONS ongoing**, Houston Parks and Recreation Department's (HPARD) Park and Greenspace Adoption Programs are a great way to show your support for parkland and greenspaces, https://www.houstontx.gov/parks/ care, enjoy, park, Houston

TAI CHI IN THE PARK Dec 23 & Dec. 30, 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

**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 <u>learn</u>, <u>animals</u>, <u>Houston</u>

<u>A WALK IN THE WOODS</u> Jan. 3, 9 – 11 a.m., enjoy group outing to walk trails in Memorial Park, meet at Rally Pavilion at the running center parking lot in the park, 7575 N. Picnic Ln., https://bcoadventures.com/events-calendar/ enjoy, walk, park, Houston

GROWING URBAN FARMERS COURSE ongoing, contemplating a career change, seeking a healthier lifestyle for your family, or wanting to contribute to your community by growing healthy food using climate friendly regenerative farming practices? Join this course at Hope Farms, 10401 Scott St., https://www.facebook.com/HopeFarmsHTX/ learn, care, farmers, class, Houston

<u>BIKE TERRY HERSHEY</u> **Dec. 30, 7 p.m.,** join group bike 11-14 mi. in Terry Hershey Park to enjoy nature, meet Terry Hershey Beltway 8 trailhead, 225 W. Sam Houston Pkwy. N., https://www.meetup.com/joinneo/events/ enjoy, cycle, park, 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

Children's Museum of Houston <u>LET'S PLAY: THE MUSICAL</u> ongoing, when the kids are away, the toys come to life in this playful tale in the museum,1500 Binz St., https://www.cmhouston.org/events enjoy, kids, Houston

**Texas Wildlife Rehabilitation Center BUILDING MATERIALS DRIVE 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

Houston Museum of Natural Science <u>FABERGE: EGGS & TIMELESS TREASURES</u> ongoing, exhibit of the work of Carl Faberge & his workmasters, 5555 Hermann Park Dr., www.hmns.org enjoy, Houston

Children's Museum of Houston <u>ALL ABOARD</u> Dec. 23, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., kids enjoy Polar Express Storytime and Crafts, 1500 Binz St., https://www.cmhouston.org/events enjoy, kids, 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

Hermann Park HOLIDAYS IN THE PARK ongoing thru Jan. 4, hours vary daily, enjoy festive lights, joyful music, and plenty of holiday spirit as you ride the Holiday Train on the Hermann Park Railroad or take a sparkling spin on the decorated Lott Family Carousel, http://www.hermannpark.org/calendar/ enjoy, kids, media, 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

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

Children's Museum of Houston <u>SANTA'S JOLLY VISIT</u> Dec. 24, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., photos with Santa in the museum, 1500 Binz St., https://www.cmhouston.org/events enjoy, kids, Houston

Children's Museum of Houston KIDS LABS Dec. 26 & Dec. 27, 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m. & 3:30 p.m., chemistry labs for kids, 1500 Binz St., https://www.cmhouston.org/events learn, enjoy, kids, Houston

<u>BIKE BRAYS BAYOU</u> **Dec. 23, 7 p.m.,** join group 11-14 mile bike ride on paved trails along Brays Bayou & Keegans Bayous, meet at Lee LeClear Tennis Center, 9506 S. Gessner Rd., https://www.meetup.com/joinneo/events/ enjoy, cycle, water, park, Houston

<u>HIKE HEIGHTS</u> **Dec. 24, 5 p.m.,** join group outing to hike 6.5 mi. in the Heights to view Christmas decorations, meet at Stude Park, 1031 Stude St., https://www.meetup.com/HoustonUrban-Trekkers/events/enjoy, walk, park, Houston

**Houston Museum of Natural Science NINE NATIVES Jan. 12, 9 – 11:30 a.m.,** volunteers tend native plant garden at the museum, 5555 Hermann Park Dr., https://txmn.org/gulfcoast/volunteer-opportunities/ OR https://www.coastalprairieconservancy.org/event-calendar care, enjoy, garden, Houston

Children's Museum of Houston <u>CELEBRATING KWANZAA</u> Dec. 26, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., kids learn all about Kwanzaa and how it is celebrated through visual arts and music, in the museum, 1500 Binz St., https://www.cmhouston.org/events enjoy, kids, Houston

Children's Museum of Houston <u>CANDYLAND</u> Dec. 27, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., variety of activities related to candy & gingerbread, 1500 Binz St., https://www.cmhouston.org/events enjoy, learn, kids, Houston

**Memorial Park** <u>A CENTURY OF STORIES</u> **ongoing**, signs throughout the park tell its 100-year history, enter at Clay Family Eastern Glades, 7575 North Picnic Ln., https://www.memorialparkconservancy.org/ learn, enjoy, walk, park, Houston

Children's Museum of Houston <u>LET'S PLAY</u> Dec. 28, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., variety of activities such as toy making/repair & crafts, 1500 Binz St., https://www.cmhouston.org/events enjoy, kids, Houston

<u>CITY WALK – TWILIGHT EPIPHANY</u> **Dec. 28, 4 p.m.,** join group outing for quiet walk on eve of holiday, meet at McGovern Centennial Garden in Hermann park, 1500 Hermann Dr., https://www.meetup.com/city-walks-houston/events/enjoy, walk, park, 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

<u>CITY WALK – DOWNTOWN BRIDGES</u> Jan. 4, 2 - 5 p.m., join group outing to walk 7+ miles along Buffalo Bayou & bridges in downtown, meet at the Platypus Brewing, 1902 Washington Ave., https://www.meetup.com/city-walks-houston/events/enjoy, walk, water, Houston

Alexander Deussen Park CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT Jan. 3, 8:30 a.m. – noon, volunteers count birds in annual national count, 12303 Sonnier St., https://www.pct3.com/JJP care, enjoy, bird, park, Houston

**Discovery Green MINI MAKERS WORKSHOP Jan. 3, 12 – 2 p.m.,** kids make vision board using recycled magazines, scissors and glue in the park,1500 McKinney, http://www.discoverygreen.com/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

**Memorial Park** <u>HOLIDAY LIGHTS</u> **ongoing thru Jan.,** enjoy holiday lights in Clay Family Eastern Glades, 6502 Memorial Dr., https://www.facebook.com/MemorialPark/ enjoy, kids, park, Houston

Sheldon Lake State Park CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT Jan. 3, 12 - 4 p.m., volunteers count birds in annual national count, 14140 Garrett Rd., https://www.pct3.com/JJP care, enjoy, bird, park, Houston

**Discovery Green CHEAP SKATE NIGHT Dec. 22, 5 – 10 p.m.,** skate in the park for less, 1500 McKinney, http://www.discoverygreen.com/enjoy, skate, park, Houston

Space Center Houston SPACE CENTER U – MIDDLE SCHOOL Dec. 22 – Dec. 24, Dec. 29 – Dec. 31 & Jan. 3 – Jan. 5, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., challenging multi-day program for kids 11 – 14, promotes teamwork, problem solving, communication & engineering solutions to space related situations, 1601 E. NASA Pkwy., https://spacecenter.org/events/ learn, kids, class, Houston

COZY WINTER CREATIONS Jan. 5, 4:30 p.m., create your very own Sock Snowman, Freed Community Center, 6818 Shadyvilla Ln., https://cp4.harriscountytx.gov/Events enjoy, kids, Houston

**Space Center Houston <u>GALAXY LIGHTS</u> ongoing,** enjoy viewing of light display, 1601 E. NASA Pkwy., https://spacecenter.org/events/ enjoy, Houston

**Memorial Park** <u>GROUNDS VOLUNTEERS</u> **Jan. 5 & Jan. 15, 9 – 11 a.m.**, volunteers work on grounds (1/5): near the Tennis Center, 1500 E Memorial Loop Dr., (1/15): near Eastern Glades, E Memorial Loop Dr., https://memorialparkconservancy.volunteerhub.com/vv2/#\_ care, enjoy, garden, park, Houston

Houston Botanic Garden K-POP NIGHT Jan. 4, 6 p.m., enjoy K-Pop in the garden, One Botanic Ln. (at 8210 Park Place Blvd.), https://secure.hbg.org/events/enjoy, garden, Houston

NIGHT HIKES Dec 24 & Dec. 31, 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

HOLIDAY FOSTERS NEEDED ongoing thru Dec. 31, with our shelter full, your home could be the safe, cozy spot an animal needs to truly feel the holiday spirit, even a short stay makes a big difference and fills your season with joy (and tail wags!), https://www.houstonhumane.org/events/calendar care, enjoy, animals, Houston

Buffalo Bayou <u>WELLNESS WALK</u> Dec 24 & Dec. 31, 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

Discovery Green <u>BUMPER CARS ON ICE</u> opens Jan. 2, 6 – 10 p.m. (Mon. – Thurs.), 6 – 11 p.m. (Fri.) & 6 – 8 p.m. (Sun.), slip, slide, spin and crash with Bumper Cars on Ice, http://www.discoverygreen.com/ enjoy, skate, park, Houston

Space Center Houston SPACE CENTER U – HIGH SCHOOL Dec. 22 – Dec. 24, Dec. 29 – Dec. 31 & Jan. 3 – Jan. 5, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., challenging multi-day program for kids 11 – 14, promotes teamwork, problem solving, communication & engineering solutions to space related situations, 1601 E. NASA Pkwy., https://spacecenter.org/events/ learn, kids, class, Houston

HOLIDAY SNOW SLIME & STORYTIME Dec. 22, 5 p.m., hands-on sensory activity with winter-themed crafts, Freed Community Center, 6818 Shadyvilla Ln., https://cp4.harriscountytx.gov/Eventsenjoy, kids, Houston

Houston Botanic Garden <u>RADIANT NATURE</u> ongoing, enjoy exhibit of 50 large-scale Chinese lantern installations -- in three themed zones, including an interactive area with lighted swings and other immersive opportunities for family-friendly play, One Botanic Ln. (at 8210 Park Place Blvd.), https://secure.hbg.org/events/ enjoy, garden, Houston

COOK HEALTHY Jan. 3, 9:15 & 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., learn healthy recipes to kick off the new year cooking class, 9:15 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. for adults, 11 a.m. for kids, Hope Farms, 10401 Scott St., https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/b6sefkb/lp/19fe6c8b-e70f-46dc-a24e-7d8b8515ae01 learn, enjoy, class, kids, garden, Houston

**Houston Botanic Garden <u>HABITAT</u> ongoing,** exhibit with a dozen thematic sections to explore the central idea "protecting habitats protects life" through the lens of the environment where each is displayed, One Botanic Ln. (at 8210 Park Place Blvd.), https://secure.hbg.org/events/ enjoy, learn, garden, bird, animals, tree, Houston

**Discovery Green WINE DOWN WEDNESDAYS** Jan. 7, 5 - 10 p.m., enjoy wine & skating in the park, 1500 McKinney, http://www.discoverygreen.com/ enjoy, skate, park, Houston

BREATH(E): TOWARD CLIMATE & SOCIAL JUSTICE ongoing, exhibition considers art practices that address the climate crisis and its inevitable intersection with issues of equity and social justice, Rice University - Moody Center for the Arts, 6100 Main St., https://moody.rice.edu/exhibitions/breathe learn, Houston

Discovery Green <u>SKATING WITH THE STARS</u> Dec 23 & Dec. 30 and Dec 28 & Jan. 4, 7 p.m., figure skating performance in the park, 1500 McKinney, http://www.discoverygreen.com/ enjoy, skate, park, Houston

**Sheldon Lake State Park** RISKY BUSINESS Jan. 2, 1 p.m., test out your migration skills as a bird through this boardgame-style program & learn about the many challenges birds face during their migrations, 14140 Garrett Rd, https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/sheldon-lake/park\_events enjoy, learn, bird, park, Houston

<u>CAMP PAWSOME</u> Dec. 24 – Dec. 24 & Dec. 29 – Dec. 31, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., kids learn about responsible pet care, understanding animal behavior, and the importance of kindness toward all living creatures, Houston Humane Society Animal Shelter at 14700 Almeda Rd., https://www.houstonhumane.org/events/calendar learn, care, enjoy, kids, animals, Houston

**Sheldon Lake State Park** FIRST DAY DOG WALK Jan. 1, 9 a.m., guided 1-mile dog walk, dogs must be on 6-foot leash, 14140 Garrett Rd, https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/sheldon-lake/park\_events\_enjoy, walk, animals, park, Houston

**Sheldon Lake State Park** FIRST DAY HIKE Jan. 1, 9 a.m., self-guided hike in the park, see ranger first for maps & First Day Hike stickers, report your mileage afterward, 14140 Garrett Rd, https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/sheldon-lake/park\_events\_enjoy, walk, park, Houston

## **ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES IN HOUSTON**

**SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM WORKSHOP 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. 26** 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., https://www.urbanharvest.org/mobile-market/ Next Opportunity Jan. 3 care, farmers, Houston

Kickerillo-Mischer Preserve <u>NATURE CENTER WITHOUT WALLS</u> 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. 27 & Jan. 3** care, enjoy, garden, recycle, park, Houston

Sims Bayou Urban Nature Center MAINTENANCE MONDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 28 & Jan. 4 care, farmers, Houston

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

CO-HOUSING HOUSTON MEETING 1<sup>st</sup> Weds., 6 p.m., group promoting co-housing in Houston, open to those interested in or curious about co-housing, online, https://www.cohousinghouston.com/Next Opportunity Jan. 7 learn, media, meeting, Houston

MEMORIAL VILLAGES FARMERS' MARKET Sat., 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., farmers' market, music, kids' activities, food demonstrations, lectures & more, 1<sup>st</sup> Congregational Church, 10840 Beinhorn Rd., http://www.mvfarmersmarket.org/ Next Opportunities Dec. 27 & Jan. 3 care, farmers, kids, Houston

**Bagby Park** <u>BINGO</u> **Thurs., 7 p.m.,** enjoy BINGO Night at La Calle Tacos in the park, prizes awarded, 415 Gray St., https://midtownhouston.com/explore/events/ Next Opportunities **TBD** enjoy, park, Houston

<u>CENTRAL CITY CO-OP MARKET</u> 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. 20<sup>th</sup> St., http://www.centralcityco-op.com/ care, farmers, Houston

<u>HOUSTON PARKS ACTIVITIES</u> 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

HOUSTON FARMERS' MARKET 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> 1<sup>st</sup> 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

MILBY PARK CLEAN-UP 4<sup>th</sup> Fri., 9 – 11 a.m., volunteers clean up litter & plant trees in the riparian restoration area, 2001 Central St., https://txmn.org/gulfcoast/volunteer-opportunities/, https://www.gcbo.org/ OR https://www.splashtx.org/calendar 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 **TBD** enjoy, park, Houston

ALIEF COMMUNITY GARDEN FARMERS' MARKET 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat., 10 a.m. – noon, farm fresh produce, 8409 ½ Dairy View, https://imdhouston.org/about/programs-projects/farmers-market/ Next Opportunity Jan. 10 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. 27 & Jan. 3 care, farmers, Houston

WELLNESS WALK LEVY PARK 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 <u>GARDENING</u> 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fri., 7 - 10 a.m., volunteers clean up weeds, thinning areas, planting, and more in the gardens, 1500 Binz St., https://txmn.org/gulfcoast/volunteer-opportunities/ Next Opportunity **TBD** enjoy, learn, kids, Houston

**Trebly Park** <u>BEATS & FLOW</u> **Sat., 10 a.m.**, enjoy yoga class in the park, 1515 Fannin St., https://downtownhouston.org/calendar Next Opportunities **TBD** enjoy, park, Houston

<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. 27 & Jan. 3 care, farmers, kids, Houston

HOUSTON RENEWABLE ENERGY GROUP MEETING usually 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Jan. 13 (moved online) learn, meeting, energy, Houston

TANGO CLASS AT LEVY PARK Thurs., 7 p.m., enjoy tango class in the park, 3801 Eastside, http://www.levyparkhouston.org/ Next Opportunities TBD learn, enjoy, class, kids, park, Houston

TREE FARM WORKDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> 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/volunteer-opportunities/ Next Opportunity Jan. 15 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 Opportunity **Jan. 7** enjoy, kids, Houston

<u>RIVER OAKS FARMERS' MARKET</u> **3<sup>rd</sup> 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 **Jan. 18** 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 <u>RECYCLING SATURDAYS</u> most Sat., 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.,** recycle sorted paper, plastic, glass, & aluminum at the park, 1500 McKinney, http://www.discoverygreen.com/ Next Opportunities **Dec. 27 & Jan. 3** 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 **Jan. 3** enjoy, kids, park, Houston

**REDEMPTION SQUARE FARMERS MARKET** 4<sup>th</sup> Sat., 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., fresh produce/local vendors, 250 Assay St., https://ynfma.org/CALENDAR/ Next Opportunity **Dec. 27** care, farmers, 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/volunteer-opportunities/ Next Opportunity TBD care, garden, park, Houston

Levy Park <u>SLOW FLOW YOGA</u> alternate 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. 26 and Dec 24 & Dec. 31** 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 Sat., 10:30 a.m. – 5 p.m., sale/swap for all things bike, EaDo Bike Co, 912 St Charles St., https://www.facebook.com/GHORBA.org Next Opportunities Dec. 27 & Jan. 3 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 26 & Jan. 2 enjoy, class, park, Houston

<u>KICKERILLO MISCHER BIRD SURVEY</u> 1<sup>st</sup> **Mon., 8 - 10 a.m.,** join group for bird survey, 20215 Chasewood Park Dr., www.houstonaudubon.org Next Opportunity **Jan. 5** 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. 27 & Jan. 3 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**<sup>nd</sup> **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 **Jan. 10** 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 **Dec. 27, 7 – 9 p.m.** 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat., 8 a.m., members enter early, 1601 E. NASA Pkwy., https://spacecenter.org/events/ Next Opportunity Jan. 10 enjoy, Houston

OLIVEWOOD CEMETERY CLEAN-UP 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat., 9 – 11 a.m., volunteers remove brush & do landscaping at historic cemetery, 1300 Court St., http://www.descendantsofolivewood.org/category/events/ Next Opportunity Jan. 3 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, Force 5, Forward to the Moon, Mystery of the Christmas Star (Nov. 24 – Jan. 4), Passport to the Universe, Solar Superstorms, Starry Night Express, & The Great Planet Adventures, www.hmns.org enjoy, learn, media Houston

**EPA AIR, CLIMATE, ENERGY WEBINAR SERIES 3**<sup>rd</sup> **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> 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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/volunteer-opportunities/ Next Opportunity Dec. 25 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> 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat., 9 a.m. – noon, volunteers maintain trails in the arboretum, 4501 Woodway Dr, https://txmn.org/gulfcoast/volunteer-opportunities/ Next Opportunity Jan. 17 care, enjoy, garden, walk, Houston

Hermann Park PEDAL BOATS 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

POST HOUSTON FARMERS' MARKET 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Next Opportunity TBD care, farmers, 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 TBD learn, enjoy, media, class, kids, park, Houston

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

**ELECTRONICS RECYCLING** 1<sup>st</sup> **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 **Jan. 3** 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 29 & Jan. 5 and Dec 28 & Jan. 4** enjoy, learn, class, park, Houston

**Memorial Park** <u>GREENHOUSE VOLUNTEER DAYS</u> <u>dates/times vary</u>, volunteers work in park greenhouse to care for native plants, 6501 Memorial Dr., https://txmn.org/gulfcoast/volunteer-

opportunities/ OR https://memorialparkconservancy.volunteerhub.com/vv2/ Next Opportunity **TBD** care, garden, park, Houston

Houston Museum of Natural Science <u>MEMBER EVENT</u> 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 **Jan. 10**, 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat., 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., artists create art on the sidewalks near the park, 415 Gray St., https://midtownhouston.com/explore/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 23 & Dec. 30** learn, Houston

**Bagby Park** GET FIT 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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/explore/events/ Next Opportunity **TBD** 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/explore/events/ Next Opportunity **TBD** enjoy, park, Houston

MID-MAIN BLOCK PARTY 1<sup>st</sup> Thurs., 6 - 10 p.m., music, prepared food, produce & more, benefits local non-profits, 3606 Main St., http://www.midmainhouston.com/firstthursday/ Next Opportunity Jan. 1 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 **TBD** enjoy, walk, kids, animals, bird, Houston

<u>HEARTHSTONE GARDEN CLUB MEETING</u> 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues., 6:30 – 9 p.m., members of garden club meet, 7615 Ameswood Rd. & online, https://hearthstonegardenclub.com/index.php/activities/ OR https://www.facebook.com/groups/hearthstonegardenclubtx Next Opportunity **Jan. 20**, Topic: TBD learn, enjoy, meeting, garden, Houston

Sheldon Lake State Park <u>BIRD SURVEY</u> 1<sup>st</sup> Sun., 8 a.m., (Sep. – May), bird survey in the park, 14140 Garrett Rd., https://houstonaudubon.org/ Next Opportunity Jan. 4 care, enjoy, park, bird, Houston

<u>KIDS BINGO NIGHT AT LEVY PARK</u> Thurs., 4:30 p.m., kids enjoy bingo in the park, 3801 Eastside, http://www.levyparkhouston.org/ Next Opportunities **Dec 25 & Jan. 1** 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 **Jan. 17** care, kids, Houston

Baldwin Park <u>SOUND BATH MEDITATIONS</u> 2<sup>nd</sup> 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/explore/events/ Next Opportunity **TBD** enjoy, class, park, Houston

Memorial Park <u>EASTERN GLADES CONSERVATION HORTICULTURE</u> dates/times vary, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Jan. 10 enjoy, kids, park, Houston

BIRD SURVEY usually 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 TBD 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Sat., 10 a.m., learn photography in Levy Park with Houston Center for Photography experts, 3801 Eastside, http://www.levyparkhouston.org/ Next Opportunity TBD 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. 28 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/volunteer-opportunities/ Next Opportunities Dec 23 & Dec. 30 enjoy, park, garden, Houston

**Bagby Park <u>YAPPY HOUR</u>** occasionally, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m., treats for your dog, giveaways, contests & prizes in the park, 415 Gray St., https://midtownhouston.com/explore/events/ Next Opportunity **TBD** enjoy, animals, park, Houston

<u>PLANT PROPAGATION</u> most Weds/Thurs., 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. & Thurs., 4:30 – 6:30 p.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/volunteer-opportunities/ OR https://www.explorationgreen.org/calendar-of-events or https://txmn.org/gbmn/gbac-events-calendar/ OR https://www.facebook.com/ExplorationGreen/events Next Opportunity **TBD** 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 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Sat., 8:30 – 11:30 a.m., volunteers help maintain the park, meet at Water Works, 105 Sabine St., www.buffalobayou.org Next Opportunity Jan. 17 care, park, water, Houston

**Buffalo Bayou** <u>BOAT RIDES</u> 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 4<sup>th</sup> Tues., 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. 23 care, enjoy, farmers, Houston

<u>PLATYPUS BIKE CLUB</u> Weds., 7 – 9 p.m., join group ride from Platypus Brewing, 1902 Washington Ave., https://www.facebook.com/groups/htxbikescene/events Next Opportunities **Dec 24 & Dec. 31** enjoy, cycle, Houston

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

**Edith L. Moore Nature Sanctuary SANCTUARY STEWARDS 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/volunteer-opportunities/ Next opportunities **TBD** care, enjoy, Houston

Midtown Park <u>THROWBACK THURSDAY WORKOUT</u> 3<sup>rd</sup> 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/explore/events/ Next Opportunity **TBD** enjoy, class, park, Houston

VOLUNTEER IN SCHOOL GARDEN 2<sup>nd</sup> 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/coastal/tmncpc-event-calendar/ OR https://txmn.org/gulfcoast/volunteer-opportunities/ Next Opportunity Jan. 10 care, enjoy, garden, kids, Houston

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office <u>GREEN THUMB LECTURE</u> (Jan – Oct.): 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon., 10 p.m., Genoa Friendship Gardens, 1210 Genoa Redbluff Rd. & online, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> & last Sat., 8 a.m. – noon,** volunteers repot, prune & stake trees, 1801 Neptune Ln., Clear Lake, https://txmn.org/gulfcoast/volunteer-opportunities/ & https://www.explorationgreen.org/calendar Next Opportunity **Dec. 27** care, tree, park, Houston

MOBILE MARKET 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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/Events Next Opportunity TBD enjoy, learn, class, kids, park, Houston

MOBILE MARKET 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 TBD care, enjoy, farmers, Houston

**Buffalo Bayou** <u>WALKING TOUR</u> **usually 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat., time varies,** guided tour by naturalist, meet at Water Works, 105 Sabine St., www.buffalobayou.org Next Opportunity **Jan. 17** enjoy, park, water, walk, Houston

**Exploration Green STEWARDSHIP SATURDAY** 3<sup>rd</sup> 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-of-events OR https://www.facebook.com/ExplorationGreen/ Next Opportunity **Jan. 17** 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 23 & Dec. 30** 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 **TBD** 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Mon., 8:30 - 11 a.m., enjoy touring Genoa Friendship Garden, 1202 Genoa Red Bluff Rd., https://hcmga.tamu.edu/ Next Opportunity Jan. 19 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 **TBD** enjoy, kids, park, Houston

**Discovery Green GREEN FLEA BY NIGHT** usually 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Opportunity Jan. 17 care, recycle, park, Houston

Houston Federated Garden Clubs MONTHLY MEETING 2<sup>nd</sup> Fri., 10 a.m., general meeting, speaker at each meeting, CityRise Church, 4601 Bellaire Blvd., https://www.houstonfederationgardenclubs.org/calendar Next Opportunity Jan. 9, Topic: TBD learn, meeting, garden, Houston

MOBILE MARKET 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 TBD care, enjoy, farmers, Houston

<u>CITIZEN'S CLIMATE LOBBY MEETING</u> 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Jan. 10 (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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Jan. 16 enjoy, bird, Houston

MOBILE MARKET 4<sup>th</sup> 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 TBD 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 4<sup>th</sup> Sat., 9 a.m. – noon, volunteers work in Hershe Garden, 4516 Hershe St., https://txmn.org/gulfcoast/volunteer-opportunities/ Next Opportunity **TBD** care, enjoy, garden, Houston

<u>SIERRA CLUB Monthly Meeting</u> usually 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Jan. 21 (moved online) Topic: TBD care, learn, media, Houston

**ENERGY CORRIDOR FARMERS' MARKET 2**<sup>nd</sup> **& 4**<sup>th</sup> **Thurs., 3:30 – 6:30 p.m.,** locally-grown, farmfresh produce for sale, 1520 Eldridge Pkwy., https://ynfma.org/CALENDAR/ Next Opportunity **Dec. 25** 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 23 & Dec. 30 and Dec 29 & Jan. 5 learn, care, media, Houston

MOBILE MARKET 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 TBD care, enjoy, farmers, Houston

Children's Museum of Houston <u>FREE FAMILY NIGHT</u> some Thurs., 5 - 8 p.m., member event, activities, music, & more in the museum, 1500 Binz St., https://www.cmhouston.org/events Next Opportunity **Jan. 1** enjoy, kids, Houston

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

MOBILE MARKET 4<sup>th</sup> 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

**Discovery Green** PURE BARRE Weds., 6:30 p.m., full-body workout focused on core strength, joint stability, and muscle toning with isolation, 1500 McKinney, http://www.discoverygreen.com/ Next Opportunities **TBD** enjoy, class, park, Houston

<u>SMITH STREET FARMERS' MARKET</u> 1<sup>st</sup> 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 **TBD** care, farmers, Houston

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

<u>SIERRA CLUB Monthly Meeting</u> **2**<sup>nd</sup> **Thurs., 7 – 10 p.m.,** United Way, 50 Waugh Dr., http://www.meetup.com/Houston-Sierra-Club-Outings/events/ Next Opportunity **Jan. 8 (moved online),** Topic: TBD care, learn, meeting, energy, 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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

**Discovery Green HIP HOP YOGA Weds., 6:30 p.m.,** open-air yoga experience where movement, music, and meaning collide, 1500 McKinney, http://www.discoverygreen.com/ Next Opportunities **TBD** enjoy, class, park, Houston

Blackwood Sky Farm VOLUNTEER DAYS Fri., 7 - 11 a.m., volunteers engage in farm & garden activities, followed by homemade lunch, all ages & skill levels accepted, Post HTX, 401 Franklin St., https://blackwoodland.org Next Opportunity TBD care, enjoy, farmers, garden, kids, Houston

Houston Galveston Area Council PARKS & NATURAL AREAS Meeting usually 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon., 2 – 4 p.m., discussion of parks/natural areas in 13-county region, 3555 Timmons Ln., justin.bower@h-gac.com Next Opportunity Jan. 12 learn, media, meeting, park, Houston

MCKINNEY STREET FARMERS' MARKET 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Jan. 7 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 4<sup>th</sup> Tues., 3 – 6 p.m., the Famers' Market comes to you, Avenue Center, 3517 Irvington Blvd., https://www.urbanharvest.org/mobile-market/ Next Opportunity TBD care, enjoy, farmers, Houston

NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY Monthly Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon., 6:45 p.m., University of Houston –Clear Lake, 2700 Bay Area Blvd., https://www.npsot.org/calendar/ Next opportunity Jan. 12 (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 23 & Dec. 30 care, bird, Houston

Houston Galveston Area Council ORGANICS RECOVERY ROUNDTABLE 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues., 9 a.m. - noon, the Famers' Market comes to you, Clark Park, 9710 Clark Rd., https://www.urbanharvest.org/mobile-market/ Next Opportunity Jan. 13 care, enjoy, park, farmers, Houston

<u>BAYOU RIDE</u> 1<sup>st</sup> Sun., 8 – 11 a.m., Bike Houston offers guided educational ride, start at Tidwell Community Center, 9720 Spaulding St., moderate pace with stops, www.bikehouston.org Next Opportunity Jan. 4 enjoy, cycle, water, Houston

PLANT IT FORWARD FARM STAND Sun., 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., farm-fresh produce for sale from local Plant it Forward farms, Sun: 12581 Dunlap,

http://plantitforward.farm/purchaseourproduce/#\_farmstand Next Opportunities **Dec 28 & Jan. 4** care, farmers, Houston

Houston Galveston Area Council <u>LIVABLE HOUSTON INITIATIVE</u> 4<sup>th</sup> 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

LOCAL ECONOMY ACTION GROUP Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Weds., 6:30 p.m., seedbed for approaches to sustainable businesses, Start Houston, 1121 Delano St., Next Opportunity Jan. 14 care, meeting, learn, Houston

<u>COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY RECYCLING COALITION</u> usually 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 VIEWING** Fri., 30 min. before sunset, Waugh Street Bridge Allen Pkwy & Waugh, https://tpwd.texas.gov/huntwild/wild/species/bats/bat-watching-sites/waugh-drive-bridge.phtml Next Opportunities Dec 26 & Jan. 2 learn, enjoy, animals, Houston

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

<u>TRANSITION HOUSTON Monthly Meeting</u> usually 1<sup>st</sup> 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 23 & Dec. 30** care, walk, Houston

TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST TUESDAY usually 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues., 12 - 1 p.m., webinar, covers different advanced topic each month, https://txmn.tamu.edu/tmntuesdays/ Next Opportunity Jan. 13, Topic: State of the Program learn, media, lecture, animals, fish, tree, garden, bird, Houston

Humane Society Houston <u>VOLUNTEER INTEREST MEETING & ORIENTATION</u> usually 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues., 6 p.m., learn to care for animals in center, 10801 Hammerly Blvd., https://www.houstonhumane.org/ Next Opportunities Jan. 6 (meeting) & Jan. 13 (orientation) care, learn, class animals, Houston

YOUTH BIRDING CLUB 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat., 11:30 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. or Exploration Green (meeting location varies), https://www.uhcl.edu/environmental-institute/ Next Opportunity Jan. 17 enjoy, bird, kids, Houston

Houston Audubon ARCHBISHOP FIORENZA PARK BIRD SURVEY usually 4<sup>th</sup> Mon., 7:30 a.m., join group to survey birds, 13551 Westpark, www.houstonaudubon.org Next Opportunity Jan. 26 care, enjoy, walk, park, bird, Houston

YOUTH BIRDING CLUB 4<sup>th</sup> Sat., 11:30 a.m., kids 7 - 13 explore birds/birding, GTBC, 8909 Jackrabbit Rd., https://www.explorationgreen.org/calendar-of-events Next Opportunity Dec. 27 enjoy, bird, kids, Houston

**Edith L. Moore Nature Sanctuary NATIVES NURSERY VOLUNTEERS** most Fri., 9 a.m. - noon, separate seedlings, re-pot plants, 440 Wilchester Blvd., www.houstonaudubon.org & https://txmn.org/gulfcoast/volunteer-opportunities/ OR https://txmn.org/coastal/tmncpc-event-calendar/ Next opportunity **TBD** care, garden, Houston

<u>CITIZENS' TRANSPORTATION COALITION Meeting</u> 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs., 5:30 p.m., group focusing on public transportation, Rudyard's Pub, 2010 Waugh, https://www.facebook.com/CTCHouston/ Next Opportunity Jan. 15 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. https://criticalmasshouston.com/weekly-bike-rides/ Next opportunity Dec. 26 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** NATIVE AREAS GARDENING Weds. – Sat., 9 a.m. – noon, volunteers work in native plant gardens, One Botanic Ln. (at 8210 Park Place Blvd.), https://txmn.org/gulfcoast/volunteer-opportunities/ Next Opportunities **TBD** care, enjoy, garden, Houston

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office MASTER GARDENER LECTURE 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Jan. 6, Topic: TBD learn, enjoy, garden, kids, Houston

MOBILE MARKET 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat., 9 a.m. - noon, the Famers' Market comes to you, Northeast Community FM at LBJ, 5656 Kelly, Entrance 4, https://www.urbanharvest.org/mobile-market/ Next Opportunity Jan. 3 care, enjoy, park, farmers, Houston

<u>BIKE RIDES</u> days/times vary, join group rides of varying distances and speeds throughout the Houston area, see the calendar at https://criticalmasshouston.com/weekly-bike-rides/ enjoy, cycle, Houston

<u>EPA TOOLS & RESOURCES WEBINAR SERIES</u> 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 **Jan. 21**, Topic: Lead (Pb) Overview and Data Mapping learn, media, meeting, pollution, Houston

GARDEN VOLUNTEERS Sat., 7 – 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. 27 & Jan. 3 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. (during school year), pre-K science program, 7112 Newcastle St, http://www.naturediscoverycenter.org/ Next Opportunity **TBD** learn, enjoy, class, kids, Houston

PRELUDE MUSIC SERIES AT LEVY PARK monthly, usually 4 p.m., enjoy 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. 27 & Jan. 3 learn, walk, Houston

<u>RICE VILLAGE FARMERS MARKET</u> 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun., 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., fresh produce, prepared foods & more, Kelvin Dr. & Amherst St., https://rice-village.com/happenings/ Next Opportunity Jan. 4 care, farmers, Houston,

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

FLORAL FRIDAYS Fri., 11 a.m., online program on horticulture, https://galveston.agrilife.org/events/ Next Opportunities TBD 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 HOUSTON BOTANIC GARDEN BIRD SURVEY usually 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon., 8 a.m., join group to survey birds, 8505 N. Bayou Dr., www.houstonaudubon.org Next Opportunity Jan. 12 care, enjoy, walk, park, bird, Houston

NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY Monthly Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs., 6:45 – 9:30 p.m., Houston Arboretum & Nature Center, 4501 Woodway Dr, https://www.npsot.org/calendar/ Next opportunity Jan. 15 (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://www.npsot.org/calendar/ 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 TBD, Topic: TBD 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 28 & Jan. 4** care, farmers, Houston

ORGANIC HORTICULTURE BENEFITS ALLIANCE MEETING 4<sup>th</sup> Weds., 5 - 7 p.m., members of the Organic Horticulture Benefits Alliance meet virtually to discuss current events, San Jacinto Environmental Supply, 2221 W. 34<sup>th</sup> 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> 1<sup>st</sup> Sat., 10 – 11 a.m. guided tree walks in park to learn to identify trees, 7112 Newcastle St, http://www.naturediscoverycenter.org/ Next Opportunity Jan. 3 learn, enjoy, walk, tree. park, Houston

Houston Audubon <u>GLENBROOK PARK BIRD SURVEY</u> usually 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. 27 & Jan. 3 learn, Houston, park, animals, media

HOUSTON COMMUNITY TOOLBANK WAREHOUSE TOUR 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Jan. 15 care, Houston

BROMELIAD SOCIETY MEETING 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Jan. 20 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: TBD 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://www.npsot.org/calendar/ OR https://txmn.org/gbmn/gbac-events-calendar/ OR https://www.uhcl.edu/environmental-institute Next Opportunities Dec 23 & Dec. 30 care, garden, Houston

Houston Audubon MEMBER FIELD TRIP usually 4<sup>th</sup> Sat., birding trips in/outside Houston for ages 12+, members of Houston Audubon, see calendar at www.houstonaudubon.org Next Opportunity Jan. 17, 8 a.m., Location: Port Bolivar Sanctuaries 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. 5 care, enjoy, walk, bird, park, Houston

WHITE OAK BAYOU BOARD MEETING 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 STORE Weds. & Sat., 10 a.m. – 7 p.m., fresh produce from Finca Tres Robles & produce, meat, dairy and eggs from local farm partners, 5715 Canal St., https://www.fincatresrobles.org/farm-stand Next Opportunity Dec 24 & Dec. 31 and Dec. 27 & Jan. 3 care, farmers, Houston

NATURE PHOTO ASSOC Meeting usually 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Jan. 27 care, enjoy, pollution, park, Houston

Houston Zoo MEMBER MORNINGS 1<sup>st</sup> Sat., 8 a.m., members get in one hour early, 6200 Hermann Park Dr., www.houstonzoo.org Next Opportunities Jan. 3 enjoy, animals, Houston

PALM CENTER FARMERS MARKET 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sat., 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., buy locally grown produce, 9314 Cullen Blvd., https://www.facebook.com/PalmCenterMarket/ Next Opportunity **Dec. 27** care, enjoy, garden, farmers, Houston

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

WESTBURY COMMUNITY GARDEN WORK DAY usually 4<sup>th</sup> Sat., time varies, volunteers tend the garden, 12581 Dunlap, http://westburycommunitygarden.org/ OR https://give.urbanharvest.org/volunteer\_calendar Next Opportunities Dec. 27 care, garden, Houston

<u>WESTBURY COMMUNITY GARDEN BOARD MEETING</u> 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

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 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues., 7 - 10 a.m.,** volunteers count birds in the park, 16250 Diana Ln., Clear Lake, https://www.explorationgreen.org/calendar Next Opportunity **Jan. 13** care, enjoy, bird, park, Houston

MASTER NATURALIST Monthly Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> Thurs., 6:30 – 9 p.m., guest speaker at each meeting, Houston Arboretum & Nature Center, 4501 Woodway Dr., https://txmn.org/gulfcoast/events/ Next opportunity Jan. 1, Topic: TBD learn, lecture, meeting, Houston

Hermann Park <u>BIRD SURVEY</u> usually 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon., 7:30 – 10:30 a.m. Call Jim or Harlan at 713-932-1639, www.houstonaudubon.org Next Opportunity Jan. 12 care, bird, Houston

Houston Galveston Area Council <u>PEDESTRIAN & BICYCLE Subcommittee Meeting</u> 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. 27 & Jan. 3 care, farmers, Houston

<u>FOOD POLICY WORKGROUP Monthly Meeting</u> 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Jan. 14 learn, meeting, Houston

HOUSTON URBAN GARDENERS Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon., 6 - 7:30 pm, Westbury Community Garden, 12581 Dunlap, http://www.houstonurbangardeners.org/ Next opportunity Jan. 12 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/explore/events/ Next Opportunity TBD learn, enjoy, park, Houston

BIRD COUNT 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues., 7 a.m., volunteers count birds at the Environmental Institute of Houston, UH-Clear Lake, 2700 Bay Area Blvd., https://www.uhcl.edu/environmental-institute Next Opportunity Jan. 20 care, bird, Houston

Houston Botanic Garden <u>STORY TIME & GARDEN STROLL</u> 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Jan. 16 enjoy, kids, garden, Houston

MOBILE MARKET 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 TBD care, enjoy, farmers, Houston

**ZUMBA CLASS 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

**Exploration Green <u>YOUTH BIRDING CLUB</u>** 4<sup>th</sup> Sat., 4:30 p.m., youth 7 – 13 birdwatch in the park, 16250 Diana Ln., Clear Lake, https://www.explorationgreen.org/calendar Next Opportunity **Dec. 27** care, enjoy, bird, kids, park, Houston

Houston Hemerocallis Society\_MONTHLY MEETING 4<sup>th</sup> 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

**Levy Park JAPAN JUNCTION** 1<sup>st</sup> **Wed., 8 a.m. & 4 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. 3,** Story: The Bamboo Princess, Craft: Magical Bamboo enjoy, kids, park, Houston

MOBILE MARKET 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs., 5 – 7 p.m., the Famers' Market comes to you, Mason Park, 541 S 75th St., https://www.urbanharvest.org/mobile-market/ Next Opportunity **TBD** care, enjoy, farmers, Houston

Midtown Park ZUMBA Tues., 6:30 p.m., Zumba class in the park, 2811 Travis St., https://midtownhouston.com/explore/events/ Next Opportunities Dec 23 & Dec. 30 enjoy, park, Houston

MOBILE MARKET 1<sup>st</sup> 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 TBD care, enjoy, farmers, Houston

BRAYS BAYOU ASSOCIATION MEETING 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Jan. 19 learn, meeting, water, Houston

Nature Discovery Center <u>BELLAIRE GARDEN CLUB Meeting</u> 1<sup>st</sup> 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> 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues., 7 - 9 p.m., Samba class in the park, 2811 Travis St., https://midtownhouston.com/explore/events/ Next Opportunity TBD enjoy, class, park, Houston Lorraine Cherry Nature Preserve <u>BIRD SURVEYS</u> Tues., 8 a.m. (Sep. – May) & 1<sup>st</sup> Thurs., 5:30 p.m. (Sep. – Nov. & Feb. – May), volunteers survey birds in the preserve, 2400 W. 11<sup>th</sup> St., www.houstonaudubon.org Next Opportunities Dec 23 & Dec. 30 & Jan. 1 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

Willow Waterhole Reserve PRAIRIE DEMO GARDEN WORK DAY Thurs., 8:30 – 10:30 a.m., volunteers maintain the garden which includes weeding, deadheading, separating grasses which have gotten large, collecting seeds, sowing seeds and planting new native finds,

https://txmn.org/gulfcoast/volunteer-opportunities/ Next Opportunities **Dec 25 & Jan. 1** care, enjoy, garden, Houston

Houston Arboretum & Nature Center <u>NATURE HIKE</u> Sat., 10 & 11 a.m., family-friendly guided nature hike, some hikes in Spanish, 4501 Woodway Dr., www.houstonarboretum.org Next Opportunities **Dec. 27 & Jan. 3** enjoy, walk, kids, Houston

<u>HEIGHTS EPICUREAN MARKET</u> 1<sup>st</sup> Sat., 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., crafts, produce, & more, Grace United Methodist Church, 1245 Heights Blvd., http://heightsepicurean.com/ Next Opportunity Jan. 3 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. 29**, Topic: Eco-Warriors & **Jan. 5**, **Jan. 12 & Jan. 26**, Topic: Microworlds learn, enjoy, kids, Houston

<u>ELECTRONICS RECYCLING</u> **2**<sup>nd</sup> **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 **Jan. 10** care, recycle, Houston

Children's Museum of Houston MEMBER FIRST SATURDAY 1st Sat., 8:30 a.m., members have the museum, to themselves for 30 min., 1500 Binz St., https://www.cmhouston.org/events Next Opportunity Jan. 3 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 26 & Jan. 2 care, recycle, Houston

DANZ JAMZ IN THE PARK Sat., 8 a.m., enjoy cardio energy dance class in Evelyn's Park, 4400 Bellaire Blvd., suitable for kids, prizes awarded, https://evelynspark.org/events Next Opportunities Dec. 27 & Jan. 3 enjoy, park, 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

<u>SOUTHSIDE RIDERS</u> Thurs., 7:45 p.m., join group cycling outing, 15 – 20 miles, from Crenshaw Park, Pasadena, https://www.facebook.com/groups/296799454416175/ Next Opportunities **Dec 25 & Jan. 1** enjoy, cycle, park, outside

BENEFIT BINGO Weds., 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 Next Opportunities Dec 24 & Dec. 31 care, enjoy, kids, park, Houston

**Bagby Park** MOVIE NIGHT 3<sup>rd</sup> Fri., 6 – 10 p.m., enjoy music, and games before showtime at 7:00p.m. - first 100 attendees receive complimentary Poplife Popping Co. popcorn or Twirl cotton candy, plus food truck for food/drinks for purchase, in the park, 415 Gray St., https://midtownhouston.com/explore/events/ Next Opportunity **TBD** enjoy, media, park, Houston

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM GARDENING 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fri., 7 – 11 a.m., volunteers clean up the weeds, thin areas, & plant, 1500 Binz St., https://txmn.org/gulfcoast/volunteer-opportunities/ Next Opportunity TBD care, garden, Houston

Houston Arboretum & Nature Center <u>YOGA ON THE LAWN</u> 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Sun., 9 a.m., class on lawn, Vinyasa flow accessible to all levels, 4501 Woodway Dr, https://houstonarboretum.org Next Opportunity **TBD** 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. 27 & Jan. 3** care, enjoy, learn, garden, farmers, Houston

SOUND BATH IN THE PARK 1<sup>st</sup> Weds., 9 a.m., enjoy yoga class in Evelyn's Park, 4400 Bellaire Blvd., https://evelynspark.org/events Next Opportunity Jan. 7 enjoy, park, Houston

Houston Arboretum & Nature Center GIRL SCOUTING CLASSES monthly, times varies, girl scouts learn about nature, in person & outdoors, 4501 Woodway Dr, www.houstonarboretum.org Next Opportunities TBD learn, enjoy, class, kids, Houston

Willow Waterhole Reserve BIRD COUNT 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat., 8 – 11 a.m., volunteers count birds, www.houstonaudubon.org, Next opportunity Jan. 17 care, bird, Houston

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

**Houston Arboretum & Nature Center GARDENING & LANDSCAPE VOLUNTEERS usually Mon. - Weds., 8 – 11 a.m.,** volunteers assist staff with gardening & landscaping at the arboretum, 4501 Woodway Dr, https://txmn.org/gulfcoast/volunteer-opportunities/ 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 **TBD** enjoy, class, park, Houston

GULF OF AMERICA WEDNESDAY WEBINAR usually last Weds., 1 p.m., webinar from Gulf of America Alliance about resources & projects around the Gulf of Mexico, https://gulfofamericaalliance.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 Bad Astronaut Brewing Co, 1519 Fulton St., https://www.facebook.com/groups/htxbike/ Next Opportunities **Dec 23 & Dec. 30** enjoy, cycle, park, Houston

Hermann Park WHISTLESTOP PRAIRIE WORK DAY 2<sup>nd</sup> 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/volunteer-opportunities/ Next Opportunity Jan. 9 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 Opportunity **Dec. 29** enjoy, learn, walk, kids, Houston

**Exploration Green NATIVE PLANT GARDEN WORKDAY** every other Mon., 3:30 p.m., volunteers work on native gardens in the park, location may vary, https://www.explorationgreen.org/calendar-of-events Next Opportunity **TBD** care, enjoy, garden, park, Houston

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

<u>SMITH ST. FARMERS' MARKET</u> 1<sup>st</sup> 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 **TBD** care, farmers, 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 25 & Jan. 1** 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 25 & Jan. 1** enjoy, cycle, park, Houston

NATIVE PRAIRIES ASSOCIATION of TEXAS Meeting usually 4<sup>th</sup> 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 **TBD**, (hybrid) Topic: TBD 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 **TBD** enjoy, kids, Houston

**Don Greene Park** WORK DAY 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 **Jan. 17** care, garden, park, Houston

HOUSTON CANOE CLUB MEETING usually 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Jan. 14 (hybrid) learn, meeting, media, boat, Houston

<u>BLACKWOOD OPEN FARM DAYS</u> Weds., 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., tours of the Skyfarm, Hands-on learning stations for all ages, Meet our team and learn about our regenerative methods, Seasonal updates on what's growing and why, Insight into rooftop farming and sustainable food systems in Houston, Opportunities to volunteer, get involved, and support the farm, Post HTX, 401 Franklin St., https://blackwoodland.org/ Next Opportunity **TBD** enjoy, learn, farmers, Houston

SUNNYSIDE FARMERS MARKET 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Jan. 1 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 24 & Dec. 31** enjoy, media, animals, Houston

Houston Arboretum & Nature Center <u>BIRD WALK</u> 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat., 8 - 10 a.m., (except summer), enjoy relaxed guided walk to look for/observe birds, 4501 Woodway Dr, www.houstonarboretum.org Next Opportunity Jan. 10 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. 27 & Jan. 3** care, farmers, Houston

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

Mercer Botanic Gardens <u>RECORRIDO POR EL JARDIN</u> Jan. 21, 9 a.m., Únase al personal de Mercer en un recorrido a pie de aproximadamente una milla por los jardines para ver los cambios estacionales y aprender consejos de jardinería de los profesionales, 22306 Aldine Westfield Rd, Humble, https://www.facebook.com/MercerBotanicGardens/events/?ref=page\_internal enjoy, learn, walk, garden, outside

TAKE CARE OF TEXAS VIDEO CONTEST ongoing, students in grades 6-12 create a 30-second, PSA-style video that shows positive ways to take care of our environment, https://takecareoftexas.org/education/take-care-texas-video-contest care, kids, media, water, animals, tree, garden, bird, beach, outside

<u>HIKE LAKE TEXANA</u> **Dec. 27, 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.,** join group outing to hike 9 miles along equestrian trail in Texana Park by Lake Texana, Edna, https://www.meetup.com/hatsandmore/events/calendar/enjoy, walk, water, park, outside

Lake Livingston State Park HOW TO PITCH A TENT Dec. 27, 1 p.m., learn the basics of pitching a tent while camping, Livingston, https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/lake-livingston/park\_events learn, class, camp, park, outside

**Moody Gardens** FOOD DRIVE AT HOLIDAY IN THE GARDEN Dec 25 & Jan. 1, 4 – 10 p.m., bring a non-perishable food donation & receive buy one get one free admission to holiday lights &

decorations, cruises on paddlewheeler, train rides, & more, Galveston, https://www.moodygardens.com/events enjoy, kids, garden, 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>HIKE LONE STAR TRAIL</u> **Jan. 3, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**, join group outing to hike 10 miles on Lone Star Trail, Coldspring, meet at trailhead #9, https://www.meetup.com/hatsandmore/events/calendar/enjoy, walk, outside

<u>CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT</u> **Dec. 23, 7 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**, join group to canoe/kayak while counting birds in Gaylor Lake, meet at Dickey's BBQ, Cleveland, https://thcc.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page\_id=2&club\_id=496051 care, enjoy, boat, bird, outside

Coastal Prairie Conservancy <u>HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE</u> Dec. 30, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., enjoy nature hikes to view birds & other wildliffe, dipnetting for mosquito fish & other aquatic creatures, and make foraged floral winter arrangements, Indiangrass Preserve, Waller, https://www.coastalprairieconservancy.org/event-calendar enjoy, kids, walk, fish, bird, garden, outside

**Lake Livingston State Park** <u>ALL ABOUT SNAKES</u> **Dec. 27, 3 p.m.,** learn about snakes of East Texas, Livingston, https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/lake-livingston/park\_events learn, class, animals, park, outside

<u>CAMP/PADDLE SAN MARCOS RIVER</u> <u>Dec. 31 – Jan. 2</u>, join paddle/camping outing on San Marcos River, San Marcos River Retreat,

https://thcc.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page\_id=2&club\_id=496051 enjoy, camp, boat, outside

TRINITY RIVER CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT Dec. 23, 7 a.m. – 5 p.m., join group to canoe/kayak while counting birds along Old River, meet at SH 105 and the Trinity for the shuttle up to the launch, https://thcc.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page\_id=2&club\_id=496051 care, enjoy, boat, bird, outside

**Moody Gardens** <u>BREAKFAST WITH SANTA</u> ongoing thru Dec. 23, 8:30 & 10 a.m., kids enjoy breakfast with Santa & photos, Galveston, https://www.moodygardens.com/attractions/events-calendar/enjoy, kids, photo, outside

**Lake Houston Wilderness Park SNAKES Jan. 3, 1:30 p.m.**, come find out why snakes might not be as scary as you may think, and which snakes can be found in East Texas at this LIVE demonstration program, New Caney, https://www.houstontx.gov/parks/lakehoustonpark.html learn, lecture, animals, park, outside

Mercer Botanic Gardens TAI CHI Dec. 27 & Jan. 3, 9 a.m., enjoy beginner Tai Chi class in the garden, 22306 Aldine Westfield Rd, Humble,

https://www.facebook.com/MercerBotanicGardens/events/?ref=page\_internal enjoy, class, garden, outside

Jesse Jones Park CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT Jan. 3, 5:30 – 7:30 & 8 – 10 a.m., volunteers count birds in annual national count, two shifts available, 20634 Kenswick Dr, Humble, https://www.pct3.com/JJP care, enjoy, bird, park, outside

GINGERBREAD HOUSE MAKING Dec. 22, 10 – 11:30 a.m., make & decorate a gingerbread house to take home, Rob Fleming Park Recreational Center, The Woodlands, http://www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov enjoy, kids, park, outside

Gulf Coast Bird Observatory NURSERY WORK DAYS Dec 29 & Jan. 5 and Dec 24 & Dec. 31, 9 a.m. – noon and Dec 25 & Jan. 1, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m., volunteers work in native plant nursery in Lake Jackson, https://txmn.org/gulfcoast/volunteer-opportunities/ care, enjoy, garden, outside

Mercer Botanic Gardens <u>GARDEN CRUISIN': TOUR DE 4</u> Jan. 2, 9 & 10:15 a.m. & Dec. 30, 1 p.m., leisurely one-hour cart tours of the garden, 22306 Aldine Westfield Rd, Humble, https://www.facebook.com/MercerBotanicGardens/events/?ref=page\_internal enjoy, garden, outside

Lake Livingston State Park <u>ALL ABOUT NATURE</u> Dec. 28, 1 p.m., learn how to safely explore nature in a variety of hands-on activities, Livingston, https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/lake-livingston/park\_events learn, enjoy, animals, walk, park, outside

HIKE BRAZOS BEND STATE PARK Dec. 23, 8:30 a.m., join group outing to hike 9+ miles in Brazos end State Park, Needville, https://www.meetup.com/HoustonUrban-Trekkers/events/ enjoy, walk, park, outside

East End Park CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT Jan. 3, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m., volunteers count birds in annual national count, two shifts available, Kingwood, https://www.pct3.com/JJP care, enjoy, bird, park, outside

<u>COOKIES FOR SANTA</u> Dec. 22, 1 – 2:30 p.m., decorate some cookies just for Santa, Rob Fleming Park Recreational Center, The Woodlands, http://www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov enjoy, kids, park, outside

**Lake Livingston State Park** <u>ALLIGATOR TALK</u> **Dec. 28, 3 p.m.,** see the baby American Alligators in the Nature Center & learn about what they eat, how big they can grow, where can you find them, and more, Livingston, https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/lake-livingston/park\_events learn, enjoy, animals, park, outside

Mercer Botanic Gardens <u>CHRISTMAS GARDEN SCAVENGER HUNT</u> ongoing, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (daily thru Dec. 24), explore the gardens in search of holiday plants, treats, reindeer and more, all ages, Spring, https://www.facebook.com/MercerBotanicGardens/events/?ref=page\_internal enjoy, learn, walk, kids, garden, outside

OLD RIVER PADDLE & BIRD COUNT Jan. 2, 7 a.m. – 5 p.m., join group to canoe/kayak while counting birds along Old River, specific location TBD, http://www.houstoncanoeclub.org/ care, enjoy, boat, bird, outside

Galveston Island State Park PRAIRIE ON FIRE: A HIKE OF NEW GROWTH Dec. 28, Jan. 11 & Jan 25, 10 a.m., hike through the park's prairie lands, just after a prescribed burn has revitalized the area, witness the transformation of the landscape and its wildlife as it recovers and flourishes from the controlled burn, Galveston, http://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/galveston-island/park\_events enjoy, learn, animals, garden, walk, 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, https://www.tceq.texas.gov/drinkingwater/lead-testing-school-and-child-care-drinking-water/voluntary-lead-testing-program learn, care, pollution, kids, outside

ECO-ART CAMP Dec. 22 & Dec. 23, Dec. 29 & Dec. 30, Jan. 5 & Jan. 6, and Jan. 7 & Jan. 8, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., (12/22-23): kids 5 – 10 transform themselves into a Van Gogh–style gingerbread cookie ornament and learn expressive painting techniques, (12/29-30): learn about the unique microscopic world just beneath our noses, (1/5-6): learn fun whale facts while creating a show stopping large-scale paper mâché whale, (1/7-8): 2 day- board-game creation workshop that uses marine debris to create a playable work of art—all while learning about saving our planet, Coastal Heritage Preserve, Galveston, https://www.artistboat.org/eco-art-camp/ enjoy, learn, kids, garden, animals, bird, pollution, fish, outside

Coastal Prairie Conservancy CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT Jan. 1, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., volunteers count birds in annual national survey, https://www.coastalprairieconservancy.org/event-calendar care, enjoy, bird, outside

**Galveston Island State Park** FIRST DAY HIKES Jan. 1, 6:45 & 9 a.m., (6:45 a.m.): guided sunrise hike on the beach,(9 a.m.): guided bird walk starting, Galveston, http://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/galveston-island/park\_events enjoy, walk, beach, water, bird, park, outside

<u>INVASIVE REMOVAL</u> **Jan. 3, 9 – 11:30 a.m.**, volunteers remove invasive plants to help native wildlife thrive, Arrowwood Preserve, Tomball, https://www.bayoulandconservancy.org/calendar care, garden, park, outside

**Galveston Island State Park** <u>NIGHT HIKE</u> **Jan. 17, 6:30 p.m.,** join a ranger on a walk through the darkness & learn how nocturnal animals are adapted to survive in the dark, Galveston, http://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/galveston-island/park\_events enjoy, learn, animals, walk, park, outside

<u>BACKYARD COMPOSTING</u> Jan. 3, 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

Jesse Jones Park <u>UNPLUGGED FAMILY FOOTSTEPS</u> Jan. 1, 11:45 a.m., 1-mile guided walk on paved trail in the park, kids welcome, but must be accompanied by an adult, 20634 Kenswick Dr, Humble, https://www.pct3.com/JJP enjoy, walk, kids, park, outside

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT Dec. 23, 7 a.m., volunteers count birds in Trinity River National Wildlife Refuge, Tarkington Prairie, and Gaylor Lake during annual national count, meet at the Shell Fuel Max Gas station at the intersection of Hwy 105 and FM 2518,

https://houstonaudubon.org/programs/birding/christmas-bird-counts/upper-texas-coast.html care, enjoy, bird, walk, water, park, 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>FISHING FRIDAY</u> Jan. 2, 9 a.m. – noon (Fri. thru Jan. 30), enjoy a relaxing time fishing in the back of the center, bring your own gear, all ages, Richard & Meg Weekley Community Center, Cypress, https://cp4.harriscountytx.gov/Events enjoy, kids, fish, park, outside

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT Jan. 5, volunteers count birds in Galveston's west end, https://houstonaudubon.org/programs/birding/christmas-bird-counts/upper-texas-coast.html care, enjoy, bird, walk, outside

Eddie V. Gray Wetlands Center PARENTS DAY OUT Dec. 22 & Dec. 23, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., kids ages 4 – 12 enjoy day camp with animal encounters, crafts & games, 1724 Market St, Baytown, 281-420-7128, https://secure.rec1.com/TX/baytown-tx/catalog/index/49ed08ed4b4f064d29ef7361451683fa?filter=c2VhcmNoPQ== enjoy, learn, animals, kids, outside

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT Jan. 3, volunteers count birds in various locations in Brazoria-Columbia including Bar-X Ranch, Columbia Lakes, Hudson Woods USFW tract, Eagle Nest Lake USFW tract, Brazoria Reservoir, Harris Reservoir, Nash Prairie, Brazos Woods Preserve, amongst others, all inside Brazoria County, dinner afterward at Lake Jackson at Gulf Coast Bird Observatory, https://houstonaudubon.org/programs/birding/christmas-bird-counts/upper-texas-coast.html care, enjoy, bird, walk, outside

<u>HOMETOWN CHRISTMAS LIGHTS</u> ongoing thru Dec. 26, 6 – 9 p.m., enjoy lights/decoration in Independence Park, Pearland, https://www.parks.pearlandtx.gov/special-events/hometown-christmas-festival enjoy, kids, park, outside

Edgewater Park CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT Jan. 3, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m., volunteers count birds in annual national count, Humble, https://www.pct3.com/JJP care, enjoy, bird, park, outside

**Huntsville State Park** FIRST DAY HIKE Jan. 1, 7 a.m., enjoy 7-mile trail hike on most popular trail in the park, Huntsville, https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/huntsville/park\_events enjoy, walk, park, outside

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT Jan. 3, 7 – 11 a.m., volunteers count birds in annual national count, Huntsville, https://txmn.org/heartwood/events/ care, enjoy, bird, park, outside

FIRST DAY PADDLE OUTING Jan. 1, 9 a.m. – noon, group paddle outing on San Bernard River, bring your own boat or borrow one,

https://txbrazoriactyweb.myvscloud.com/webtrac/web/search.html?display=Calendar&module=Event &\_csrf\_token= enjoy, boat, outside

Brazos Bend State Park <u>THE OLD TREE'S BEARD: GARLANDS OF THE SWAMP</u> Dec. 28, 2 p.m., learn about those weird, gray vines hanging from our trees: Spanish moss, 21901 FM 762 Rd, Needville, (fee to enter), https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/brazos-bend/park\_events learn, kids, tree, garden, park, 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

WHOOT'S OUT? Jan. 3, 5:30 – 7 p.m., learn about owls and other nocturnal birds at the outdoor classroom, then take a short hike into the woods to see if we can spot some of the nighttime

residents, Arrowwood Preserve, Tomball, https://www.bayoulandconservancy.org/calendar learn, enjoy, walk, bird, park, outside

Mary Jo Peckham Park MINIATURE GOLF ongoing thru Dec. 24, Mon. – Fri., 7 a.m. – 6 p.m., Sat., 10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. & Sun. 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., miniature golf course is open to the public, clubs and balls are available in the front lobby, kids under 12 must be accompanied by an adult, Katy, https://cp4.harriscountytx.gov/Events enjoy, kids, park, outside

Jesse Jones Park MOSSY MEMORIES Jan. 10, 10 - 11:30 a.m., about local flora and fauna, explore our trails with a refreshing guided hike, and actively engage with exciting hands-on crafts & activities, 20634 Kenswick Dr, Humble, https://www.pct3.com/Explore/Jesse-H-Jones-Park-Nature-Center learn, enjoy, animals, garden, walk, kids, park, outside

Brazos Bend State Park <u>FIRST DAY HIKE</u> Jan. 1, 8 a.m. - noon, self-guided 1.7 mile hike with educational stations throughout the hike, 21901 FM 762 Rd, Needville, (fee to enter), http://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/brazos-bend/park\_events enjoy, learn, walk, park, 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** HOLIDAY IN THE GARDEN & ICE LAND ongoing, enjoy holiday lights in the gardens and an exhibit of carved ice sculptures, Galveston, https://www.moodygardens.com/holiday-season enjoy, kids, skate, fish, bird, animals, garden, outside

**Moody Gardens <u>GULF IN DEPTH</u> ongoing,** exhibit sheds light on the depths of the Gulf and the restoration of mesophotic and deep benthic coral communities that live there, volunteer needed to serve as Kemp Ridley mascot, e-mail development.coordinator@artistboat.org if you'd like to volunteer, Galveston, https://www.artistboat.org/ learn, care, enjoy, water, animals, outside

**Houston Museum of Natural Science** <u>BLOCK PARTY</u> **ongoing,** 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

Galveston Island State Park <u>BOXING DAY BEACH CLEAN-UP & COCOA</u> Dec. 26, 2 p.m., family-friendly stewardship event to remove litter from beach, after we tidy the tide line, enjoy a cup of warm cocoa at the pavilion Galveston, https://txmn.org/gulfcoast/events/ care, enjoy, kids, beach, pollution, park, outside

Galveston Island State Park <u>BOXING DAY BIRD WALK</u> Dec. 26, 9 a.m., guided bird walk, Galveston, https://txmn.org/gulfcoast/events/ enjoy, walk, bird, park, outside

Galveston Island State Park <u>WINTER BIRDING</u> Dec. 27, Jan. 10 & Jan. 24, 9 a.m., learn basics of birding, identify resident species, and catch sight of some uncommon birds, led by ranger, Galveston, http://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/galveston-island/park events enjoy, learn, walk, bird, park, outside

<u>SNOW MUCH FUN</u> <u>Dec. 30, 10 a.m.</u>, enjoy snow-themed activities like making snowman bath bombs and designing a sled, all ages, Hockley Community Center, Hockley, https://cp4.harriscountytx.gov/Events enjoy, kids, outside

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT Jan. 3, volunteers count birds in various locations around Baytown, https://houstonaudubon.org/programs/birding/christmas-bird-counts/upper-texas-coast.html care, enjoy, bird, walk, outside

<u>HOMETOWN CHRISTMAS LIGHTS</u> ongoing thru Dec. 31, 6 – 9 p.m., enjoy lights/decoration in Independence Park, Pearland, https://www.parks.pearlandtx.gov/special-events/hometown-christmas-festival enjoy, kids, park, outside

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT Jan. 2, volunteers count birds on Lake Charlotte in Chambers County, the Wallisville Lake Project, northern portions of Trinity Bay, southern parts of Liberty Co., Hankamer and portions of Anahuac and portions of Mont Belvieu,

https://houstonaudubon.org/programs/birding/christmas-bird-counts/upper-texas-coast.html care, enjoy, bird, walk, 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

Jesse Jones Park <u>CONSERVATION CONNECTIONS</u> Dec 24 & Dec. 31, 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/Explore/Jesse-H-Jones-Park-Nature-Center care, enjoy, park, outside

Kleb Woods Nature Center <u>LITTLE EXPLORERS NATURE TALES</u> Jan. 2, 10 a.m., nature-themed program for kids 3 - 6, stories/activities, 20303 Draper Rd, Tomball, https://cp4.harriscountytx.gov/Events enjoy, learn, kids, park, 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

**Jesse Jones Park** FIRST DAY HIKE Jan. 1, 10 a.m., 3-mile guided hike in the park, kids welcome, but must be accompanied by an adult, 20634 Kenswick Dr, Humble, https://www.pct3.com/JJP enjoy, walk, kids, park, outside

<u>CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT</u> Jan. 3, 7 a.m. – 6 p.m., volunteers count birds across three counties where Big Thicket meets Coastal Prairie, https://houstonaudubon.org/programs/birding/christmas-bird-counts/upper-texas-coast.html care, enjoy, bird, walk, outside

Galveston Island State Park <u>HOLIDAY GEOCACHE QUEST</u> Dec. 24, 10 a.m., festive high tech treasure hunt, Galveston, http://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/galveston-island/park\_events enjoy, walk, park, outside

**Kleb Woods Nature Center <u>HOMESTEAD HOUR</u> Jan. 3, 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

**Galveston Island State Park** <u>HOLIDAY HERITAGE TRAIL HIKE</u> **ongoing**, take a hike on our self-guided Holiday Heritage Trail, stop by Headquarters or the Nature Center for a self-guided information page, Galveston, http://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/galveston-island/park\_events enjoy, walk, park, outside

Lake Houston Wilderness Park <u>CREATURES OF THE NIGHT</u> Dec. 27, 1:30 p.m., learn which animals come out at night & what special adaptations they have to help them survive in the dark, in the park, New Caney, https://www.houstontx.gov/parks/lakehoustonpark.html learn, lecture, animals, 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

**Kleb Woods Nature Center BOOK CLUB Dec. 23, 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

Town Square <u>HOLIDAY HANG-OUT</u> ongoing, 4 – 9 p.m. Mon. – Thurs. & 2 – 9 p.m. Fri. – Sun., full-size skating rink, miniature golf, and a free lounge area featuring yard games, a glow zone, and a toddler zone, Baytown, https://baytown.org/1002/Calendar-of-Events enjoy, kids, skate, park, outside

<u>CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS</u> ongoing, Crosby 4H is looking for adult volunteers to lead projects, https://www.facebook.com/HarrisCounty4H/ care, kids, animals, outside

Armand Bayou Nature Center <u>ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS</u> Dec. 22 & Jan. 1, 1, 1:30, 2 & 2:30 p.m., enjoy meeting animal ambassadors & learn what they eat, how they have adapted to live in our area, and how they came to call ABNC their home, 9:30: reptiles, 10:30: mammals, 8500 Bay Area Blvd, Pasadena, www.abnc.org enjoy, learn, animals, outside

**INVERTEFEST Dec. 25 – Dec. 31,** volunteers search for & log invertebrates (such as insects, arachnids, slugs and snails, microscopic life like tardigrades or rotifers, marine life like clams, crabs, jellyfish and pond like life water boatmen, daphnia and water striders, and many others) in community science project, various locations, https://txmn.org/coastal/tmncpc-event-calendar/ care, animals, outside

HOLIDAY STEM ACTIVITIES Dec. 29, 10 a.m., build holiday-themed STEM projects like Santa ziplines and snowball catapults, Hockley Community Center, Hockley, https://hcp4.net/events/enjoy, learn, kids, outside

<u>SCHOOL PLASTIC BOTTLE RECYCLING PROGRAM</u> ongoing, Pearland ISD, Alvin ISD and charter schools get plastic bottle recycling bin, Pearland, https://www.facebook.com/keeppearlandbeautiful care, kids, recycle, 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

<u>GARDEN VOLUNTEERING</u> Dec 24 & Dec. 31, Dec. 26 and Dec. 29, 8 – 10 a.m., volunteers assist in helping maintain the garden, Helping Hands Community Garden, Magnolia, https://give.urbanharvest.org/volunteer\_calendar care, enjoy, garden, 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

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

ENVIRONMENTAL SCHOLARSHIP open for applications, Pearland ISD, Alvin ISD, Fort Bend ISD, Houston ISD, Pasadena ISD & Clear Creek ISD seniors and homeschooled students form Pearland, Manvel or Brookside Village planning to pursue environmentally-minded studies can apply for this scholarship, https://www.facebook.com/keeppearlandbeautiful care, learn, kids, 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

Armand Bayou Nature Center <u>WINTER ECO-CAMP</u> Dec. 22 – Dec. 24 & Dec. 29 – Dec. 31, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., kids camp for ages 4 – 11 with active outdoors experiences including live animal encounters, outdoor games, educational hikes, hands-on science & crafts, divided into age groups for class each day: (12/22 & 12/31): Geology Rocks, (12/23 & 12/29): Amazing Adaptations, (12/24 & 12/30): Campout Celebration, 8500 Bay Area Blvd, Pasadena, www.abnc.org enjoy, learn, walk, fish, bird, water, garden, animals, kids, outside

PLASTIC FILM RECYCLING ongoing thru Dec. 31, drop off plastic film for recycling at the Stella Roberts Recycling Center, Pearland, https://www.facebook.com/keeppearlandbeautiful care, recycle, outside

<u>4H SHOTGUN TEAM SHOOT</u> registration open, shooting competition for 4H participants on Jan. 17, 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. check-in, 8:30 – 9 a.m. safety orientation, One in One Hundred Gun Club, Lumberton, https://agrilife.org/harris4h/ enjoy, kids, outside

**Armand Bayou Nature Center <u>FIRST DAY HIKES</u> Jan. 1, 10 a.m. & noon,** enjoy 1.5 hour guided hike to view winter wildlife & plant life, ages 6+ 8500 Bay Area Blvd, Pasadena, www.abnc.org enjoy, walk, bird, animals, kids, outside

Brazos Bend State Park <u>ALLIGATORS: FROM EGG TO APEX</u> Dec. 27, 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

**Moody Gardens** WINTER DAY CAMPS Dec. 22, Dec. 23, Dec. 29 – Jan. 2 & Jan. 5 – Jan. 9, 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., kids in K – 8 enjoy hands-on activities, games, crafts, science experiments, and live animal presentations to learn about nature, science, and wildlife, Galveston, https://www.facebook.com/moodygardens/events enjoy, learn, animals, fish, garden, kids, outside

Armand Bayou Nature Center <u>BAYOU SAFARI</u> Dec. 23, Dec. 29, Dec. 30, Jan. 1 & Jan. 4, 1 p.m., Dec. 24, 11 a.m. and Dec. 29 - Dec. 31, 10 a.m. enjoy guided outing via electric vehicle with stops at the bison, farm area, prairie, animal exhibits & the bayou, followed by observing wildlife from

the elevated boardwalk, 8500 Bay Area Blvd, Pasadena, www.abnc.org enjoy, animals, bird, garden, water, outside

**George Bush Community Center** <u>1<sup>ST</sup> SHOT ARCHERY</u> **Jan. 5, 9, 10:15 & 11:30 a.m.,** courses for beginners taught by certified instructors, all equipment provided, ages 7+, Spring, https://www.pct3.com/ learn, enjoy, kids, park, outside

Lake Livingston State Park FIRST DAY HIKES Jan. 1, 10 a.m., 1 p.m. & 3 p.m., guided one-hour hikes, (10 a.m.): meet at the Pineywoods Boardwalk Trailhead, (1 p.m.): meet at the Park Headquarters, then hike Oak Flat Trail (3 p.m.): meet at the Park Store and hike part of the Trinity Trace Trail, Livingston, https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/lake-livingston/park\_events enjoy, walk, park, outside

Brazos Bend State Park <u>ALL ABOUT US</u> Dec. 27/Dec. 28 & Jan. 3/Jan. 4, 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

<u>WINTER IN THE WOODLANDS PHOTO EXHIBIT</u> ongoing thru Feb. 5, exhibit of photos that showcase the enchanting winter landscapes and magical nature of The Woodlands, The Woodlands Arts Council, The Woodlands, https://hellowoodlands.com/calendar/ enjoy, photo, garden, animals, outside

## **ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES OUTSIDE HOUSTON**

MASTER GARDENER LUNCH & LEARN 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Jan. 14 learn, meeting, garden, outside

SAN JACINTO BATTLE GROUND WORKDAY Thurs., 8:30 – 11:30 a.m., volunteer prairie restoration that includes potting and planting grasses and forbs San Jacinto Battleground, La Porte, https://txmn.org/gbmn/gbac-events-calendar/ Next Opportunities Dec 25 & Jan. 1 care, enjoy, garden, 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 Jan. 1, Topic: TBD learn, meeting, garden, outside a

TEXAS CITY PRAIRIE PRESERVE WORK DAY 2<sup>nd</sup> Fri., 8:30 – 11:30 a.m., volunteers remove invasive species, harvest native seeds, plant marsh grasses & tend butterfly garden, https://txmn.org/gulfcoast/volunteer-opportunities/ OR https://houstonprairie.org/dpp-calendar/ Next Opportunity Jan. 9 care, enjoy, garden, outside

COASTAL HERITAGE PRESERVE WORK DAY some Thurs., 6 - 8 p.m. & Sat., 8 & 11 a.m. (two shifts on Sat.), volunteers restore native prairie ecosystem at Coastal Heritage Preserve, Galveston, https://www.artistboat.org/ OR https://txmn.org/coastal/tmncpc-event-calendar/ Next Opportunities Dec. 27 & Jan. 3 care, enjoy, garden, outside

Fort Bend Master Gardeners <u>YOUTH ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE MEETING</u> 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs., 9 - 11 a.m., youth activities committee meeting, open to members-only, Extension Conference Room, Rosenberg, https://fbmg.org/events/ Next Opportunity Jan. 15 learn, meeting, media, kids, garden, outside

<u>BIKE RIDES</u> days/times vary, join group ride of varying distances/speed at locations outside Houston, see this calendar: https://criticalmasshouston.com/weekly-bike-rides/enjoy, cycle, outside

MARSH MONDAYS Mon., 8:30 – 11 a.m., volunteers rescue and propagate native marsh plants at Armand Bayou Nature Center, Pasadena, https://txmn.org/gbmn/gbac-events-calendar/ Next Opportunities Dec 29 & Jan. 5 care, enjoy, garden, outside

**Kleb Woods Nature Center <u>BLUEGRASS CONCERT</u> 4**<sup>th</sup> **Sat. 12 – 4 p.m.,** enjoy bluegrass music in nature, 20303 Draper Rd, Tomball, https://cp4.harriscountytx.gov/Events Next Opportunity **Dec. 27** enjoy, outside

Gulf Coast Bird Observatory NURSERY/GARDEN WORK DAY Weds./Thurs., 8:30 - 11 a.m., volunteers work in wetland nursery or native plant garden in Lake Jackson, https://txmn.org/gulfcoast/volunteer-opportunities/ Next Opportunities Dec 24 & Dec. 31 and Dec 25 & Jan. 1, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. (Note time change) care, enjoy, garden, outside

<u>BAYTOWN FARMERS' MARKET</u> 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat., 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. (6 – 10 p.m. in Jul./Aug.), farm fresh produce & crafts, plus music, Baytown Town Square, <a href="https://www.baytown.org/954/The-Market-at-Town-Square Next Opportunity Jan. 17">https://www.baytown.org/954/The-Market-at-Town-Square Next Opportunity Jan. 17</a> care, farmers, outside

<u>ADULT LEADERS PARENTS ASSOCIATION MEETING</u> usually 1<sup>st</sup> 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. 27 & Jan. 3 care, farmers, outside

**EPA AIR, CLIMATE, ENERGY WEBINAR SERIES 3**<sup>rd</sup> **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> one Sat./month, 9 a.m. – noon, volunteers assist in restoration work at Indiangrass Preserve, Waller, https://www.coastalprairieconservancy.org/event-calendar Next Opportunity Jan. 10 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

SEABROOK BIRD SURVEY 1<sup>st</sup> Sat., 9 a.m., join group for bird survey in Pine Gully Park, Seabrook, www.houstonaudubon.org Next Opportunity Jan. 3 care, enjoy, walk, bird, park, outside

COASTAL PRAIRIE MASTER NATURALIST Meeting usually 1<sup>st</sup> Thurs., 6:45 – 8 p.m., social/snacks followed by expert presentation & then chapter business, Rosenberg Civic Center, Rosenberg, https://txmn.org/coastal/tmncpc-event-calendar/ Next Opportunity Jan. 1, Topic: TBD learn, media, meeting, animals, garden, outside

<u>HUNTSVILLE FARMERS' MARKET</u> **Sat., 8 a.m. – noon,** farm fresh produce & prepared foods, Huntsville, https://www.facebook.com/huntsvillefarmersmarket Next Opportunities **Dec. 27 & Jan. 3** care, farmers, 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. 27 & Jan. 3** care, farmers, outside

Jesse Jones Park <u>WILDLIFE WONDERINGS</u> some Weds., 10 a.m., program for young kids to learn about animals, 20634 Kenswick Dr, Humble, https://www.pct3.com/Explore/Jesse-H-Jones-Park-Nature-Center Next Opportunity Jan. 7, Topic: Flying Squirrels care, garden, park, outside

Jesse Jones Park <u>INVASIVES BEWARE</u> usually 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat., 9 a.m. - noon, document & remove invasive plants & animals, 20634 Kenswick Dr, Humble, https://www.pct3.com/Explore/Jesse-H-Jones-Park-Nature-Center OR https://txmn.org/heartwood/events/ OR https://txmn.org/gulfcoast/volunteer-opportunities/ Next Opportunity **TBD** care, garden, animals, park, outside

Jesse Jones Park <u>FIRST FRIDAY FRIENDS</u> 1<sup>st</sup> Fri., 1 p.m., seniors 55+ meet for educational program, walk & fun environmental activities, 20634 Kenswick Dr, Humble, https://www.pct3.com/Explore/Jesse-H-Jones-Park-Nature-Center Next Opportunities **TBD** enjoy, learn, walk, park, outside

<u>GALVESTON BAY PRAIRIE RESTORATION</u> Thurs. & Sat., 8:30 – 11:30 a.m., volunteers restore native prairie in the EcoCenter sponsored by Reliant, near Beach City & Baytown, https://txmn.org/gulfcoast/volunteer-opportunities/ OR https://www.volunteer.galvbay.org/ Next Opportunity Dec. 27 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/Explore/Jesse-H-Jones-Park-Nature-CenterNext Opportunity Jan. 8 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. 27 & Jan. 3 care, farmers, outside

Fort Bend Master Gardeners <u>BOARD MEETING</u> usually 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues., 9 a.m. - noon, board of directors meeting, open to members-only, Extension Conference Room, Rosenberg, https://fbmg.org/events/ Next Opportunity Jan. 13 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 24 & Dec. 31** 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 25 & Jan. 1** enjoy, walk, bird, park, outside

<u>BIRD SURVEY</u> **4**<sup>th</sup> **Sat., 7 – 10 a.m.,** volunteers count birds at U.H. Coastal Center, La Marque, https://txmn.org/gbmn/gbac-events-calendar/ Next Opportunity **Dec. 27** care, enjoy, walk, bird, outside

Fort Bend Master Gardeners <u>MEMBER MEETING</u> usually 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

<u>ECOCENTER NURSERY WORKDAY</u> Thurs./Sat., 8 – 11 a.m., volunteers work in EcoCenter native plant nursery, Mont Belvieu, https://www.volunteer.galvbay.org/?view=calendar Next Opportunities Dec 25 & Jan. 1 and Dec. 27 & Jan. 3 care, garden, outside

**Jesse Jones Park** <u>BIRDING</u> 1<sup>st</sup> **Sat., 8 a.m.,** guided birding hike in the park, 20634 Kenswick Dr, Humble, https://www.pct3.com/Explore/Jesse-H-Jones-Park-Nature-Center OR https://houstonaudubon.org/ Next Opportunity **Jan. 3** enjoy, bird, walk, park, outside

<u>VOLUNTEER AT SAN JACINTO BATTLEGROUND</u> Thurs., 8:30 – 11:30 a.m., volunteers restore native prairie at San Jacinto Battleground, La Porte, https://txmn.org/gbmn/gbac-events-calendar/ Next Opportunities Dec 25 & Jan. 1 care, enjoy, garden, outside

<u>BUCKET BRIGADE INTERPRETIVE BEACH TOURS</u> 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> 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun., 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., fresh produce, prepared foods, & more, Jersey Village, https://www.jerseyvillagetx.com/page/parks.farmersmarket Next Opportunity Jan. 4 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 25 & Jan. 1** 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 Jan. 3 care, learn, pollution, beach, outside

Jesse Jones Park FROG CLUB some Thurs., 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/Explore/Jesse-H-Jones-Park-Nature-Center Next Opportunity Jan. 8 care, garden, park, outside

<u>SIERRA CLUB Monthly Meeting</u> 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs., 7 – 10 p.m., virtual meeting, http://www.meetup.com/Houston-Sierra-Club-Outings/events/ Next Opportunity TBD, (moved online) Topic: TBD care, learn, media, outside

NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY Monthly Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs., 6:45 – 9:30 p.m., Houston Arboretum & Nature Center, 4501 Woodway Dr, https://www.npsot.org/calendar/ Next opportunity Jan. 15 (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 Jan. 3, 8 – 11 a.m. care, enjoy, garden, park, outside

<u>WOODLANDS WATERSHED PROJECT MEETING</u> 1<sup>st</sup> 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 23 & Dec. 30 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

<u>WG JONES PROPAGATION STATION</u> 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> 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Jan. 13 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. 26 – Dec. 29 & Jan. 1 – Jan. 5 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 **Jan. 17** care, farmers, outside

<u>BIRD WALK</u> 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat., 9 – 10:30 a.m., volunteers serve as hike leaders & sweepers provide guided hikes at Lake Creek Preserve, Magnolia, https://txmn.org/heartwood/events/ Next Opportunity Dec. 20 care, enjoy, walk, outside

LAKE CREEK PRESERVE GUIDED HIKE 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat., 9 – 10:30 a.m., enjoy guided hikes on trails at Lake Creek Preserve, Magnolia, https://www.bayoulandconservancy.org/calendar Next Opportunity Jan. 17 enjoy, walk, outside

COASTAL NATIVES NURSERY VOLUNTEER WORK DAY 2<sup>nd</sup> Fri., 9 a.m. - noon, volunteers propagate native coastal plants, training provided, High Island, www.houstonaudubon.org OR https://txmn.org/gulfcoast/events/ OR https://texanbynature.org/events/ Next Opportunity Jan. 9 care, garden, outside

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

NURSERY WORK DAYS 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 Opportunity TBD care, garden, outside

<u>CITIZEN'S CLIMATE LOBBY MEETING</u> **2**<sup>nd</sup> **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 **Jan. 10 (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/gbac-events-calendar/ Next Opportunity **TBD** care, garden, park, outside

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

<u>VOLUNTEER IN THE PARK</u> Fri., 8:30 - 11 a.m., volunteers plant, mulch, weed the native gardens and prairie being created at Bayside Regional Park, Bacliff, https://txmn.org/gbmn/gbac-events-calendar/Next Opportunities **Dec 26 & Jan. 2** care, garden, park, 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. 27 & Jan. 3 enjoy, star. outside

DEER PARK PRAIRIE PRESERVE WORK DAY 2<sup>nd</sup> Weds. & 4<sup>th</sup> Sat., 9 a.m. - noon, join Houston chapter of Native Prairies Assoc. of TX in work at preserve, 1222 E. Purdue Ln, Deer Park, HNPAT@TexasPrairie.org https://texasprairie.org/events/ & https://texasprairie.org/hnpat/ & https://txmn.org/gulfcoast/volunteer-opportunities/ & https://txmn.org/coastal/tmncpc-event-calendar/ Next Opportunity Dec. 27 care, enjoy, garden, outside

GARDENERS BY THE BAY MEETING 1st Weds., 9 a.m., different gardening topic at each meeting, Webster Presbyterian Church, Webster, https://gbtb.org/ Next Opportunity Jan. 7, Topic: TBD learn, meeting, garden, outside

SAN JACINTO BATTLEGROUND WORK DAY Thurs., 8:30 – 11:30 a.m., volunteers pot and plant grasses and forbs, La Porte, https://txmn.org/gbmn/gbac-events-calendar/ Next Opportunities Dec 25 & Jan. 1 care, garden, park, outside

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/Explore/Jesse-H-Jones-Park-Nature-Center Next opportunities **Dec 24 & Dec. 31** 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/gbac-events-calendar/ Next Opportunity Jan. 1 (hybrid), Topic: TBD learn, media, animals, garden, lecture, outside

**Dennis Johnston Park POLLINATOR GARDEN MAINTENANCE** 1<sup>st</sup> **Thurs., 8 – 9:30 a.m.**, volunteers weed, plant & mulch in the garden, Spring, https://txmn.org/heartwood/events/ OR https://www.pct3.com/Explore/Parks Next Opportunity **Jan. 1** care, enjoy, animals, park, outside

GNARANTS GROUP RIDE some Mon., 6 – 8 p.m., enjoy group mountain bike ride, http://ghorba.org/events/ Next Opportunities Dec 29 & Jan. 5 enjoy, cycle, outside

**DEER PARK BIRD SURVEY** 4<sup>th</sup> 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/environmentally/events/ Next Opportunities **TBD** enjoy, boat, kids, outside

<u>LAKE HOUSTON WILDERNESS SHOP VOLUNTEERS</u> Sat., 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., volunteers needed to work on the park's shop, New Caney, https://txmn.org/heartwood/events/ Next Opportunities TBD care, park, outside

NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY Monthly Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon., 6:45 p.m., University of Houston –Clear Lake, 2700 Bay Area Blvd., https://www.npsot.org/calendar/ Next opportunity Jan. 12 (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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sat., 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., master naturalists offer fun outreach/craft activities at the Butterfly Garden at the Houston Museum of Natural Science, Sugar Land, https://txmn.org/coastal/tmncpc-event-calendar/ Next Opportunity Dec. 27 enjoy, learn, care, garden, animals, outside

GARDEN WORKDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs., 8:30 - 11 a.m., master naturalists volunteer in gardens at the Houston Museum of Natural Science, Sugar Land, https://txmn.org/coastal/tmncpc-event-calendar/Next Opportunity Jan. 15 enjoy, learn, care, garden, animals, outside

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office GREEN THUMB LECTURE (Jan – Oct.): 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon., 10 p.m., & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs., 6:30 p.m., general meeting, speaker at each meeting, Burgess Recreation Center, Deer Park https://txmg.org/galveston/events/ Next Opportunity Jan. 15, 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 TBD 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. 27 & Jan. 3 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 25 & Jan. 1 care, farmers, outside

**Jesse Jones Park** <u>SECOND SUNDAY PICKERS</u> **2**<sup>nd</sup> **Sun., 2 – 4 p.m.,** concert in the park, 20634 Kenswick Dr, Humble, https://www.pct3.com/Explore/Jesse-H-Jones-Park-Nature-Center Next opportunity **Jan. 11** enjoy, park, outside

POLLINATOR GARDEN WORKDAY Sat., 8:30 a.m. - noon, master naturalists volunteer in gardens at the Willow Fork Park, Katy, https://txmn.org/coastal/tmncpc-event-calendar/ Next Opportunities Dec. 27 & Jan. 3 enjoy, learn, care, garden, animals, outside

<u>EPA TOOLS & RESOURCES WEBINAR SERIES</u> 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Jan. 21, Topic: Lead (Pb) Overview and Data Mapping learn, media, meeting, pollution, outside

TEXAS CITY DIKE BIRD SURVEY 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs., 9 a.m., volunteers survey birds along Texas City Dike, meet at First Lady Pavilion, Texas City, www.houstonaudubon.org Next Opportunity Jan. 15 care, enjoy, bird, outside

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

SHADOW CREEK RANCH BIRD SURVEY 4<sup>th</sup> Sat., 7 a.m., join group for bird survey in Shadow Creek Ranch Nature Trail, Pearland, www.houstonaudubon.org Next Opportunity Dec. 27 care, enjoy, walk, bird, park, outside

GULF OF AMERICA WEDNESDAY WEBINAR usually last Weds., 1 p.m., webinar from Gulf of America Alliance about resources & projects around the Gulf of Mexico, https://gulfofamericaalliance.org/announcements/events/ Next Opportunity TBD, Topic: TBD learn, lecture, media, animals, outside

LAKE HOUSTON WILDERNESS BIRD CENSUS 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun., 7 - 9 a.m., volunteers count/identify birds in the park & report via eBird, New Caney, https://txmn.org/heartwood/events/ Next Opportunity Jan. 18 care, enjoy, bird, walk, park, outside

<u>ARTISAN MARKET</u> 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Jan. 3 enjoy, garden, animals, park, outside

<u>LAKE HOUSTON ARCHERY VOLUNTEERS</u> Sat., 3 p.m., volunteers needed to assist with archery in the park, New Caney, https://txmn.org/heartwood/events/ Next Opportunities Dec. 27 & Jan. 3 care, kids, park, outside

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

Attwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge <u>ATTWATER PRAIRIE CHICKEN VAN TOURS</u> 1<sup>st</sup> Sat., 8 – 10 a.m., Eagle Lake, Call (979) 234-3021, ext. 221 or 223 Next opportunity Jan. 3 enjoy, bird, outside

HUNTSVILLE AUDUBON SOCIETY MEETING 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

LAKE CREEK GARDEN WORKDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> Fri., 8 - 11 a.m., volunteers work in Pollinator and demonstration native plant gardens, Lake Creek Preserve, Magnolia, https://txmn.org/heartwood/events/ Next Opportunity Jan. 16 care, enjoy, garden, outside

**Houston Museum of Natural Science** <u>MEMBER EVENT</u> **2**<sup>nd</sup> **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 **Jan. 10,** Topic: TBD enjoy, kids, outside

**EPA WATER RESEARCH WEBINAR SERIES 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Jan. 7 enjoy, walk, bird, park, outside

WOODLANDS GARDEN CLUB MEETING 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Jan. 13, Topic: TBD learn, care, garden, meeting, outside

Kleb Woods Nature Center <u>BIRD WALK</u> Weds., 7:30 – 10:30 a.m. & 1<sup>st</sup> Sat., 8 – 10 a.m., 20303 Draper Rd, Tomball, https://cp4.harriscountytx.gov/Events Next opportunities **Dec 24 & Dec. 31 & Jan. 3** enjoy, outside, bird, walk

<u>BIRD COUNT</u> 1<sup>st</sup> Tues., 7 - 10 a.m., volunteers count birds in Sweetwater Nature Preserve, Galveston, https://txmn.org/gulfcoast/volunteer-opportunities/ Next Opportunity Jan. 6 care, bird, park, outside

<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/programs-events/learning-activities/homeschool-curriculum/ Next Opportunities Jan. 13 – Jan. 15 learn, class, kids, outside

**Seabourne Creek Nature Park** INSECT HIKE 4<sup>th</sup> 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 EPIC SERVICE CLUB 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 24 & Dec. 31 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 23 & Dec. 30 care, enjoy, outside

HERITAGE GARDENERS MONTHLY MEETING 1<sup>st</sup> 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 OR https://txmg.org/galveston/events/ Next Opportunity **Jan. 1,** Topic: TBD learn, media, meeting, garden, outside

BIRD COUNT 4<sup>th</sup> Tues., 7 - 9 a.m., volunteers count birds Nassau Bay Wildlife Peninsula at David Braun Park in Nassau Bay, https://txmn.org/gbmn/events/ OR https://houstonaudubon.org/ Next Opportunity Dec. 23 care, bird, park, 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/ Next Opportunities **Dec. 27/Dec. 28 & Jan. 3/Jan. 4, 10 a.m.,** Location: Coastal Heritage Preserve enjoy, boat, kids, outside

ARCHERY PRACTICE 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> 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs., 8 a.m. – 9 a.m., (Jan. – May & Aug. – Dec.), 6213 Bayway Dr, call (281) 424-9198, www.houstonaudubon.org Next opportunity **TBD** care, bird, outside

Galveston Bay Area Master Naturalists Green Team MONTHLY MEETING 3<sup>rd</sup> 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/gbac-events-calendar/ Next Opportunity TBD learn, care, meeting, outside

Coastal Prairie Conservancy <u>STEWARDSHIP DAY</u> 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat., 9 – 11 a.m., volunteers manage invasive plants, plant native plants & restore prairie habitat, Indiangrass Preserve, Waller, https://www.coastalprairieconservancy.org/event-calendar Next Opportunity Jan. 10 care, enjoy, garden, 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**<sup>th</sup> **Sat., 7 a.m.,** bird survey by volunteers, contact Debbie at rufous1@comcast.net to participate, www.houstonaudubon.org OR https://txmn.org/gbmn/gbacevents-calendar/ Next opportunity **Dec. 27** 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

Attwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge VOLUNTEER WORK DAY Fri., 8 a.m. - noon, volunteers perform needed tasks in the refuge, Eagle Lake, https://txmn.org/gulfcoast/events/ OR https://txmn.org/coastal/tmncpc-event-calendar/Next Opportunity Jan. 2 care, enjoy, bird, outside

**ENTOMOLOGY GROUP MEETING usually 4**th **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. & 1<sup>st</sup> 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 29 & Jan. 5 & Jan. 3 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> 2<sup>nd</sup> Weds., 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., volunteers create scrapbook of Galveston Bay Area Master Naturalists' activities, League City, https://txmn.org/gbmn/gbac-events-calendar/ Next Opportunity **TBD** enjoy, outside

Baytown Nature Center <u>NURTURE NATURE SERIES</u> usually 1<sup>st</sup> Sat., 10 a.m. - noon, special programs celebrating the wonder of nature, 6213 Bayway Dr, 281-424-9198tx/catalog/index/49ed08ed4b4f064d29ef7361451683fa?filter=c2VhcmNoPQ== Next opportunity **TBD**, Topic: TBD learn, kids, outside

BIRD SURVEY 4<sup>th</sup> Sat., 7 a.m., volunteers survey birds along the Shadow Creek Ranch Nature Trail in Pearland, www.houstonaudubon.org Next Opportunity Dec. 27 care, enjoy, bird, park, 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== OR https://baytown.org/1002/Calendar-of-Events OR https://baytown.org/1002/Calendar-of-Events Next opportunity **Jan. 3, 5:30 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. 27 & Jan. 3 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 Opportunity **TBD** 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 23 & Dec. 30 and Dec 25 & Jan. 1** care, enjoy, learn, garden, outside

<u>TUESDAY BIKE CLUBIKE CLUB</u> Tues., 4:30 – 6 p.m., join group 10-mile ride, starts from Senate Avenue Brewing, Jersey Village, https://www.facebook.com/groups/htxbikescene/ Next Opportunities Dec 23 & Dec. 30 enjoy, cycle, outside

KAYAKING CLASSES 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/environmentally/events/ Next Opportunity **TBD** learn, enjoy, media, class, boat, cycle, kids, outside

**Moody Gardens** BIRD SURVEY 1<sup>st</sup> Fri., 7 a.m., volunteers count birds in the garden, https://houstonaudubon.org/ OR https://www.galvestonnaturetourism.org/winter-nature-program/ Next Opportunity Jan. 2 care, enjoy, bird, outside

Eddie V. Gray Wetlands Center <u>GATOR TALES</u> 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 Opportunity **Dec. 31**, Topic: Nocturnal New Year 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. 27 & Jan. 3** 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> 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat., 12:30 – 3:30 p.m., fresh produce/local vendors, Cypress, https://ynfma.org/CALENDAR/ Next Opportunity Jan. 17 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/Explore/Jesse-H-Jones-Park-Nature-Center enjoy, cycle, garden, kids, outside

BIRD SURVEY 4<sup>th</sup> Tues., 7 - 9 a.m., volunteers survey birds in the David Braun Park at Lake Nassau, www.houstonaudubon.org Next Opportunity Dec. 23 care, enjoy, bird, garden, outside

HOUSTON RENEWABLE ENERGY GROUP MEETING usually 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues., 7 p.m., monthly meeting of group promoting renewable energy in Houston, United Way, 50 Waugh Dr. http://houstonrenewableenergy.org/ Next Opportunity Jan. 13 (moved online) learn, meeting, energy, outside

BRIDGELAND FARMERS MARKET 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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. 28 care, farmers, outside

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

HEARTWOOD MASTER NATURALIST Chapter Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Weds., 6 – 8 p.m., for members & prospective members, guest speaker at each meeting, hybrid meeting, Houston Advanced Research Center, The Woodlands, https://txmn.org/heartwood/events/ Next opportunity Jan. 14, Topic: TBD learn, meeting, media, lecture, outside

Coastal Prairie Conservancy WORK DAYS Tues., 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/tmncpc-event-calendar/month/ Next Opportunities **Dec. 23, Dec. 26 & Dec. 27 and Dec. 30, Jan. 2 & Jan. 3** 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

<u>HARPER'S HORSEPEN BRANCH MAINTENANCE</u> 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Jan. 17 care, enjoy, garden, walk, pollution, park, outside

<u>COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY RECYCLING COALITION</u> usually 2<sup>nd</sup> 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://tpwd.texas.gov/calendar/site-calendars/sea-center-texas/ Next Opportunities Dec. 23 - Dec. 26 & Dec. 27 and Dec. 30 - Jan. 2 & Jan. 3 (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 23 & Dec. 30 and Dec 26 & Jan. 2** care, enjoy, garden, outside

**Sea Center Texas** STORY TIME Sat. & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Jan. 17 care, farmers, outside

GARDEN LECTURE 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Jan. 8 (moved online) Topic: TBD learn, media, lecture, media, garden, outside

Gulf Coast Bird Observatory BIRD BANDING 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat., 8 a.m. – noon, 103 Hwy 332, Lake Jackson, www.gcbo.org Next opportunity Jan. 17 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 **TBD** enjoy, kids, garden, outside

Mercer Botanic Gardens <u>BIRD SURVEY</u> 4<sup>th</sup> 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 TBD care, enjoy, bird, garden, outside

<u>SIERRA CLUB Monthly Meeting</u> usually 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Jan. 21 (moved online) Topic: TBD care, learn, media, outside

<u>TOMBALL FARMERS' MARKET</u> Sat., 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., 205 W. Main, Tomball, http://www.tomballfarmersmarket.org/ Next Opportunities Dec. 27 & Jan. 3 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 **TBD** 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

<u>MEDITATION AT THE LABYRINTH</u> **2<sup>nd</sup> Sat., 9 a.m.,** walk labyrinth among the trees, Baytown Community Center, https://baytown.org/1002/Calendar-of-Events Next Opportunity **Jan. 10** enjoy, park, 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 **Jan. 14,** Topic: TBD learn, enjoy, garden, outside

Mercer Arboretum & Botanic Garden <u>BLOSSOM BRIGADE: 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 24 &** 

**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

Dec. 31 care, enjoy, garden, animals, outside

HIGH ISLAND WORK DAY 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat., 8:30 a.m. – noon, maintain bird sanctuary, lunch provided, 2088 5th St, High Island, www.houstonaudubon.org Next opportunity Jan. 10 care, bird, outside

Mercer Botanic Gardens <u>MUSIC IN THE GARDEN</u> some Tues., 10:30 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/Events Next opportunity Jan. 21 (Note day change) 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. 27 & Jan. 3 care, farmers, outside

**Armand Bayou Nature Center <u>GUIDED NIGHT HIKES</u> occasionally, 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 opportunity **Jan. 3, TBD (Note: supermoon on this date)** 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. 27 & Jan. 3 care, farmers, outside

<u>FRIENDSWOOD FARMERS' MARKET</u> 1<sup>st</sup> Sat., 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., fresh produce, baked goods, handicrafts & more, Stevenson Park, Friendswood, https://friendswoodmarket.com/ Next Opportunity Jan. 3 care, farmers, outside

**Armand Bayou Nature Center** ECO-SCHOOLERS 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 Opportunity **TBD**, Topic: TBD 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/gbac-events-calendar/ Next opportunities Dec 26 & Jan. 2 care, garden, outside

BRAZOSPORT DAYLILY CLUB 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun., 2:30 p.m., expert lecture at each meeting, day, Lake Jackson Civic Center, Lake Jackson, https://www.facebook.com/brazosportdaylilysociety Next opportunity Jan. 11 learn, meeting, garden, outside

BIRD SURVEY 1<sup>st</sup> Mon., 7 a.m., volunteers count & identify birds, Galveston, https://www.volunteer.galvbay.org/?view=calendar Next Opportunity Jan. 5 care, enjoy, bird, walk, 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. 27/Dec. 28 & Jan. 3/Jan. 4** enjoy, boat, outside

Blackwood Educational Land Institute <u>VOLUNTEER DAYS</u> Weds., 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 Next Opportunity **TBD** care, enjoy, farmers, garden, kids, 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 opportunity **TBD**, Topic: TBD 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. 27 & Jan. 3** 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> 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat., 8:30 – 11 a.m.,** 8500 Bay Area Blvd, Pasadena, registration required, http://www.abnc.org OR https://txmn.org/gbmn/gbacevents-calendar/ Next opportunity **Jan. 3** care, outside

**Armand Bayou Nature Center** ECO-TOTS 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 opportunity **TBD**, Topic: TBD 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. 27 & Jan. 3 care, farmers, outside

CYPRESS CREEK DAYLILY CLUB 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Opportunity **TBD**, Topic: TBD learn, class, kids, fish, animals, garden, outside

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

Brazos Bend State Park <u>BRAZOS RIVER PICKERS</u> usually 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Jan. 3 (Note date change) 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

<u>BELLVILLE FARMERS' MARKET</u> 1<sup>st</sup> Sat., 9 a.m. – noon, Chesley Park, Bellville, https://www.bellvillefarmersmarket.com/ Next Opportunity Jan. 3 care, farmers, outside

OUTDOOR NATURE CLUB Meeting usually 1<sup>st</sup> Mon., 6:30 – 8 p.m., 713-664-5206, Bayland Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet, Speaker each month, http://www.outdoornatureclub.org/ OR https://www.facebook.com/OrnithologyGroup 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 opportunities **Jan. 2 & Jan. 9** enjoy, bird, walk, park, outside

CHALLENGES & TREATMENT SOLUTIONS FOR SMALL WATER SYSTEMS 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 TBD, Topic: TBD learn, lecture, media, water, outside

HUMBLE FARMERS' MARKET 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun., local produce/vendors, Humble, https://ynfma.org/CALENDAR/ Next Opportunity Jan. 11 care, farmers, outside

TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST TUESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues., 12 - 1 p.m., webinar, covers different advanced topic each month, https://txmn.tamu.edu/tmntuesdays/ Next Opportunity Jan. 13, Topic: State of the Program learn, media, lecture, animals, fish, tree, garden, bird, outside

MILLIKAN RESERVE FARMERS' MARKET 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun., 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., 19851 FM2154, College Station, https://marketonthegreen.splashthat.com/ Next Opportunity Jan. 18 care, farmers, outside

BOLIVAR BEACH RAMBLE 1<sup>st</sup> Sat., explore Bolivar Flats Shorebird Sanctuary, www.houstonaudubon.org Next opportunity Jan. 3 enjoy, bird, walk, outside

<u>LA CENTERRA FARMERS' MARKET</u> 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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. 28** 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 **TBD**, Topic: TBD learn, class, kids, animals, outside

Armand Bayou Nature Center <u>ECO-PLAYTIME</u> one Fri./month, 11:30 a.m. (during school year), extension program after EcoTots and EcoKids, with movement, music, and play, for kids 18 months – 6, 8500 Bay Area Blvd, Pasadena, http://www.abnc.org Next opportunity **TBD**, Topic: TBD enjoy, learn, kids, fish, animals, garden, tree, walk, outside

BIRD COUNT 1st Mon., 8 a.m., volunteers count birds in Resoft Park, Alvin, https://txmn.org/gbmn/events/ Next Opportunity Jan. 5 care, bird, park, 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 **TBD**, Topic: TBD learn, class, kids, fish, animals, outside

<u>TAMARRON FARMERS' MARKET</u> 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

<u>SUGAR LAND GARDEN CLUB MEETING</u> 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues., 9:30 a.m. (Sep. – Apr., except Dec.), speaker each month, plus plant swap & refreshments, St. Basil Hall, Sugar Land, http://sugarlandgardenclub.org Next Opportunity Jan. 20, Topic: Blooms, Doom and Murder learn, meeting, garden, outside

Armand Bayou Nature Center <u>LITTLE ART EXPLORERS</u> 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues., 9:30 - 11 a.m. (during school year), short, playful lesson, then dive into creating a unique, nature-inspired craft, for kids 2 – 6, 8500 Bay Area Blvd, Pasadena, http://www.abnc.org Next opportunity **TBD**, Topic: TBD enjoy, learn, class, kids, water, bird, garden, fish, animals, 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 28 & Jan. 4 care, farmers, outside

<u>SUGAR LAND GARDEN FIELD TRIPS</u> occasionally, (Sep. – Apr.), variety of field trips for members throughout the year, http://sugarlandgardenclub.org/index.html Next Opportunity Jan. 27, Location: Fort Bend Museum learn, media, meeting, garden, outside

<u>SUGAR LAND GARDEN CLUB WORKSHOP</u> occasionally, (Sep. – May), variety of workshops throughout the year, St. Basil Hall, Sugar Land, http://sugarlandgardenclub.org/index.html Next Opportunity Feb. 3, Topic: Garden Tool Maintenance learn, media, meeting, garden, outside

<u>WOODLANDS GARDEN CLUB FLOWER ARRANGING</u> 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues., (Sep. – May), members of the Woodlands Garden Club assemble flower arrangements for delivery to hospices, The Oklahoma School and Community Center, Magnolia, https://thewoodlandsgardenclub.org/75-floral-arrangements-for-hospices-in-the-woodlands/ Next Opportunity Jan. 20 enjoy, meeting, garden, outside

<u>FAIRFIELD PLAZA FARMERS' MARKET</u> 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun., 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., local vendors/artisans, produce, eggs, cheese & more, Cypress, https://ynfma.org/CALENDAR/ Next Opportunity Jan. 18 care, farmers, outside

## GALVESTON COUNTY AUDUBON MEETING & BIRDING FIELD TRIP usually 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

## ENJOY, LEARN ABOUT, AND CARE FOR NATURE UPCOMING ONLINE ONLY OPPORTUNITIES FROM TEXAS ORGANIZATIONS

HOT ON THE TRAIL! Jan. 1, 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

**Houston Museum of Natural Science** <u>SATURDAY SCOUT CLASS</u> **Jan. 3, 1 p.m.,** virtual class for scouts – Nation Badge, 5555 Hermann Park Dr., www.hmns.org learn, enjoy, media, class, kids, online

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

**ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATORS VIRTUAL EXCHANGE MEETINGS** Dec. 26, 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

GREEN WAVE LITTER CLEAN-UP GAME ongoing, pick up litter in your community (anytime, anywhere) and share why it matters to you to raise awareness about environmental care on social media, https://texanbynature.org/events/ care, media, pollution, online

HERITAGE BOOK STUDY GROUP MEETING Jan. 5, 1 p.m., book group discusses Brave the Wild River - The Untold Story of Two Women Who Mapped the Botany of the Grand Canyon, virtual meeting, https://txmn.org/gbmn/gbac-events-calendar/ learn, media, meeting, online

WE COULD DO THIS, END THE CLIMATE CRISIS Jan. 4, 4 p.m. (Sun. thru Feb. 15), read & discuss book of the same name by Bill McKibben, online, https://www.eventbrite.com/e/we-could-do-this-end-the-climate-crisis-says-bill-mckibben-tickets-1898978689379 learn, media, meeting, energy, online

## UPCOMING ONLINE ONLY OPPORTUNITIES FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

PARKS PASS FOR 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS ongoing, 4<sup>th</sup> 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