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ENJOY, LEARN ABOUT, AND CARE FOR NATURE

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES IN HOUSTON

SOUND MEDITATION LEVY PARK Dec. 16, 7 p.m., enjoy a sound bath in the park, 3801 Eastside, <http://www.levyparkhouston.org/> [enjoy](#), [park](#), [Houston](#)

NATURE STATION Dec. 20, 2 - 4 p.m., learn about and examine the local natural resources that can be found in parks or your own backyard, from feathers to leaves to nature games & activities, the themes and content we bring will vary with the season, Steve Radack Community Center, 18650 Clay Rd., <https://cp4.harriscountytexas.gov/Events> [learn](#), [enjoy](#), [garden](#), [tree](#), [animals](#), [Houston](#)

Houston Museum of Natural Science **COOKIES WITH SANTA** Dec. 20, 9 a.m., enjoy decorating a holiday cookie, plus photo with Santa (1 – 3 p.m.), 5555 Hermann Park Dr., www.hmns.org [enjoy](#), [kids](#), [photo](#), [Houston](#)

Houston Museum of Natural Science **SUNDIAL CELEBRATION: WINTER SOLSTICE** Dec. 21, 1 p.m., join museum astronomers for a winter solstice celebration & learn about the solstice, www.hmns.org [learn](#), [star](#), [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/HoustonUrban-Trekkers/events/> [enjoy](#), [walk](#), [park](#), [Houston](#)

GARDEN WORKDAY Dec. 20, 8 – 10:30 p.m., volunteers work in Freed Park's Community Garden, performing tasks such as removal of weeds & litter, seeding, amending soil, pruning, mulching, etc., Freed Park, 6818 Shadyvilla Ln., <https://cp4.harriscountytexas.gov/Events> **care, enjoy, garden, park, Houston**

Edith L. Moore Nature Sanctuary **STORIES & CRAFTS IN THE CABIN** Dec. 15, 10:30 a.m., 1-hour program for kids ages 3-5 accompanied by an adult which includes books, songs, rhymes, movement activities, & a craft in the cabin, Theme: Animals in Winter, 440 Wilchester Blvd., www.houstonaudubon.org **enjoy, kids, animals, 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://agriflife.org/harris4h/> **learn, class, kids, photo, garden, animals, Houston**

Houston Museum of Natural Science **SNOW FLURRY** Dec. 21, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., 130,000 pounds of snow, plus sweet treats, live entertainment, a live DJ, and so much more, 5555 Hermann Park Dr., www.hmns.org **enjoy, kids, Houston**

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS Dec. 21, volunteers count birds in annual national event, various locations in central Houston, <https://houstonaudubon.org/programs/birding/christmas-bird-counts/upper-texas-coast.html> **care, enjoy, bird, park, 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](#)

Buffalo Bayou [RING IN THE PEACE](#) Dec. 15, Dec. 16, Dec. 18, Dec. 19, Dec. 22 & Dec. 29, 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 from 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. 22 & Dec. 29, 9 a.m., enjoy yoga class in Evelyn's Park, 4400 Bellaire Blvd., <https://evelynspark.org/events> [enjoy](#), [park](#), [Houston](#)

[BEAVERS](#) Dec. 16, 5 – 6:30 p.m., learn all about the life of a beaver & their important role in our ecosystem, plus hands-on craft where participants recreate a beaver dam, all ages, Freed Community Center, 6818 Shadyvilla Ln., <https://cp4.harriscountytexas.gov/Events> [learn](#), [enjoy](#), [kids](#), [animal](#), [park](#), [Houston](#)

[HIKE MEMORIAL PARK](#) Dec. 18, 9 a.m., join group outing for a 6-mi hike on trails in Memorial Park, meet at Tennis Center, 1500 W. Memorial Loop Dr., <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 ICE SKATE NIGHTS 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**

ORION THE HUNTER & THE WINTER SKY Dec. 18, 1 – 2:30 p.m., discover the wonders of the constellation Orion & learn how to use Orion and his famous belt to find your way around the winter sky, Tracy Gee Community Center, 3599 Westcenter Dr., <https://cp4.harriscountytexas.gov/Events> **learn, class, star, Houston**

Children’s Museum of Houston THE NUTCRACKER Dec. 21, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Intempo Dance Ensemble brings a preview of The Nutcracker to the Museum, 1500 Binz St., <https://www.cmhouston.org/events> **enjoy, kids, Houston**

GARDEN VOLUNTEERING Dec. 19 & Dec. 26, 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**

WOODEN WINTER GNOME PAINTING Dec. 15, 11:45 a.m. – 1 p.m., paint a winter- inspired wooden gnome, Steve Radack Community Center, 18650 Clay Rd., <https://cp4.harriscountytexas.gov/Events> **enjoy, kids, tree, Houston**

WOODCARVING ongoing thru **Dec. 18, 3 - 6 p.m.**, learn wood-carving techniques and share your own; carve caricatures, animals, and birds with relief carving, woodburning, and chip carving, Burnett Bayland Community Center, 6000 Chimney Rock Rd., <https://cp4.harriscountytexas.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.harriscountytexas.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**

ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS **Dec. 18, 4:30 - 6 p.m.**, meet Ambassador Animals and learn about their unique characteristics and behaviors, all ages, Tracy Gee Community Center, 3599 Westcenter Dr., <https://cp4.harriscountytexas.gov/Events> **enjoy, learn, animals, kids, Houston**

COMPOSTING **Dec. 17, 6 p.m.**, learn to transform kitchen scraps and yard waste into compost, a nutrient-rich material that enhances soil, Burnett Bayland Community Center, 6026 Chimney Rock Rd., <https://cp4.harriscountytexas.gov/Events> **learn, class, garden, 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**

HOUSTON PLANT SWAP 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 Dec. 17 & Dec. 24, 6 p.m. and Dec. 20/Dec. 21 & Dec. 27/Dec. 28, 10 a.m., meditation class with sound & light, The Cistern, 105b Sabine St., www.buffalobayou.org **enjoy, park, Houston**

Sheldon Lake State Park LEAVES LIKE YOU WOULDN'T BE-LEAF 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**

Discovery Green KIDS SKATE FREE NIGHT Dec. 18, 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**

LITTER CLEAN-UP Dec. 19, 10 a.m. – noon, volunteers remove litter from Blackhawk Park, 9401 Fuqua St., <https://ayw.givepulse.com/event/679760-green-wave-cleanup-at-blackhawk-park-december-19th> **care, pollution, park, Houston**

HOLIDAY LIGHTS FAMILY BIKE RIDE Dec. 19, 6 p.m., gather on the Norhill Esplanade (between Euclid and Bayland) for hot chocolate at 5:15 p.m. followed by a slow, short, and well-lit family-friendly ride, <https://www.bikehouston.org/events> **enjoy, kids, cycle, Houston**

HOLIDAY CENTERPIECE FLORAL WORKSHOP Dec. 21, noon, learn the fundamentals of floral design while artfully creating a seasonal flower arrangement to adorn your holiday table, materials

provided, Buchanan's, 611 East 11th St., <https://buchanansplants.com/events/> **learn, enjoy, class, garden, Houston**

Children's Museum of Houston **SENSORY FRIENDLY DAY** **Dec. 15, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**, kids with autism spectrum disorder & their families are invited to experience the Museum with dimmed lights, limited extra sounds, & no distracting motions in the museum, 1500 Binz St., <https://www.cmhouston.org/events> **enjoy, kids, Houston**

WINTER WONDERLAND PLAYGROUPS **Dec. 17, 1 – 3 p.m.**, watch adoptable dogs run, play, and socialize in supervised, themed play sessions, adoption fees waived on playgroup dogs, Humane Society Houston, 14700 Almeda Rd., <https://www.houstonhumane.org/events/calendar> **care, enjoy, animals, 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**

Sheldon Lake State Park **DEER SANTA** **Dec. 20, 10:30 a.m.**, learn about reindeer's native relatives and then send Santa your holiday wishes, 14140 Garrett Rd, https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/sheldon-lake/park_events **learn, enjoy, animals, park, kids, 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**

HOUSTON PLANT MARKET 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

Children’s Museum of Houston POLAR PALOOZA SNOW DAYS opens Dec. 20, 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. (ongoing thru Dec. 31), 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 BREAKFAST WITH SANTA Dec. 20 – 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

Lynn Wyatt Square [HOT COCOA](#) Dec. 19, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. & 4 – 6 p.m., enjoy cozy hot cocoa cart paired with festive holiday performances, 600 Louisiana St., <https://downtownhouston.org/calendar>
[enjoy, park, Houston](#)

Houston Botanic Garden [BUTTERFLY SHADOW BOX WORKSHOP](#) Dec. 20, 2 p.m., learn how to create unique works of art using beautiful butterflies from around the world, includes technique of spreading and drying butterflies and making their own unique shadow box with a prepared butterfly to take home, One Botanic Ln. (at 8210 Park Place Blvd.), <https://secure.hbg.org/events/> [learn, enjoy, animals, garden, Houston](#)

[PILATES IN THE PARK](#) Dec. 16 & Dec. 23, 6 p.m., enjoy Pilates class in Evelyn's Park, 4400 Bellaire Blvd., <https://evelynspark.org/events> [enjoy, park, Houston](#)

Sheldon Lake State Park [INAT CHAT](#) 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 [ZUMBINI](#) Dec. 19 & Dec. 26, 10 a.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](#)

Trebley Park BARK THE HALLS Dec. 20, 3 - 6 p.m., enjoy photos with Santa, live music, face painting, balloon art, and refreshments at Tout Suite — plus special activities for pups including a dog treat bar, and paw print ornament craft station in the park, 1515 Fannin St., <https://downtownhouston.org/calendar> **enjoy, photo, animals, park, Houston**

REVIEW & SHOW & TELL Dec. 17, 9:30 – 11 a.m., learn about & celebrate the progress students have made during classes at Highland Park and Opportunity Center, 3316 De Soto St., <http://urbanharvest.org/> **learn, meeting, garden, 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**

ADOPT A GREENSPACE ongoing, adopt a greenspace in Houston & help to keep our parks in good condition, <https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=EFqoV4sltEWIGclsdyEJTGt6P4aD03RKlr6NH5JfyntUNTZMTFIXQTdVNTYwTUNQRFFWQIQ4VUI5Ti4u&route=shorturl> **care, pollution, park, Houston**

HIKE BUFFALO BAYOU Dec. 20, 9 a.m., join group outing to hike 8+ miles along Buffalo Bayou, meet at Bumpy Pickle, 554 Lockwood Dr., <https://www.meetup.com/hatsandmore/events/calendar/> **enjoy, walk, water, park, Houston**

Houston Arboretum & Nature Center [EDUCATOR WORKSHOP HAPPY HOUR](#) Dec. 18, 5 – 7 p.m., learn ways to incorporate the environment into your lessons while enjoying adult beverages & snacks, plus hands-on outdoor experiences, activities to take home & more, 4501 Woodway Dr., <https://houstonarboretum.org/events/> [learn](#), [enjoy](#), [class](#), [kids](#), [Houston](#)

Trebley 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 [BACKYARD BASS](#) 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](#)

Houston Arboretum & Nature Center [DIY PAPER](#) Dec. 20, 10 a.m. – noon, use recycled pulp, plant seeds, dried flower petals, and other fun items to create one-of-a-kind art paper, ages 12+, 4501 Woodway Dr., <https://houstonarboretum.org> [learn](#), [enjoy](#), [kids](#), [garden](#), [Houston](#)

Sheldon Lake State Park [ART IN THE PARK](#) Dec. 21, 10:30 a.m., create park-inspired art, 14140 Garrett Rd, https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/sheldon-lake/park_events [enjoy](#), [park](#), [kids](#), [Houston](#)

Nature Discovery Center [PARK WORK DAY](#) Dec. 18, 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](#)

Discovery Green [GREEN CHRISTMAS](#) Dec. 19, 7:30 p.m., Houston's LGBTQ+ chorus offers a joyful, family-friendly evening of classic carols and festive favorites in the park, 1500 McKinney, <https://downtownhouston.org/calendar> [enjoy](#), [park](#), [Houston](#)

[NATURE STATION](#) Dec. 20, 10 a.m. - noon, learn about and examine the local natural resources that can be found in parks or your own backyard, from feathers to leaves to nature games & activities, the themes and content we bring will vary with the season, Burnett Bayland Park, 6026 Chimney Rock Rd., <https://cp4.harriscountytexas.gov/Events> [learn](#), [enjoy](#), [garden](#), [tree](#), [animals](#), [park](#), [Houston](#)

Children's Museum of Houston [SING, MOVE, PLAY](#) Dec. 17 & 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](#)

[GARDEN VOLUNTEERING](#) Dec. 19, 8 a.m. - noon, volunteers assist with garden tasks, Bush Nature Center at Barbara Bush Elementary School, 13800 Westerloch Dr., https://give.urbanharvest.org/volunteer_calendar [care](#), [enjoy](#), [garden](#), [kids](#), [Houston](#)

Trebley Park [SANTA'S WORKSHOP](#) Dec. 17, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., enjoy hands-on workshops each week — from Paint & Sip and wreath making to gingerbread houses, DIY ornaments, and stockings with holiday raffle prizes in the park, 1515 Fannin St., <https://downtownhouston.org/calendar> [enjoy](#), [park](#), [Houston](#)

COMMUNITY GARDEN Dec. 22 & Dec. 29, 9 a.m., participate in the planning, weeding, watering, and other weekly garden tasks, garden features raised beds and is wheelchair accessible so people of all levels of physical ability can participate, take local, fresh, and organic harvest home, Thomas A. Glazier Senior Education Center, 16600 Pine Forest Ln., <https://cp4.harriscountytexas.gov/Events> care, enjoy, garden, Houston

ART IN THE PARK Dec. 16 & Dec. 23 and Dec. 18 & Dec. 25, 10 a.m. – noon, kid-friendly art classes in Evelyn's Park, 4400 Bellaire Blvd., <https://evelynspark.org/events> enjoy, kids, park, Houston

GARDEN VOLUNTEERING daily, 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 TERRACOTA WARRIORS ongoing, exhibit of terracotta warriors from China, 5555 Hermann Park Dr., www.hmns.org enjoy, Houston

NATURE STATION Dec. 20, 10 a.m. - noon, learn about and examine the local natural resources that can be found in parks or your own backyard, from feathers to leaves to nature games and activities, all ages, Tracy Gee Community Center, 3599 Westcenter Dr., <https://cp4.harriscountytexas.gov/Events> learn, enjoy, garden, animals, bird, kids, Houston

Houston Museum of Natural Science TRAINS OVER TEXAS 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. 20 & 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

WINTER TREE CARE Dec. 16, 6:30 p.m., learn Dormancy behavior, Winter pruning practices, Watering needs, Winter planting & Tree protection/Assessing post-freeze damage, Trees For Houston, 1911 W. 34th St., <https://www.treesforhouston.org/events-calendar> learn, care, class, tree, Houston

Children’s Museum of Houston NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS 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

Houston Botanic Garden DISH GARDENS Dec. 20, 10 a.m., learn how to craft your own unique dish garden, then create one to take home or gift to a friend or family member, in the garden, family-friendly, One Botanic Ln. (at 8210 Park Place Blvd.), <https://secure.hbg.org/events/> learn, enjoy, class, kids, garden, Houston

MANANA PARA MAYORES/SENIOR MORNING Dec. 17, 9 - 11 a.m., seniors enjoy coffee, bread, fruit, and good company while enjoying the view of what's growing in the field, games and activities available, Finca Tres Robles, 5715 Canal St., <https://smallplaces.org/events/> **enjoy, farmers, Houston**

GARDEN VOLUNTEERING Dec. 16 & Dec. 23 and Dec. 17 & Dec. 24, 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**

Children's Museum of Houston FROZEN OVER Dec. 20, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Meet with Elsa and Olaf during this very special fan-appreciation event, plus snow/water related activities in the museum, 1500 Binz St., <https://www.cmhouston.org/events> **enjoy, learn, water, kids, Houston**

GARDEN VOLUNTEERING Dec. 20 & Dec. 27, 8 – 10 a.m., volunteers work on tree trimming, weed-pulling, native plantings, and rehab of the two small raised beds for vegetable gardens, Foerster Elementary School, 14200 Fonmeadow Dr., https://give.urbanharvest.org/volunteer_calendar **care, enjoy, garden, kids, Houston**

BUBBLES & BOARD GAMES Dec. 18 & Dec. 25 and Dec. 22 & Dec. 29, 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

GARDEN VOLUNTEERING Dec. 16 & Dec. 23, 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 **KALEIDOSCOPE COLLOQUIUMS** 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/events> enjoy, 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. 16 & Dec. 23, 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 **DEATH BY NATURAL CAUSES** ongoing, exhibit of venomous & poisonous animals, toxic elements & minerals and more, 5555 Hermann Park Dr., www.hmns.org learn, animals, Houston

Lynn Wyatt Square [YULETIDE Y'ALL](#) **Dec. 21, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.**, enjoy festive desserts, seasonal drinks, and live Texas music, plus boot-shine station, DIY Texas-themed ornament crafts, and a kids' holiday craft zone Louisiana St., <https://downtownhouston.org/calendar> **enjoy, kids, 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**

Lynn Wyatt Square [SLEIGH BELL BEATS \(SILENT DISCO\)](#) **Dec. 20, 6 – 9 p.m.**, enjoy high-energy, holiday-themed silent disco featuring glowing light-up sticks, festive Santa hats, and a themed photo booth, 600 Louisiana St., <https://downtownhouston.org/calendar> **enjoy, 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 [LET'S PLAY: THE MUSICAL](#) **opens Dec. 22**, 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 [FABERGE: EGGS & TIMELESS TREASURES](#) ongoing, exhibit of the work of Carl Faberge & his workmasters, 5555 Hermann Park Dr., www.hmns.org enjoy, Houston

Market Square Park [BLANKET BINGO](#) Dec. 18, 6 - 9 p.m., fundraiser for Market Square Park & Buffalo Bayou, packets on sale at 6 p.m., bingo begins at 7 p.m., fun, music & great prizes, 301 Milam St., <https://downtownhouston.org/calendar> care, enjoy, park, Houston

Children's Museum of Houston [ALL ABOARD](#) 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

Houston Museum of Natural Science [KING TUT'S TOMB DISCOVERY EXPERIENCE](#) 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. 20th 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 [SANTA'S JOLLY VISIT](#) 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](#)

[BIKE BRAYS BAYOU](#) Dec. 23 & Dec. 16, 7 p.m., join group 11-14 mile bike ride on paved trails along Brays Bayou (& Keegans Bayou on 12/23), (12/23): meet at Lee LeClear Tennis Center, 9506 S. Gessner Rd., (12/16): meet at Chick Fil A, 6840 W Sam Houston Pkwy., <https://www.meetup.com/joinneo/events/> [enjoy](#), [cycle](#), [water](#), [park](#), [Houston](#)

[NATURE STATION](#) Dec. 20, 2 - 4 p.m., learn about and examine the local natural resources that can be found in parks or your own backyard, from feathers to leaves to nature games & activities, the themes and content we bring will vary with the season, Steve Radack Community Center, 18650 Clay Rd., <https://cp4.harriscountytexas.gov/Events> [learn](#), [enjoy](#), [garden](#), [tree](#), [animals](#), [Houston](#)

[WALK RICE MILITARY](#) Dec. 17, 7 p.m., join group outing to walk 6 miles in the Rice Military neighborhood, meet at Memorial Park Tennis Center, 1500 E Memorial Loop Dr., <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 [CELEBRATING KWANZAA](#) 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](#)

Exploration Green [NATIVE PLANT TEAM](#) Dec. 15, 3:30 p.m., volunteers work on native plant garden at Turtle Pond, <https://www.explorationgreen.org/calendar-of-events> [care](#), [enjoy](#), [garden](#), [park](#), [Houston](#)

Children's Museum of Houston [CANDYLAND](#) 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](#)

Exploration Green [WETLAND PLANTING](#) Dec. 20, 8 a.m. – noon, volunteers plant wetland plants in the park, 16250 Diana Ln., Clear Lake, <https://www.explorationgreen.org/calendar> [care](#), [enjoy](#), [garden](#), [park](#), [Houston](#)

Children's Museum of Houston [LET'S PLAY](#) 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](#)

Memorial Park [A CENTURY OF STORIES](#) 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](#)

Lynn Wyatt Square [ENCORE NIGHTS](#) Dec. 20, 9 – 12 p.m., enjoy festive post-show activities, including photo opportunities, décor installations, and dessert and coffee pop-ups with live music, 600 Louisiana St., <https://downtownhouston.org/calendar> [enjoy](#), [park](#), [Houston](#)

Houston Botanic Garden [CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS](https://pages.wordfly.com/houstonbotanicgarden/pages/Volunteer-Interest-Form/) 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

CHRISTMAS RIDE & PARADE Dec. 15, 6 p.m., family-friendly bike ride, decorated bikes encouraged, food & drink afterward, Terry Hershey Park, 15200 Memorial Dr., Dairy Ashford entrance, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1155952231659707/> enjoy, cycle, kids, park, Houston

Houston Museum of Natural Science [WEEKDAY LABS](http://www.hmns.org) 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 [HOLIDAY LIGHTS](https://www.facebook.com/MemorialPark/) ongoing thru Jan., enjoy holiday lights in Clay Family Eastern Glades, 6502 Memorial Dr., <https://www.facebook.com/MemorialPark/> enjoy, kids, park, Houston

Exploration Green [CONSERVATION CREW WORK DAYS](https://www.explorationgreen.org/calendar-of-events) Dec. 11 & Dec. 12, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., volunteers assist with tree planting, woody removal, invasive species removal and replanting native seeds, <https://www.explorationgreen.org/calendar-of-events> care, enjoy, garden, tree, park, Houston

Discovery Green [CHEAP SKATE NIGHT](http://www.discoverygreen.com/) Dec. 15 and 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**

Discovery Green **SKATING WITH SANTA** Dec. 20, 4 p.m. and Dec. 16, 6 p.m., join Santa on the ice in the park, 1500 McKinney, <http://www.discoverygreen.com/> **enjoy, skate, park, Houston**

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

Memorial Park **GROUNDS VOLUNTEERS** Dec. 18, 9 – 11 a.m., volunteers work on grounds near the Tennis Center, 1500 E Memorial Loop Dr., https://memorialparkconservancy.volunteerhub.com/vv2/#_ **care, enjoy, garden, park, Houston**

Children’s Museum of Houston **MERRY GRINCHMAS** Dec. 18, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., enjoy interactive games and music with the Grinch, story times with Cindy Lou Who, creative workshops and a magical holiday dance performance in the museum, 1500 Binz St., <https://www.cmhouston.org/events> **enjoy, kids, Houston**

NIGHT HIKES Dec. 17 & Dec. 24, 7 p.m., join group hike along Buffalo Bayou, meet at Water Works, 105 Sabine St., <https://www.meetup.com/join/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 WELLNESS WALK Dec. 17 & Dec. 24, 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**

Space Center Houston FAMILY OVERNIGHT Dec. 20 – Dec. 21, exciting, hands-on STEM activities, overnight campsite in Galaxy Lights exhibit, dinner and breakfast served at Space Center Houston & second-day visit to Space Center Houston, 1601 E. NASA Pkwy., <https://spacecenter.org/events/> **enjoy, learn, kids, star, 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.harriscountytexas.gov/Events> **enjoy, kids, Houston**

Houston Botanic Garden RADIANT NATURE 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**

Memorial Park NATIVE HABITAT VOLUNTEERS Dec. 16 & Dec. 18, 8 - 11 a.m., volunteers work in native habitat, 7570 North Picnic Ln., https://memorialparkconservancy.volunteerhub.com/vv2/#_care, **enjoy, garden, park, Houston**

Houston Botanic Garden HABITAT 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 Dec. 17, 5 - 10 p.m., enjoy wine & skating in the park, 1500 McKinney, <http://www.discoverygreen.com/> **enjoy, skate, park, Houston**

Memorial Park PICNIC LOOP VOLUNTEERS Dec. 18, 9 a.m. - noon, volunteers work in picnic loop area on arboriculture, 7575 South Picnic Ln., https://memorialparkconservancy.volunteerhub.com/vv2/#_ **care, enjoy, garden, tree, park, Houston**

3D KEYCHAIN HOLIDAY WORKSHOP Dec. 18, 5 p.m., create festive 3D-printed keychains in designs like snowmen, mittens, or cocoa mugs, Freed Community Center, 6818 Shadyvilla Ln., <https://cp4.harriscountytexas.gov/Events> **enjoy, kids, Houston**

ART IN THE PARK ongoing thru Dec. 20, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m., experience Art in the Park, an exhibition in the park, Freed Art & Nature Park, 2406 Houston Ave., <https://cp4.harriscountytexas.gov/Events> **enjoy, 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 [SKATING WITH THE STARS](#) Dec. 16 & Dec. 23 and Dec. 21 & Dec. 28, 7 p.m., figure skating performance in the park, 1500 McKinney, <http://www.discoverygreen.com/> [enjoy, skate, park, Houston](#)

Children's Museum of Houston [MERRY GRINCHMAS](#) Dec. 18, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., enjoy interactive games and music with the Grinch, story times with Cindy Lou Who, creative workshops and a magical holiday dance performance in the museum, 1500 Binz St., <https://www.cmhouston.org/events> [enjoy, kids, Houston](#)

[CAMP PAWSOME](#) 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](#)

Discovery Green [MONDAY NIGHT FUTBOL](#) Dec. 15, 6 - 8 p.m., documentary about 1986 Mexico World Cup, in the park, 1500 McKinney, <http://www.discoverygreen.com/> [enjoy, media, park, Houston](#)

Children's Museum of Houston [MUSIC FOR LITTLE ONES](#) Dec. 18, 10 & 11 a.m., fun musical activities that support your (10 a.m.): baby's (11 a.m.): child's natural musical development and learn how to encourage it in the museum, 1500 Binz St., <https://www.cmhouston.org/events> [enjoy, kids, 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 **Dec. 20** [care](#), [farmers](#), [Houston](#)

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

Mandell Park **COMPOST WORKDAYS** Sat., 10 a.m. – noon, care for compost pile in the park, Mandell & Richmond Ave., <https://www.facebook.com/MandellPark> Next Opportunities **Dec. 20 & Dec. 27** [care](#), [enjoy](#), [garden](#), [recycle](#), [park](#), [Houston](#)

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

MONTROSE FARMERS' MARKET Sun., 8 a.m. – 1 p.m., fresh produce, locally-produced foods, 600 Hyde Park Blvd., Next Opportunities **Dec. 21 & Dec. 28** [care](#), [farmers](#), [Houston](#)

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

CO-HOUSING HOUSTON MEETING 1st Weds., 6 p.m., group promoting co-housing in Houston, open to those interested in or curious about co-housing, 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, 1st Congregational Church, 10840 Beinhorn Rd., <http://www.mvfarmersmarket.org/> Next Opportunities **Dec. 20 & Dec. 27** [care](#), [farmers](#), [kids](#), [Houston](#)

Bagby Park BINGO 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 **Dec. 18 & Dec. 25** [enjoy](#), [park](#), [Houston](#)

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

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

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

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

[MILBY PARK CLEAN-UP](#) 4th Fri., 9 – 11 a.m., volunteers clean up litter & plant trees in the riparian restoration area, 2001 Central St., <https://txmn.org/gulfcoast/volunteer-opportunities/>, <https://www.gcbo.org/> OR <https://www.splashtx.org/calendar> Next Opportunity **TBD** [care, pollution, garden, tree, park, Houston](#)

Market Square Park [SWEAT & STRETCH](#) 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](#) 2nd 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

DRUM JAM AT LEVY PARK 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. 20 & Dec. 27** care, farmers, Houston

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

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

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

FARMERS' MARKET 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. 20 & Dec. 27** care, farmers, kids, Houston

HOUSTON RENEWABLE ENERGY GROUP MEETING usually 2nd Tues., 7 p.m., monthly meeting of group promoting renewable energy in Houston, open to the public, United Way, 50 Waugh Dr., <http://houstonrenewableenergy.org/> Next Opportunity **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 3rd Thurs., 8:30 – 11 a.m., volunteers propagate & care for trees, including potting seedlings, weeding pots & planting seeds, benefit Houston parks, Clinton Park Tree Farm, 158 Mississippi St., <https://txmn.org/gulfcoast/volunteer-opportunities/> Next Opportunity **Dec. 18** [care](#), [garden](#), [tree](#), [park](#), [Houston](#)

Nature Discovery Center NATURE STORY TIME 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 **Dec. 17** [enjoy](#), [kids](#), [Houston](#)

RIVER OAKS FARMERS' MARKET 3rd Sun., 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., 20 curated vendors, all local businesses, fresh produce, baked goods, handmade condiments & more, 4444 Westheimer Rd. <https://ynfma.org/calendar/> Next Opportunity **Dec. 21** [care](#), [farmers](#), [Houston](#)

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

Discovery Green [RECYCLING SATURDAYS](#) most Sat., 8 a.m. – 3 p.m., recycle sorted paper, plastic, glass, & aluminum at the park, 1500 McKinney, <http://www.discoverygreen.com/> Next Opportunities **Dec. 20 & Dec. 27** [care, recycle, park, Houston](#)

Levy Park [YOUNG AUDIENCES](#) certain Sat., 1 p.m., kids enjoy live art experiences in the park, duration 1 – 1.5 hours, 3801 Eastside, <http://www.levyparkhouston.org/> Next Opportunity **Dec. 20** [enjoy, kids, park, Houston](#)

[REDEMPTION SQUARE FARMERS MARKET](#) 4th 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 [BAYOU SAVANNAH WORK DAY](#) 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 [SLOW FLOW YOGA](#) 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. 17 & Dec. 24** [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. 20 & Dec. 27** 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. 19 & Dec. 26** enjoy, class, park, Houston

KICKERILLO MISCHER BIRD SURVEY 1st 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

BOLLYWOOD IN LEVY PARK Sat., 10 a.m., Bollywood-style dance class in the park, 3801 Eastside, <http://www.levyparkhouston.org/> Next Opportunities **Dec. 20 & Dec. 27** enjoy, media, park, Houston

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

VEGAN SOCIETY OF PEACE MONTHLY MEETING 2nd 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. 20 & 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](#) **2nd Sat., 9 – 11 a.m.**, volunteers pick up trash & clean flower beds in Fifth Ward Civic Club, corner of Market & Lockwood, <http://www.houstonbeautiful.org/news--events.html> Next Opportunity **TBD** **care, pollution, garden, Houston**

Space Center Houston [MEMBER MORNING](#) **2nd Sat., 8 a.m.**, members enter early, 1601 E. NASA Pkwy., <https://spacecenter.org/events/> Next Opportunity **Jan. 10** **enjoy, Houston**

[OLIVEWOOD CEMETERY CLEAN-UP](#) **1st & 3rd Sat., 9 – 11 a.m.**, volunteers remove brush & do landscaping at historic cemetery, 1300 Court St., <http://www.descendantsofolivewood.org/category/events/> Next Opportunity **Dec. 20** **care, garden, Houston**

Houston Museum of Natural Science [PLANETARIUM SHOWS](#) **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 3rd Tues., 2 p.m., EPA shares current research & activities related to air pollution, associated health/environmental risks & reducing air pollution, <https://www.epa.gov/air-research/air-climate-energy-research-webinar-series> Next Opportunity **TBD**, Topic: TBD [learn](#), [media](#), [class](#), [pollution](#), [Houston](#)

PLANT PROPAGATION WORKDAYS 2nd & 4th Thurs., 9 a.m. – noon, volunteers seed pots, bump up trays to 1-gallon containers, separate seedlings & weed pots of native plants, HPARD Greenhouse, 6501 Memorial Dr., <https://txmn.org/gulfcoast/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](#)

CANOEING/KAYAKING/SUP/SURFING 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 TRAILS & WILDSCAPES 3rd Sat., 9 a.m. – noon, volunteers maintain trails in the arboretum, 4501 Woodway Dr, <https://txmn.org/gulfcoast/volunteer-opportunities/> Next Opportunity **Dec. 20** [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](#) 1st & 3rd Sun., 2 – 6 p.m., market highlights seasonal organic produce and showcases the cultural diversity of Houston's food scene, providing visitors with a free community food lesson, spotlighting other local makers and organizations making a difference toward the city's green future, and offering Houstonians the opportunity to harvest their own fresh, organic produce, Blackwood Skyfarm, 401 Franklin St., <https://blackwoodland.org> 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 [BEATS & EATS](#) 4th 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](#) 1st Sat., 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., Kingwood Metro Park & Ride, 3210 W. Lake Houston Pkwy., https://www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/electronics_recycling.html Next opportunity **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. 22 & Dec. 29 and Dec. 21 & Dec. 28** [enjoy, learn, class, park, Houston](#)

Memorial Park [GREENHOUSE VOLUNTEER DAYS](#) dates/times vary, 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 [MEMBER EVENT](#) **2nd Sat., 8 – 10 a.m.**, the museum opens one hour early for members on the second Saturday, family programming, tours & crafts, 5555 Hermann Park Dr., www.hmns.org, Next Opportunities **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](#) **3rd 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 **Dec. 20**
enjoy, park, Houston

Houston Museum of Natural Science [FREE TUESDAYS](#) **Tues., 5 - 8 p.m.**, free admission to permanent exhibits, 5555 Hermann Park Dr., www.hmns.org Next Opportunities **Dec. 16 & Dec. 23**
learn, Houston

Bagby Park [GET FIT](#) **2nd & 4th Sat., 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.**, high intensity interval training for first hour, followed by yoga for second hour, 415 Gray St., <https://midtownhouston.com/explore/events/> Next Opportunity **Dec. 27** 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 HEROES AGAIN BOOT CAMP 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 1st Thurs., 6 - 10 p.m., music, prepared food, produce & more, benefits local non-profits, 3606 Main St., <http://www.midmainhouston.com/firstthursday/> Next Opportunity **Jan. 1** [care, farmers, Houston](#)

Edith L. Moore Nature Sanctuary GUIDED NIGHT HIKE 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](#)

HEARTHSTONE GARDEN CLUB MEETING 3rd 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 **Dec. 16 (note date change)**, Topic: Redefining Landscape Beauty through Naturalistic Design and Habitat Gardening [learn, enjoy, meeting, garden, Houston](#)

Sheldon Lake State Park BIRD SURVEY 1st 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](#)

KIDS BINGO NIGHT AT LEVY PARK Thurs., 4:30 p.m., kids enjoy bingo in the park, 3801 Eastside, <http://www.levyparkhouston.org/> Next Opportunities **Dec. 18 & Dec. 25** [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 GUIDED TOUR usually 1st Sat., 9:30 - 11 a.m. (except summer), enjoy guided tour of the sanctuary, including visit to the historic log cabin & interpretive hike through the forest, 440 Wilchester Blvd., www.houstonaudubon.org Next opportunity **TBD** [enjoy](#), [walk](#), [Houston](#)

Edith L. Moore Nature Sanctuary COMMUNITY WORK DAY usually 3rd Sat., 9 a.m. – noon (except summer), maintain bird sanctuary, children 5+ welcome, 440 Wilchester Blvd., register with www.houstonaudubon.org OR <https://volunteersignup.org/3BQXD> Next opportunity **Dec. 20** [care](#), [kids](#), [Houston](#)

Baldwin Park SOUND BATH MEDITATIONS 2nd Weds., 6 - 7 p.m., free class in the park, sound bath meditation using sound as a tool to cultivate & support deep relaxation, 1701 Elgin St., <https://midtownhouston.com/explore/events/> Next Opportunity **Jan. 14** [enjoy](#), [class](#), [park](#), [Houston](#)

Memorial Park EASTERN GLADES CONSERVATION HORTICULTURE 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](#) **2nd Sat., 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.**, members enjoy free ride on Hermann Park Railroad, 6100 Hermann Park Dr., <http://www.hermannpark.org/calendar/> Next Opportunity **Jan. 10** [enjoy, kids, park, Houston](#)

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

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

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

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

[PHOTO WORKSHOP AT PARK](#) usually **1st Sat., 10 a.m.**, learn photography in Levy Park with Houston Center for Photography experts, 3801 Eastside, <http://www.levyparkhouston.org/> Next Opportunity **TBD** [learn, enjoy, media, class, photo, park, Houston](#)

LADIES RIDE 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. 16 & Dec. 23 enjoy, park, garden, Houston

Bagby Park YAPPY HOUR 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

PLANT PROPAGATION 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 HISTORY BOAT TOUR 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 VOLUNTEER DAY usually 3rd or 4th Sat., 8:30 – 11:30 a.m., volunteers help maintain the park, meet at Water Works, 105 Sabine St., www.buffalobayou.org Next Opportunity TBD care, park, water, Houston

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

MOBILE MARKET 4th 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](#)

PLATYPUS BIKE CLUB Weds., 7 – 9 p.m., join group ride from Platypus Brewing, 1902 Washington Ave., <https://www.facebook.com/groups/htxbikescene/events> Next Opportunities **Dec. 17 & Dec. 24** [enjoy, cycle, Houston](#)

GARDEN LECTURE 2nd Thurs., 7 - 8 p.m., lecture on a gardening topic, Delores Fenwick Nature Center, Pearland, <https://pearlandrecycles.com/calendar/> Next Opportunity **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 THROWBACK THURSDAY WORKOUT 3rd Thurs., 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., enjoy fun, retro music-inspired workout while enjoying hits from the 80s, '90s, & early 2000s in the park, 2811 Travis St., <https://midtownhouston.com/explore/events/> Next Opportunity **TBD** [enjoy, class, park, Houston](#)

VOLUNTEER IN SCHOOL GARDEN 2nd Sat., 9 a.m. – noon, volunteers work in the Grassroom at Kolter Elementary School, consisting of Pocket Prairies, Pollinator Gardens, raised beds & orchards, 9710 Runnymede 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 GREEN THUMB LECTURE (Jan – Oct.): 2nd Mon., 10 p.m., Genoa Friendship Gardens, 1210 Genoa Redbluff Rd. & online, 3rd Tues., 11 a.m., online, <https://harris.agrilife.org/events/> OR <https://hcmga.tamu.edu/events/> OR <https://txmg.org/events> Next Opportunity **TBD (moved online)** Topic: TBD learn, media, lecture, garden, Houston

Exploration Green TREE NURSERY 2nd & last Sat., 8 a.m. – noon, volunteers repot, prune & stake trees, 1801 Neptune Ln., Clear Lake, <https://txmn.org/gulfcoast/volunteer-opportunities/> & <https://www.explorationgreen.org/calendar> Next Opportunity **Dec. 27** care, tree, park, Houston

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

Edith L. Moore Nature Sanctuary HOME SCHOOL NATURE DAYS 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

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

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

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

Buffalo Bayou WALKING TOUR usually 3rd Sat., time varies, guided tour by naturalist, meet at Water Works, 105 Sabine St., www.buffalobayou.org Next Opportunity **Dec. 20** enjoy, park, water, walk, Houston

Exploration Green STEWARDSHIP SATURDAY 3rd Sat., 8:30 – 11:30 a.m., volunteers engage in various stewardship activities ranging from planting (trees, grasses, forbs, and wetland vegetation), removing invasive plant species, and collecting and removing litter and debris from the park space, 16205 Diana Ln., <https://www.explorationgreen.org/calendar-of-events> OR <https://www.facebook.com/ExplorationGreen/> Next Opportunity **Dec. 20** care, garden, pollution, park, Houston

FAMILY STORY TIME IN LEVY PARK Tues., 10 a.m., kids enjoy stories in the park, followed by activity or craft, 3801 Eastside, <http://www.levyparkhouston.org/> Next Opportunities **Dec. 16 & Dec. 23** 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 YOGA IN THE PARK Sat., 8:30 a.m., free yoga class (donations accepted) in a beautiful natural setting, 7112 Newcastle St, <http://www.naturediscoverycenter.org/> Next Opportunity **TBD** enjoy, learn, park, Houston

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

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office OPEN GARDEN DAY 3rd Mon., 8:30 - 11 a.m., enjoy touring Genoa Friendship Garden, 1202 Genoa Red Bluff Rd., <https://hcmga.tamu.edu/> Next Opportunity **Dec. 15** 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 3rd Sat., 6 – 10 p.m., flea market, artful kitsch, vintage items, recycled/repurposed, collectibles & more, 1500 McKinney, <http://www.discoverygreen.com/flea> OR <https://downtownhouston.org/calendar> Next Opportunity **Dec. 20 (Holiday Market on these dates)** [care](#), [recycle](#), [park](#), [Houston](#)

Houston Federated Garden Clubs MONTHLY MEETING 2nd 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 2nd Weds., 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., the Famers' Market comes to you, Wesley Community Center, 1410 Lee St., <https://www.urbanharvest.org/mobile-market/> Next Opportunity **TBD** [care](#), [enjoy](#), [farmers](#), [Houston](#)

CITIZEN'S CLIMATE LOBBY MEETING 2nd Sat., 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., organization that advocates for carbon fee & dividend to address climate change, currently meeting online, https://citizensclimatelobby.org/chapters/TX_Houston_Central/ Next Opportunity **Jan. 10 (moved online)** [learn](#), [media](#), [meeting](#), [energy](#), [pollution](#), [Houston](#)

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

BIRD WALK usually 3rd Fri., 8 a.m., meet at cabin, Edith L. Moore Nature Sanctuary, 440 Wilchester Blvd., 713-464-4900 or <http://www.houstonaudubon.org> Next Opportunity **Dec. 19** enjoy, bird, Houston

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

SIERRA CLUB Monthly Meeting usually 3rd Weds., 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Bay Area Community Ctr, 5002 E. NASA Pkwy, Seabrook, <http://www.meetup.com/Houston-Sierra-Club-Outings/events/> Next Opportunity **Dec. 17 (moved online)** Topic: TBD care, learn, media, Houston

ENERGY CORRIDOR FARMERS' MARKET 2nd & 4th Thurs., 3:30 – 6:30 p.m., locally-grown, farm-fresh produce for sale, 1520 Eldridge Pkwy., <https://ynfma.org/CALENDAR/> Next Opportunity **Dec. 25** care, farmers, Houston

ECO-LOGY Tues., 3 – 4 p.m., **EXPLORATION** Mon. 5 – 6 a.m., **VEGAN WORLD** Tues., 8 – 9 p.m., KPFT, Next opportunities **Dec. 16 & Dec. 23** and **Dec. 22 & Dec. 29** **learn, care, media, Houston**

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

Children's Museum of Houston **FREE FAMILY NIGHT** some Thurs., 5 - 8 p.m., member event, activities, music, & more in the museum, 1500 Binz St., <https://www.cmhouston.org/events> Next Opportunity **Dec. 18** (Topic: Holiday Harmonies: GarageBand Night) **enjoy, kids, Houston**

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

Discovery Green **CONSCIOUS BREATHING & SOUND MEDITATION YOGA EN ESPANOL** Mon., 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., prácticas de Yoga, Respiración y Meditación de Sonido, 1500 McKinney, <http://www.discoverygreen.com/> Next Opportunities **Dec. 15, Dec. 22 & Dec. 29** **enjoy, class, park, Houston**

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

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

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**

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

Discovery Green YOGA Sat., 9 - 10 a.m., practice vinyasa yoga for enhanced awareness & a strong, healthy body, 1500 McKinney, <http://www.discoverygreen.com/> Next Opportunities **Dec. 20 & Dec. 27** **enjoy, class, park, Houston**

SIERRA CLUB Monthly Meeting 2nd 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 4th Thurs., 2 – 4 p.m., the Famers' Market comes to you, Burbank Middle School, 315 Berry Rd., <https://www.urbanharvest.org/mobile-market/> Next Opportunity **TBD** care, enjoy, farmers, Houston

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 **Dec. 17 & Dec. 24** 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 **Dec. 19** care, enjoy, farmers, garden, kids, Houston

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

MCKINNEY STREET FARMERS' MARKET 1st & 3rd Weds., 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., exciting and diverse selection of local vendors providing handmade goods, locally sourced produce, grass-fed meat, cold-pressed juice, baked goods, jams, and specialty products, Central Plaza at Houston Center, 1200 McKinney St., <https://downtownhouston.org/calendar> Next Opportunity **Dec. 17** care, farmers, Houston

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

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

NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY Monthly Meeting 2nd Mon., 6:45 p.m., University of Houston –Clear Lake, 2700 Bay Area Blvd., <https://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. 16 & Dec. 23** 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 2nd Tues., 9 a.m. - noon, the Famers' Market comes to you, Clark Park, 9710 Clark Rd., <https://www.urbanharvest.org/mobile-market/> Next Opportunity **Jan. 13** care, enjoy, park, farmers, Houston

BAYOU RIDE 1st 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. 21 & Dec. 28**
care, farmers, Houston

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

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

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

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

BAT 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. 19 & Dec. 26** learn, enjoy, animals, Houston

MOBILE MARKET 2nd 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

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

Edith L. Moore Nature Sanctuary **TUESDAY TRAIL CREW** Tues., 9 a.m. – noon, trail maintenance, 440 Wilchester Blvd., www.houstonaudubon.org Next opportunities **Dec. 16 & Dec. 23** care, walk, Houston

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

Humane Society Houston **VOLUNTEER INTEREST MEETING & ORIENTATION** usually 1st & 2nd 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 3rd 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 **Dec. 20** enjoy, bird, kids, Houston

Houston Audubon [ARCHBISHOP FIORENZA PARK BIRD SURVEY](#) usually 4th Mon., 7:30 a.m., join group to survey birds, 13551 Westpark, www.houstonaudubon.org Next Opportunity **Dec. 22** care, enjoy, walk, park, bird, Houston

YOUTH BIRDING CLUB 4th 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

CITIZENS' TRANSPORTATION COALITION Meeting 3rd Thurs., 5:30 p.m., group focusing on public transportation, Rudyard's Pub, 2010 Waugh, <https://www.facebook.com/CTCHouston/> Next Opportunity **Dec. 18** 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 [GUIDED TOURS](#) 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](#) **1st Tues., noon**, lectures on a variety of horticultural topics, Trini Mendenhall Community Center, 1414 Wirt Rd., fun & education for adults/kids, <https://hcmga.tamu.edu/lecture-series/> Next Opportunity **Jan. 6**, Topic: TBD **learn, enjoy, garden, kids, Houston**

[MOBILE MARKET](#) **1st & 3rd 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 **Dec. 20** **care, enjoy, park, farmers, Houston**

[BIKE RIDES](#) **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**

[EPA TOOLS & RESOURCES WEBINAR SERIES](#) **3rd Weds., 2 p.m.**, EPA shares resources & information that are practical & can be applied, <https://www.epa.gov/research-states/epa-tools-and-resources-webinar-series> Next Opportunity **Dec. 17**, Topic: 6PPD-quinone **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](https://www.facebook.com/beautys-community-garden) OR

<https://app.vomo.org/project/beautys-community-garden> Next Opportunities **Dec. 20 & Dec. 27** care, garden, Houston

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

Nature Discovery Center **CURIOUS KIDS** 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 **ROVING NATURALIST** Sat., 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., naturalist available to educate/answer questions, 4501 Woodway Dr., www.houstonarboretum.org Next Opportunities **Dec. 20 & Dec. 27** learn, walk, Houston

RICE VILLAGE FARMERS MARKET 1st & 3rd Sun., 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., fresh produce, prepared foods & more, Kelvin Dr. & Amherst St., <https://rice-village.com/happenings/> Next Opportunity **Dec. 21** care, farmers, Houston,

ACRES HOMES FARMERS' MARKET 1st & 3rd Sat., 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., fresh produce from area farms, cooking class on the 3rd Sat. (register at: <https://www.facebook.com/beautyscommunitygarden/>), 2500 S Victory Dr.,

<https://www.facebook.com/events/501745514426431/501745521093097/> Next Opportunity **Dec. 20**
care, enjoy, farmers, Houston

Discovery Green [YOGA FLOW & SOUND MEDITATION](#) **Tues., 6:30 – 7:30 a.m.**, Strengthen your body, relax your mind & find your center with this dynamic flow yoga sequence & sound healing, 1500 McKinney, <http://www.discoverygreen.com/> Next Opportunities **Dec. 16 & Dec. 23** 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

[SENIOR BIRDING BUS TRIPS](#) 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 2nd 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](#) 3rd Thurs., 6:45 – 9:30 p.m., Houston Arboretum & Nature Center, 4501 Woodway Dr, <https://www.npsot.org/calendar/> Next opportunity **Dec. 18** (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**

GREATER EAST END FARMERS' MARKET **Sun., 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.**, 2700 block of Navigation, across from Ninfa's, eastendhouston.com/market Next Opportunities **Dec. 21 & Dec. 28** **care, farmers, Houston**

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

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

Nature Discovery Center **TREE I.D.WALK** **1st Sat., 10 – 11 a.m.** guided tree walks in park to learn to identify trees, 7112 Newcastle St, <http://www.naturediscoverycenter.org/> Next Opportunity **Jan. 3** **learn, enjoy, walk, tree. park, Houston**

Houston Audubon [GLENBROOK PARK BIRD SURVEY](#) usually 2nd Mon., TBD, join group to survey birds in a park adjacent to the Houston Botanic Garden, 8201 N Bayou Dr., www.houstonaudubon.org Next Opportunity **TBD** [care, enjoy, walk, park, bird, Houston](#)

[TEXAS PARKS & WILDLIFE on PBS](#) Sat. 3 p.m., <https://www.pbs.org/show/texas-parks-and-wildlife/> Next opportunities **Dec. 20 & Dec. 27** [learn, Houston, park, animals, media](#)

[HOUSTON COMMUNITY TOOLBANK WAREHOUSE TOUR](#) 3rd Thurs., 9 – 10 a.m., toolbank lends tools to nonprofits, community groups & corporate volunteers doing charitable work, 1215 Gazin St., <http://www.houstontoolbank.org/> Next Opportunity **Dec. 18** [care, Houston](#)

[BROMELIAD SOCIETY MEETING](#) 3rd Tues., 6:30 – 8:45 p.m., bromeliad society meets, speaker each month, Judson Robinson Jr. Community Center, 2020 Hermann Dr., <https://bromeliadsocietyhouston.org/events/> Next Opportunity **Dec. 16** [learn, care, garden, meeting, Houston](#)

Houston Audubon [BIRDING CLASS & FIELD TRIP](#) 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](#)

[VOLUNTEER TUESDAYS](#) 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. 16 & Dec. 23** [care, garden, Houston](#)

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

EASTERN GLADES BIRD SURVEY usually 1st Mon., 8 a.m., join group for bird survey in Eastern Glades portion of Memorial Park, meet at Fitness Center on Arnott St., <https://www.memorialparkconservancy.org/visit/#eventcalendar> OR <https://houstonaudubon.org/programs/calendar.html> Next Opportunity **Jan. 5** **care, enjoy, walk, bird, park, Houston**

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

FINCA FARM 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. 17 & Dec. 24 and Dec. 20 & Dec. 27** **care, farmers, Houston**

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

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

Houston Zoo [MEMBER MORNINGS](#) 1st Sat., 8 a.m., members get in one hour early, 6200 Hermann Park Dr., www.houstonzoo.org Next Opportunities **Jan. 3** [enjoy, animals, Houston](#)

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

Bagby Park [TEACH YOU TUESDAY](#) 1st 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 **Jan. 6** [learn, enjoy, class, park, Houston](#)

WESTBURY COMMUNITY GARDEN WORK DAY usually 4th 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](#)

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

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

Exploration Green [BIRD SURVEY](#) 2nd Tues., 7 - 10 a.m., volunteers count birds in the park, 16250 Diana Ln., Clear Lake, <https://www.explorationgreen.org/calendar> Next Opportunity **Jan. 13** [care, enjoy, bird, park, Houston](#)

MASTER NATURALIST Monthly Meeting 1st 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 BIRD SURVEY usually 2nd 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 PEDESTRIAN & BICYCLE Subcommittee Meeting 3rd Thurs., bimonthly, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m., 3555 Timmons Lane, Call 713-993-2497, Next opportunity **TBD** **learn, cycle, meeting, Houston**

URBAN HARVEST FARMERS MARKET Sat., 8 a.m. – noon, St. John's School, 3401 Westheimer, www.urbanharvest.org Next Opportunities **Dec. 20 & Dec. 27** **care, farmers, Houston**

FOOD POLICY WORKGROUP Monthly Meeting 2nd Weds., 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., Bring your own lunch, Upper Kirby Building, 3015 Richmond Ave, RSVP jay.crossley@houstontomorrow.org, Next Opportunity **Jan. 14** **learn, meeting, Houston**

HOUSTON URBAN GARDENERS Meeting 2nd 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 3rd 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 **Dec. 16** [care, bird, Houston](#)

Houston Botanic Garden STORY TIME & GARDEN STROLL 3rd Fri., 10:30 a.m., kids book reading in the garden, One Botanic Ln. (at 8210 Park Place Blvd.), <https://secure.hbg.org/events/> Next Opportunity **Dec. 19** [enjoy, kids, garden, Houston](#)

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

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

Exploration Green YOUTH BIRDING CLUB 4th 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 4th Thurs., 7:30 p.m. (Jan. – Apr., Sep. & Oct.), social, club business, presentation & daylily raffle, Hermann Park, Cherie Flores Garden Pavilion, McGovern Centennial Gardens, 1500 Hermann Dr., <http://www.ofts.com/hhs/> Next Opportunity **TBD** [learn, enjoy, garden, Houston](#)

Levy Park JAPAN JUNCTION 1st 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 **3rd 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. 16 & Dec. 23** **enjoy, park, Houston**

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

BRAYS BAYOU ASSOCIATION MEETING **3rd Mon., 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.**, monthly meeting of the association, speaker at each meeting, The Gathering Place, 5310 S. Willow Dr., Contact bobx206@gmail.com Next Opportunity **Dec. 15** **learn, meeting, water, Houston**

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

Midtown Park SAMBA 2nd 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 [BIRD SURVEYS](#) Tues., 8 a.m. (Sep. – May) & 1st Thurs., 5:30 p.m. (Sep. – Nov. & Feb. – May), volunteers survey birds in the preserve, 2400 W. 11th St., www.houstonaudubon.org Next Opportunities **Dec. 16 & Dec. 23 & 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. 18 & Dec. 25** care, enjoy, garden, Houston

Houston Arboretum & Nature Center [NATURE HIKE](#) Sat., 10 & 11 a.m., family-friendly guided nature hike, some hikes in Spanish, 4501 Woodway Dr., www.houstonarboretum.org Next Opportunities **Dec. 20 & Dec. 27** enjoy, walk, kids, Houston

[HEIGHTS EPICUREAN MARKET](#) 1st Sat., 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., crafts, produce, & more, Grace United Methodist Church, 1245 Heights Blvd., <http://heightsepicurean.com/> Next Opportunity **Jan. 3** care, farmers, Houston

Houston Arboretum & Nature Center [HOME SCHOOL](#) 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. 22 & Dec. 29**, Topic: Eco-Warriors learn, enjoy, kids, Houston

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING 2nd Sat., 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., City of Houston & Compucycle offer recycling of electronics, Ellington Field/Clear Lake Neighborhood Recycling Center, 246 Loop Rd., https://www.houston.tx.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. 19 & Dec. 26** [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. 20 & Dec. 27** [enjoy](#), [park](#), [Houston](#)

Houston Arboretum & Nature Center BOY SCOUTING CLASSES by reservation only, boy scouts learn about nature, 4501 Woodway Dr, www.houstonarboretum.org [enjoy](#), [learn](#), [kids](#), [Houston](#)

SOUTHSIDE RIDERS 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. 18 & Dec. 25** [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. 17 & Dec. 24** care, enjoy, kids, park, Houston

Bagby Park MOVIE NIGHT 3rd 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 1st & 3rd 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 YOGA ON THE LAWN 3rd or 4th 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

BLODGETT URBAN GARDEN FARMERS MARKET 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. 20 & Dec. 27** care, enjoy, learn, garden, farmers, Houston

SOUND BATH IN THE PARK 1st 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](#) 3rd Sat., 8 – 11 a.m., volunteers count birds, www.houstonaudubon.org, Next opportunity **Dec. 20** [care, bird, Houston](#)

Midtown Park [FAMILY CAPOEIRA](#) 3rd Sat., 7 - 9 p.m., Capoeira (Afro-Brazilian martial art) class in the park, 2811 Travis St., <https://midtownhouston.com/explore/events/> Next Opportunity **Dec. 20**
[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 **Dec. 17 & Dec. 24** [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](#)

ILLEGAL AMIGOS RIDE 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. 16 & Dec. 23** *enjoy, cycle, park, Houston*

Hermann Park WHISTLESTOP PRAIRIE WORK DAY 2nd Fri., 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., volunteers work on pocket prairie at the Whistlestop Prairie next to the entrance to the Japanese Garden and the Obelisk, 6501 Memorial Dr., <https://txmn.org/gulfcoast/volunteer-opportunities/> Next Opportunity **Jan. 9** *care, garden, park, Houston*

Houston Arboretum & Nature Center TYKE HIKES some Mon.s, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m., (except summer), for kids 18 mo. – 3 with parent, includes links to book reading & video, craft or activity supplies & suggested stroller-friendly hike, supplies to be picked up at the center, sold as a monthly package, 4501 Woodway Dr, www.houstonarboretum.org Next Opportunities **Dec. 22 & 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 **Dec. 15** *care, enjoy, garden, park, Houston*

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

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

WESTCHASE FARMERS MARKET Thurs., 3 – 6 p.m., Parking lot of St. Cyril's of Alexandria Church, 10503 Westheimer Rd., westchasedistrictfarmersmarket.com Next Opportunities **Dec. 18 & Dec. 25** [care, farmers, Houston](#)

CLUTCH CITY CRUISERS RIDE 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. 18 & Dec. 25** [enjoy, cycle, park, Houston](#)

NATIVE PRAIRIES ASSOCIATION of TEXAS Meeting usually 4th Weds., 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Red Cross Building, 2700 Southwest Fwy., speaker each month, HNPAT@texasprairie.org, <https://texasprairie.org/events/> Next opportunity **TBD, (hybrid)** Topic: TBD [learn, meeting, lecture, Houston](#)

Houston Arboretum & Nature Center **HATCHLINGS** 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** 3rd Sat., 9 a.m. – noon, volunteers work to restore new pocket park, 6009 Cypress St., www.facebook.com/friendsofdongreene OR

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/TransitionHouston> Next Opportunity **Dec. 20** care, garden, park, Houston

HOUSTON CANOE CLUB MEETING usually 2nd Weds., 7 p.m., meeting of canoeing enthusiasts, Bayland Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet St.

https://thcc.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page_id=0&club_id=496051 Next Opportunity **Jan. 14** (hybrid) learn, meeting, media, boat, Houston

BLACKWOOD OPEN FARM DAYS 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 **Dec. 17** enjoy, learn, farmers, Houston

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

Houston Zoo BRINGING THE ZOO TO YOU 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. 17 & Dec. 24** enjoy, media, animals, Houston

Houston Arboretum & Nature Center BIRD WALK 2nd Sat., 8 - 10 a.m., (except summer), enjoy relaxed guided walk to look for/observe birds, 4501 Woodway Dr, www.houstonarboretum.org Next Opportunity **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. 20 & Dec. 27** care, farmers, Houston

ENJOY, LEARN ABOUT, AND CARE FOR NATURE

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES OUTSIDE HOUSTON

Mercer Botanic Gardens RECORRIDO POR EL JARDIN Dec. 17, 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

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT Dec. 20, 7 a.m. – 4 p.m., paddling volunteers count water/shore birds during annual national count, Conroe, https://thcc.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page_id=2&club_id=496051 care, enjoy, bird, boat, outside

Moody Gardens BREAKFAST WITH SANTA Dec. 20 – 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

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

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. 18 & Dec. 25, 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](#)

[DIY BEACH CLEAN-UP](#) 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](#)

Coastal Prairie Conservancy [OPEN HOUSE DAY AT BLAZING STAR PRAIRIE](#) Dec. 18, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., tour the new preserve and natural burial grounds Blazing Star Prairie, learn more about the new Conservation Cemetery, Brookshire, <https://www.coastalprairieconservancy.org/event-calendar> [learn](#), [enjoy](#), [walk](#), [garden](#), [outside](#)

[CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT](#) 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](#)

Moody Gardens [SENSORY NIGHT AT HOLIDAY IN THE GARDENS](#) Dec. 18, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., special evening for those with sensory sensitivities to enjoy the Festival of Lights, modifications made to provide straight lights with no blinking and no music or sound effects along the trail, Galveston, <https://www.facebook.com/moodygardens/events> [enjoy](#), [kids](#), [outside](#)

Lake Livingston State Park [ALL ABOUT SNAKES](#) Dec. 20 & 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](#)

[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](#)

[FAMILY BINGO NIGHT](#) Dec. 19, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., enjoy family-friendly bingo in Rob Fleming Park, The Woodlands, <http://www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/> [enjoy](#), [kids](#), [park](#), [outside](#)

Atascocita Park [LIL' NATURALIST](#) Dec. 19, 10 a.m., learn about a Leaf Rainbow, for kids 3 - 7, Atascocita, <https://www.pct3.com/> [learn](#), [kids](#), [tree](#), [garden](#), [park](#), [outside](#)

Mercer Botanic Gardens [CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT](#) Dec. 20, 8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., volunteers count birds as part of annual national count, all skill levels welcome, 22306 Aldine Westfield Rd, Humble, <https://www.pct3.com/> [care](#), [bird](#), [garden](#), [outside](#)

Moody Gardens [HOLIDAY IN THE GARDEN: DOG NIGHT](#) Dec. 16, 4 – 10 p.m., enjoy holiday lights & decorations with your dog, dogs must be well-behaved & leashed, Galveston, <https://www.moodygardens.com/events> [enjoy](#), [animals](#), [walk](#), [outside](#)

Lake Livingston State Park [CRITTERS OF EAST TEXAS](#) Dec. 18, 3 p.m., rangers educate on local mammals & reptiles, using skulls & furs, Livingston, https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/lake-livingston/park_events [learn](#), [enjoy](#), [animals](#), [park](#), [outside](#)

Mercer Botanic Gardens TAI CHI Dec. 17 and Dec. 20 & Dec. 27, 10 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**

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT Dec. 18, volunteers count birds all day long during annual national count, Bolivar Peninsula, <https://houstonaudubon.org/programs/birding/christmas-bird-counts/upper-texas-coast.html> **care, enjoy, bird, walk, park, outside**

ELVES & ARROWS Dec. 20, 10 a.m. & 1 p.m., archery class & holiday games, Rob Fleming Park Recreational Center, ages 9+, The Woodlands, <http://www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov> **enjoy, learn, kids, park, outside**

Attwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT Dec. 17, volunteers count birds all day long during annual national count, Eagle Lake, <https://houstonaudubon.org/programs/birding/christmas-bird-counts/upper-texas-coast.html> **care, enjoy, bird, walk, 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. 22 & Dec. 29 and Dec. 17 & Dec. 24, 9 a.m. – noon and Dec. 18 & Dec. 25, 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 [GARDEN CRUISIN': TOUR DE 4](#) Dec. 19 & Dec. 26, 8 & 9:15 a.m. & Dec. 16, 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 [ALL ABOUT NATURE](#) Dec. 21 & 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

[COOKIES FOR SANTA](#) 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 [ALLIGATOR TALK](#) Dec. 21 & 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 [CHRISTMAS GARDEN SCAVENGER HUNT](#) 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

Dennis Johnston Park [CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT](#) Dec. 20, 1 – 2:30 a.m., volunteers document the birds of the Spring Creek Greenway on this annual Christmas Bird Count, in the park, ages 16+, Spring, <https://www.pct3.com/> [care](#), [enjoy](#), [walk](#), [bird](#), [park](#), [outside](#)

Lake Livingston State Park [NATURE HIKE](#) Dec. 18, 1 p.m., guided walk to learn about plants & wildlife in park, Livingston, https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/lake-livingston/park_events [enjoy](#), [learn](#), [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](#)

Galveston Island State Park [NIGHT HIKE](#) Dec. 19, 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](#)

[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 [AUGMENTED REALITY](#) ongoing, travel back to age of dinosaurs using augmented reality, Sugar Land, <http://www.hmns.org> **enjoy, learn, media, kids, outside**

Lake Livingston State Park [FLINT & STEEL FIRE STARTING](#) Dec. 20, 7 p.m., learn how to use flint & steel fire starters, Livingston, https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/lake-livingston/park_events **learn, class, camp, park, outside**

Lake Livingston State Park [NIGHT HIKE](#) Dec. 20, 7 p.m., guided night walk to learn about plants & wildlife in park, Livingston, https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/lake-livingston/park_events **enjoy, learn, walk, park, outside**

[RAIN BARREL SALE](#) ongoing, discounted rain barrels for sale, The Woodlands, <https://www.thewoodlandsgreen.org/> **care, water, garden, outside**

Moody Gardens [KIDSMAS CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT](#) Dec. 15, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., golf tournament, proceeds benefit Blue Santa of Galveston, participants invited to bring unwrapped toy, <https://www.moodygardens.com/attractions/events-calendar/> **enjoy, kids, outside**

[CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT](#) Dec. 20, volunteers count birds in annual national event, various locations in Big Thicket National Preserve, Kountze, <https://houstonaudubon.org/programs/birding/christmas-bird-counts/upper-texas-coast.html> **care, enjoy, bird, park, 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 **Dec. 19**, volunteers count birds in annual national event, various locations in San Bernard National Wildlife Refuge, <https://houstonaudubon.org/programs/birding/christmas-bird-counts/upper-texas-coast.html> **care, enjoy, bird, park, outside**

HOMETOWN CHRISTMAS LIGHTS **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**

Brazos Bend State Park THE OLD TREE'S BEARD: GARLANDS OF THE SWAMP **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 4D THEATER **ongoing**, environmental 4D films, see website for current offerings, Galveston, <https://www.moodygardens.com/attractions/events-calendar/> **enjoy, learn, media, outside**

Kleb Woods Nature Center CLOSER LOOK AT HISTORY: THE WRIGHT BROTHERS **Dec. 18, 10:30 a.m.**, program designed especially for school-aged children, includes a 30-minute presentation followed by an activity, learn about groundbreaking historical aviation pioneers like the Wright Brothers and Amelia Earhart, 20303 Draper Rd, Tomball, <https://cp4.harriscountytexas.gov/Events> **learn, class, kids, park, outside**

Kleb Woods Nature Center [SENIOR BIRDING BUS TRIP](#) Dec. 19, 7 a.m. – 7 p.m., senior outing to view birds around the Houston area, 20303 Draper Rd, Tomball, <https://cp4.harriscountytexas.gov/Events> [enjoy](#), [bird](#), [outside](#)

Pundt Park [CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT](#) Dec. 20, 5 – 7 a.m., volunteers document the birds of the Spring Creek Greenway on this annual Christmas Bird Count, in the park, ages 16+, Spring, <https://www.pct3.com/> [care](#), [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.harriscountytexas.gov/Events> [enjoy](#), [kids](#), [park](#), [outside](#)

Jesse Jones Park [MOSSY MEMORIES](#) Dec. 20, 10 0 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](#)

John Paul Landing Park [NATURE YOGA](#) Dec. 20, 10 a.m., outdoor class where you'll deepen connections with nature, to embrace nature's wisdom, Cypress, <https://cp4.harriscountytexas.gov/Events> [enjoy](#), [park](#), [outside](#)

[CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT](#) Dec. 16, volunteers count birds in annual national event, various locations in Galveston area, <https://houstonaudubon.org/programs/birding/christmas-bird-counts/upper-texas-coast.html> [care](#), [enjoy](#), [bird](#), [park](#), [outside](#)

Spring Creek Greenway & Nature Center [STORY TIME IN THE WILDLIFE ROOM](#) Dec. 16, 10 a.m., nature-focused story for kids plus visit by ambassador animal, 709 Riley Fuzzel Road, Spring, https://www.facebook.com/springcreekgreenwaynaturecenter/events/?ref=page_internal enjoy, kids, park, outside

[WATER QUALITY MONITORING](#) 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

Dennis Johnston Park [WOODWORKING FOR NATURE](#) Dec. 17, 4 – 7 p.m., build the project of your choice from among: Walking stick, Bluebird box, Cane fishing pole, Garden tool box, Tree "cookie" ornaments, Bee houses, or Wren box, ages 6+, Spring, <https://www.pct3.com/> care, learn, animals, garden, bird, walk, fish, tree, park, outside

John Paul Landing Park [NATURE NIGHT: HOLIDAY CRAFTS](#) Dec. 19, 4 - 6 p.m., make environmentally friendly holiday crafts, Cypress, <https://cp4.harriscountytexas.gov/Events> enjoy, kids, park, outside

Moody Gardens [GULF IN DEPTH](#) 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 [BLOCK PARTY](#) 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 [BOXING DAY BEACH CLEAN-UP & COCOA](#) 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 [BOXING DAY BIRD WALK](#) Dec. 26, 9 a.m., guided bird walk, Galveston, <https://txmn.org/gulfcoast/events/> **enjoy, walk, bird, park, outside**

Galveston Island State Park [WINTER BIRDING](#) Dec. 27, 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**

[POINSETTIAS, HOLIDAYS & POINTS OF LIGHT](#) Dec. 18, 10 a.m., make poinsettias and luminary crafts to decorate your home this holiday, all ages, Hockley Community Center, Hockley, <https://cp4.harriscountytexas.gov/Events> **enjoy, kids, garden, outside**

[MARINE DEBRIS SURVEY](#) Dec. 17, 9 – 10:30 a.m., volunteers remove debris & record it for community science, Texas City Dike, <https://www.volunteer.galvbay.org/?view=calendar> **care, pollution, outside**

Moody Gardens DINOS ALIVE! 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 CONSERVATION CONNECTIONS Dec. 17 & Dec. 24, 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**

John Paul Landing Park NATURE'S WAYS STORY TIME Dec. 17, 10 – 11:30 a.m., program for kids 2 - 5, read a nature story, and do an activity or explore outside, Cypress, <https://cp4.harriscountytexas.gov/Events> **enjoy, learn, kids, bird, park, outside**

Houston Museum of Natural Science WEEKDAY LABS 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 ADULT ART IN THE PARK Dec. 17, noon, convert recyclables, everyday objects, or forest finds into works of art, in the park, 20634 Kenswick Dr, Humble, <https://www.pct3.com/JJP> **enjoy, park, outside**

PET PANTRY Dec. 20, 9 - 11 a.m., get pet food for free, first come – first served, Stafford Code Compliance, <https://www.houstonhumane.org/> **care, animals, outside**

Galveston Island State Park [HOLIDAY GEOCACHE QUEST](#) 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

Blackwood Educational Land Institute [AGRITOURISM DAYS](#) Dec. 20, 12 - 4 p.m., Farm Stand open, offering chef-curated meals that feature ingredients sourced directly from our farm, authentic farm-to-plate experience, diverse selection of beers, wines, and non-alcoholic beverages available, stroll through the gardens, woods, and prairies with one of Blackwood's staff members and learn about our seasonal highlights, we'll share our favorite spots, visit the farm animals, and discuss how Blackwood is working toward modeling a closed loop food system, Hempstead, <https://blackwoodland.org> learn, enjoy, farmers, garden, animals, tree, walk, outside

Galveston Island State Park [PRAIRIE ON FIRE: A HIKE OF NEW GROWTH](#) Dec. 28, 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

[SEA CITIZEN VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION](#) Dec. 20, 10 a.m., learn how to volunteer as an educator on coastal eco-systems with Artist Boat, Galveston, <http://www.artistboat.org/> learn, care, meeting, beach, water, outside

Galveston Island State Park [HOLIDAY HERITAGE TRAIL HIKE](#) opens Dec. 19, 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

Armand Bayou Nature Center [CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT](#) **Dec. 20**, volunteers count birds all day long during annual national count, 8500 Bay Area Blvd, Pasadena, <https://www.abnc.org/christmas-bird-count> [care](#), [enjoy](#), [bird](#), [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](#)

Armand Bayou Nature Center [THE TEXAS PRAIRIE DAWNFLOWER STORY](#) **Dec. 19, 12:30 p.m.**, learn about the Texas Prairie Dawnflower: Species identification, Where it grows, Why it's important, Conservation Initiatives, and Upcoming Volunteer Activities, 8500 Bay Area Blvd, Pasadena, <https://txmn.org/gbmn/gbac-events-calendar/> [learn](#), [care](#), [lecture](#), [garden](#), [outside](#)

Seabourne Creek Nature Park [NATURE WALK](#) **Dec. 21, 8 - 10 a.m.**, guided walk to learn about Seabourne Creek Nature Park's 7 habitats during walk led by Texas Master Naturalist, Seabourne Creek Park, Rosenberg, <https://txmn.org/coastal/tmncpc-event-calendar/> [enjoy](#), [learn](#), [walk](#), [garden](#), [animals](#), [park](#), [outside](#)

Lake Houston Wilderness Park [CREATURES OF THE NIGHT](#) **Dec. 20 & 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.harriscountytexas.gov/Events> **learn, meeting, park, outside**

Brazos Bend State Park **SPECTACULAR SNAKES** Dec. 21, 2 p.m., learn all about one of nature’s most magnificent creatures, snakes, and meet a special guest up close and personal, 21901 FM 762 Rd, Needville, (fee to enter), https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/brazos-bend/park_events **enjoy, learn, kids, animals, park, outside**

MARKET BROILER ORDERS deadline Dec. 18, 5 p.m., Galveston county 4H participant deadline to submit order form for market broilers, <https://galveston.agrilife.org/events/> **learn, care, bird, kids, outside**

Town Square **HOLIDAY HANG-OUT** 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**

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

Spring Creek Greenway & Nature Center **CART TOUR** Dec. 19, 8:30, 10 & 11:30 a.m., brief tour of the park on paved trail by cart, 709 Riley Fuzzel Road, Spring, <https://www.pct3.com/> **enjoy, park, 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**

SCHOOL PLASTIC BOTTLE RECYCLING PROGRAM 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**

Brazos Bend State Park **CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT** Dec. 20, volunteers count birds in annual national survey, 21901 FM 762 Rd, Needville, (fee to enter),

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

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

[GARDEN VOLUNTEERING](#) Dec. 17 & Dec. 24, Dec. 19 & Dec. 26 and Dec. 22 & 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

Big Thicket National Preserve [BIG THICKET BY LAMPLIGHT](#) Dec. 19, 6:30 p.m., guided night hike in the park, Kountze, <https://www.nps.gov/bith/planyourvisit/calendar.htm> enjoy, walk, park, outside

Mary Jo Peckham Park [NATURE STATION](#) Dec. 20, 10 a.m. - noon, learn about and examine the local natural resources that can be found in parks or your own backyard, from feathers to leaves to nature games & activities, the themes and content we bring will vary with the season, Katy, <https://cp4.harriscountytexas.gov/Events> learn, enjoy, garden, tree, animals, park, 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

[CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT](#) Dec. 16, volunteers count birds in annual national event, various parks in Fort Bend County, various locations, <https://houstonaudubon.org/programs/birding/christmas-bird-counts/upper-texas-coast.html> care, enjoy, bird, park, outside

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

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT Dec. 15, volunteers count birds in Matagorda county, <https://houstonaudubon.org/programs/birding/christmas-bird-counts/upper-texas-coast.html> **care, bird, outside**

4H SHOTGUN TEAM SHOOT 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://agrillife.org/harris4h/> **enjoy, kids, outside**

Spring Creek Greenway & Nature Center CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT Dec. 20, 2:45 – 5 p.m., volunteers count birds in annual national count, 709 Riley Fuzzel Road, Spring, <https://houstonaudubon.org/programs/birding/christmas-bird-counts/upper-texas-coast.html> OR <https://www.pct3.com/> **care, enjoy, walk, bird, park, outside**

Moody Gardens WINTER DAY CAMPS Dec. 19, 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**

ENVIRONMENTAL SCHOLARSHIP open for applications, Pearland ISD, Alvin ISD, Fort Bend ISD, Houston ISD, Pasadena ISD & Clear Creek ISD seniors and homeschooled students from 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**

Armand Bayou Nature Center [WINTER ECO-CAMP](#) 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](#)

Brazos Bend State Park [WILDCRAFT](#) Dec. 20, 11 a.m., kids learn about a creature & make a craft to take home, Topic: Alligators, 21901 FM 762 Rd, Needville, (fee to enter), https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/brazos-bend/park_events [enjoy](#), [learn](#), [kids](#), [animals](#), [park](#), [outside](#)

Brazos Bend State Park [ALLIGATORS: FROM EGG TO APEX](#) Dec. 20 & 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](#)

[HIKE CULLINAN PARK](#) Dec. 16, 9 a.m., join group outing to hike 5+ miles in Cullinan Park, Sugar Land, <https://www.meetup.com/HoustonUrban-Trekkers/events/> [enjoy](#), [walk](#), [park](#), [outside](#)

Vera May Community Center [1ST SHOT ARCHERY](#) Dec. 18, 9, 10:30 a.m., courses for beginners taught by certified instructors, all equipment provided, ages 7+, Huffman, <https://www.pct3.com/> [learn](#), [enjoy](#), [kids](#), [park](#), [outside](#)

Dennis Johnston Park [ART IN THE PARK](#) Dec. 17, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., make your own fresh wreath using natural botanicals sourced from the Spring Creek Greenway, Spring, <https://www.pct3.com/enjoy, tree, garden, park, outside>

Brazos Bend State Park [ALL ABOUT US](#) Dec. 20/Dec. 21 & Dec. 27/Dec. 28, 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](#)

[WINTER IN THE WOODLANDS PHOTO EXHIBIT](#) ongoing, 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 2nd Weds., 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., master gardeners present on variety of topics, Waller County Extension Office, Hempstead, <https://waller.agrilife.org/events/> Next Opportunity **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. 18 & Dec. 25** 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 2nd Fri., 8:30 – 11:30 a.m., volunteers remove invasive species, harvest native seeds, plant marsh grasses & tend butterfly garden, <https://txmn.org/gulfcoast/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. 20 & Dec. 27** care, enjoy, garden, outside

Fort Bend Master Gardeners YOUTH ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE MEETING 3rd Thurs., 9 - 11 a.m., youth activities committee meeting, open to members-only, Extension Conference Room, Rosenberg, <https://fbmg.org/events/> Next Opportunity **Dec. 18** [learn, meeting, media, kids, garden, outside](#)

BIKE RIDES 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. 22 & Dec. 29** [care, enjoy, garden, outside](#)

Kleb Woods Nature Center BLUEGRASS CONCERT 4th Sat. 12 – 4 p.m., enjoy bluegrass music in nature, 20303 Draper Rd, Tomball, <https://cp4.harriscountytexas.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. 17 & Dec. 24 and Dec. 18 & Dec. 25, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. (Note time change)** [care, enjoy, garden, outside](#)

BAYTOWN FARMERS' MARKET 3rd Sat., 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. (6 – 10 p.m. in Jul./Aug.), farm fresh produce & crafts, plus music, Baytown Town Square, <https://www.baytown.org/954/The-Market-at-Town-Square> Next Opportunity **Dec. 20** [care, farmers, outside](#)

ADULT LEADERS PARENTS ASSOCIATION MEETING usually 1st Mon., every other month, 6 p.m., adult leaders & parents of kids in 4H program meet, Waller County Extension Office,

Hempstead, <https://waller.agrilife.org/events/> Next Opportunity **TBD** learn, meeting, farmers, kids, animals, outside

PEACH STREET FARMERS' MARKET Sat., 8 a.m. – noon, farm fresh produce, Peach St., Angleton, <http://psfmarket.org/> Next Opportunities **Dec. 20 & Dec. 27** care, farmers, outside

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

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

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

SEABROOK BIRD SURVEY 1st 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 1st 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

HUNTSVILLE FARMERS' MARKET Sat., 8 a.m. – noon, farm fresh produce & prepared foods, Huntsville, <https://www.facebook.com/huntsvillefarmersmarket> Next Opportunities **Dec. 20 & Dec. 27** care, farmers, outside

SURF, PADDLE, KAYAK SURFSIDE BEACH 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. 20 & Dec. 27** care, farmers, outside

Jesse Jones Park WILDLIFE WEDNESDAYS 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 **TBD** care, garden, park, outside

Jesse Jones Park INVASIVES BEWARE usually 3rd 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 FIRST FRIDAY FRIENDS 1st Fri., 1 p.m., seniors 55+ meet for educational program, walk & fun environmental activities, 20634 Kenswick Dr, Humble, <https://www.pct3.com/Explore/Jesse-H-Jones-Park-Nature-Center> Next Opportunities **TBD** enjoy, learn, walk, park, outside

GALVESTON BAY PRAIRIE RESTORATION 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 Opportunities **Dec. 18 & Dec. 25 and Dec. 20 & Dec. 27** care, garden, outside

Jesse Jones Park TADPOLES CLUB 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-Center> Next Opportunity **TBD** 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. 20 & Dec. 27** care, farmers, outside

Fort Bend Master Gardeners BOARD MEETING usually 2nd Tues., 9 a.m. - noon, board of directors meeting, open to members-only, Extension Conference Room, Rosenberg, <https://fbmg.org/events/> Next Opportunity **Jan. 13** learn, meeting, garden, outside

Jesse Jones Park GARDENS & GREENHOUSE MAINTENANCE 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. 17 & Dec. 24** care, garden, park, outside

John Paul Landing Park BIRD WALK Thurs., 7:30 – 10:30 a.m., enjoy guided bird walk in the park, Cypress, <https://cp4.harriscountytexas.gov/Events> Next Opportunities **Dec. 18 & Dec. 25** enjoy, walk, bird, park, outside

BIRD SURVEY 4th 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 **MEMBER MEETING** usually 3rd Thurs., 10 a.m., master gardener meeting, open to members-only, Fort Bend County Fairgrounds, Rosenberg, <https://fbmg.org/events/> Next Opportunity **TBD** learn, media, meeting, garden, outside

ECOCENTER NURSERY WORKDAY Thurs./Sat., 8 – 11 a.m., volunteers work in EcoCenter native plant nursery, Mont Belvieu, <https://www.volunteer.galvbay.org/?view=calendar> Next Opportunities **Dec. 18 & Dec. 25 and Dec. 20 & Dec. 27** care, garden, outside

Jesse Jones Park **BIRDING** 1st 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

VOLUNTEER AT SAN JACINTO BATTLEGROUND 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. 18 & Dec. 25** care, enjoy, garden, outside

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

JERSEY VILLAGE FARMERS' MARKET 1st & 3rd Sun., 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., fresh produce, prepared foods, & more, Jersey Village, <https://www.jerseyvillagetx.com/page/parks.farmersmarket> Next Opportunity **Dec. 21** care, farmers, Houston

OPEN GARDEN DAYS Thurs., 9 - 11 a.m., Discovery Garden open to the public, Carbide Park, La Marque, <https://galveston.agrilife.org/events/> Next Opportunities **Dec. 18 & Dec. 25** enjoy, garden, walk, park, outside

MARINE DEBRIS SURVEY 1st Sat., 10 a.m., clean East Beach & recording the type of trash collected, Galveston, contact mhuetter@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 **TBD** care, garden, park, outside

SIERRA CLUB Monthly Meeting 2nd 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 3rd Thurs., 6:45 – 9:30 p.m., Houston Arboretum & Nature Center, 4501 Woodway Dr, <https://www.npsot.org/calendar/> Next opportunity **Dec. 18 (hybrid)**, Topic: TBD learn, media, meeting, lecture, garden, outside

SEABOURNE VOLUNTEER DAYS certain Sat. & Weds., time varies, volunteers work in gardens, or greenhouse, Seabourne Creek Park, Rosenberg, <http://txmn.org/coastal/> Next Opportunities **Dec. 17 & Dec. 20, 8 – 11 a.m.** care, enjoy, garden, park, outside

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

WG JONES POLLINATOR GARDEN & TREE NURSERY Tues., 8:30 a.m. - noon, volunteers engage in weeding, seeding, mulching, watering, & pruning in pollinator garden & tree nursery, WG Jones State Forest, Conroe, <https://txmn.org/heartwood/events/> Next Opportunities **Dec. 16 & Dec. 23** care, enjoy, garden, tree, outside

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

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

CITIZEN'S CLIMATE LOBBY MEETING 2nd Sat., 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., organization that advocates for carbon fee & dividend to address climate change, Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church, The Woodlands, https://citizensclimatelobby.org/chapters/TX_The_Woodlands/ Next Opportunity **Jan. 13** learn, meeting, energy, pollution, outside

INVASIVES REMOVAL 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

KAYAKING & STAND UP PADDLEBOARDING 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. 18 – Dec. 22 & Dec. 26 – Dec. 29** enjoy, boat, outside

EAGLE LAKE FARMERS' MARKET 3rd Sat., 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., farm-fresh produce available in downtown Eagle Lake, <https://www.facebook.com/cityeaglelake.tx> Next Opportunity **Dec. 20** care, farmers, outside

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

LAKE CREEK PRESERVE GUIDED HIKE 3rd Sat., 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 3rd Sat., 9 – 10:30 a.m., enjoy guided hikes on trails at Lake Creek Preserve, Magnolia, <https://www.bayoulandconservancy.org/calendar> Next Opportunity **Dec. 20** enjoy, walk, outside

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

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

CITIZEN'S CLIMATE LOBBY MEETING 2nd Sat., 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., organization that advocates for carbon fee & dividend to address climate change, currently meeting online, https://citizensclimatelobby.org/chapters/TX_Houston_Central/ Next Opportunity **Jan. 10 (moved online)** learn, media, meeting, energy, pollution, outside

Galveston Island State Park **STEWARDSHIP DAYS** 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** 2nd 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

VOLUNTEER IN THE PARK 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. 19 & Dec. 26** care, garden, park, outside

SATURDAYS at the GEORGE Sat., 9 & 10 p.m., stargazing at the George Observatory, Needville, www.hmns.org/observatory Next Opportunities **Dec. 20 & Dec. 27** enjoy, star. outside

DEER PARK PRAIRIE PRESERVE WORK DAY 2nd Weds. & 4th Sat., 9 a.m. - noon, join Houston chapter of Native Prairies Assoc. of TX in work at preserve, 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. 18 & Dec. 25** care, garden, park, outside

Jesse Jones Park **TAI CHI in the PARK** 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. 17 & Dec. 24** 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 1st 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. 22 & Dec. 29** enjoy, cycle, outside

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

KAYAKING TOURS 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 **Dec. 16 & Dec. 18** enjoy, boat, kids, outside

LAKE HOUSTON WILDERNESS SHOP VOLUNTEERS 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 2nd 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

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

OUTREACH AT THE MUSEUM 2nd & 4th Sat., 10:30 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 3rd 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 **Dec. 18** enjoy, learn, care, garden, animals, outside

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

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

Deer Park Petal Pushers Garden Club MONTHLY MEETING 3rd Thurs., 6:30 p.m., general meeting, speaker at each meeting, Burgess Recreation Center, Deer Park <https://txmg.org/galveston/events/> Next Opportunity **Dec. 18**, 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

NECHES RIVER ADVENTURE 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. 20 & Dec. 27** 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. 18 & Dec. 25** care, farmers, outside

Jesse Jones Park SECOND SUNDAY PICKERS 2nd 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. 20 & Dec. 27** [enjoy](#), [learn](#), [care](#), [garden](#), [animals](#), [outside](#)

EPA TOOLS & RESOURCES WEBINAR SERIES 3rd Weds., 2 p.m., EPA shares resources & information that are practical & can be applied, <https://www.epa.gov/research-states/epa-tools-and-resources-webinar-series> Next Opportunity **Dec. 17**, Topic: 6PPD-quinone [learn](#), [media](#), [meeting](#), [pollution](#), [outside](#)

TEXAS CITY DIKE BIRD SURVEY 3rd Thurs., 9 a.m., volunteers survey birds along Texas City Dike, meet at First Lady Pavilion, Texas City, www.houstonaudubon.org Next Opportunity **Dec. 18** [care](#), [enjoy](#), [bird](#), [outside](#)

Jesse Jones Park SECOND SATURDAY SETTLERS 2nd 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 4th 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 3rd Sun., 7 - 9 a.m., volunteers count/identify birds in the park & report via eBird, New Caney, <https://txmn.org/heartwood/events/> Next Opportunity **Dec. 21** care, enjoy, bird, walk, park, outside

ARTISAN MARKET 1st Sat., 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., locally made foods, flowers, art and crafts plus pet adoptions, music & food trucks, Grand Central Park, The Woodlands, <https://hellowoodlands.com/calendar/> Next Opportunity **Jan. 3** enjoy, garden, animals, park, outside

LAKE HOUSTON ARCHERY VOLUNTEERS Sat., 3 p.m., volunteers needed to assist with archery in the park, New Caney, <https://txmn.org/heartwood/events/> Next Opportunities **Dec. 20 & Dec. 27** care, kids, park, outside

Jesse Jones Park **VOLUNTEER Meeting** usually 4th 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 **ATTWATER PRAIRIE CHICKEN VAN TOURS** 1st 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 3rd Thurs. (except Jun. – Aug. & Dec.), Huntsville Service Center, Huntsville, <http://www.huntsvilleaudubon.org/index.html> Next Opportunity **TBD** learn, meeting, bird, outside

GALVESTON ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY TRIPS 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 3rd 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 **Dec. 19** care, enjoy, garden, outside

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

SEABOURNE CREEK BIRD WALK usually 1st Weds., 8 – 10:30 a.m. (Oct. – May), join group for birding walk in park, Seabourne Creek Park, Rosenberg, <http://txmn.org/coastal/> Next Opportunity **Jan. 7** enjoy, walk, bird, park, outside

WOODLANDS GARDEN CLUB MEETING 2nd Tues., 9 a.m., garden club meeting, for gardeners in the greater Woodlands area, Shenandoah Municipal Complex, Shenandoah, <http://www.thewoodlandsgardenclub.org/home.html> Next Opportunity **Jan. 13**, Topic: TBD learn, care, garden, meeting, outside

Kleb Woods Nature Center **BIRD WALK** Weds., 7:30 – 10:30 a.m. & 1st Sat., 8 – 10 a.m., 20303 Draper Rd, Tomball, <https://cp4.harriscountytexas.gov/Events> Next opportunities **Dec. 17 & Dec. 24 & Jan. 3** enjoy, outside, bird, walk

BIRD COUNT 1st 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

HOMESCHOOL SCIENCE 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 **Dec. 16 – Dec. 18** learn, class, kids, outside

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

Eddie V. Gray Wetlands Center **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. 17 & Dec. 24** learn, enjoy, kids, outside

Kleb Woods Nature Center **VOLUNTEER WORK CREW** Tues., 8:30 – 11:30 a.m., 20303 Draper Rd, Tomball, <https://cp4.harriscountytexas.gov/Events> OR <https://txmn.org/heartwood/events/> Next opportunities **Dec. 16 & Dec. 23** care, enjoy, outside

HERITAGE GARDENERS MONTHLY MEETING 1st Thurs., 10 a.m. (Sep. – May), general meeting of Heritage Gardeners Club, speaker at each meeting, The Marie Workman Center, Friendswood, &

online, <https://www.facebook.com/FriendswoodHeritageGardeners> OR <https://txmg.org/galveston/events/> Next Opportunity **Jan. 1**, Topic: TBD **learn, media, meeting, garden, outside**

BIRD COUNT **4th 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**

KAYAK ADVENTURES **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. 20/Dec. 21 & Dec. 27/Dec. 28, 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 BIRD SURVEY 3rd 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 3rd Thurs., 6:30 p.m., team works to inform others about ways to reduce waste and live a more sustainable and environmentally friendly life, <https://txmn.org/gbmn/gbac-events-calendar/> Next Opportunity **TBD** **learn, care, meeting, outside**

Coastal Prairie Conservancy [STEWARDSHIP DAY](#) 2nd 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 [FOREST THERAPY](#) 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 [BIRD SURVEY](#) 4th Sat., 7 a.m., bird survey by volunteers, contact Debbie at rufous1@comcast.net to participate, www.houstonaudubon.org OR <https://txmn.org/gbmn/gbac-events-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 Opportunities **Dec. 19 & Dec. 26** care, enjoy, bird, outside

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

Spring Creek Nature Trail BIRD WALK & SURVEY Mon. & 1st Sat., 7:30 a.m., guided 2-hour bird walk along Spring Creek, from George Mitchell Nature Preserve Trailhead, The Woodlands, , 9:30 a.m. <https://www.bayoulandconservancy.org/bird-walks> OR <https://houstonaudubon.org/programs/> OR https://www.facebook.com/springcreekgreenwaynaturecenter/events/?ref=page_internal Next Opportunities **Dec. 22 & Dec. 29 & Jan. 3** **enjoy, walk, bird, water, park, outside**

Kleb Woods Nature Center GARDEN VOLUNTEER GROUP 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.harriscountytexas.gov/Events> Next Opportunity **TBD** **care, enjoy, garden, outside**

Galveston Bay Area Master Naturalists SCRAPBOOK MONTHLY MEETING 2nd 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 NURTURE NATURE SERIES usually 1st 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 4th 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 FULL MOON HIKE 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*

GROGAN'S MILL FARMERS MARKET **Sat., 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.**, 2230 Buckthorn Pl, Spring, <http://www.thewoodlandstowship-tx.gov/> Next Opportunities **Dec. 20 & Dec. 27** *care, farmers, outside*

Moody Gardens COLONEL PADDLEWHEEL BOAT CRUISES occasionally, times vary, hour-long cruise of Galveston Bay aboard paddlewheel boat, <https://www.moodygardens.com/attractions/events-calendar/> Next Opportunity **TBD** *enjoy, boat, outside*

Mercer Botanic Gardens NATIVE & ENDANGERED SPECIES GARDENING **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. 16 & Dec. 23 and Dec. 18 & Dec. 25** *care, enjoy, learn, garden, outside*

TUESDAY BIKE CLUB BIKE CLUB **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. 16 & Dec. 23** *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** **1st 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 **GATOR TALES** **Weds., 10 - 11 a.m. (summer/winter)**, fun/educational series for pre-school children & parents, 1724 Market St, Baytown, 281-420-7128, <https://secure.rec1.com/TX/baytown-tx/catalog/index/49ed08ed4b4f064d29ef7361451683fa?filter=c2VhcmNoPQ==> OR <https://www.facebook.com/baytownwetlands> Next Opportunity **Dec. 17**, Topic: Ice melts **learn, enjoy, kids, water, animals, outside**

SUGAR LAND FARMERS MARKET **Sat., 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.**, Imperial Sugar Land, 198 Sugarland St, Sugar Land, <https://www.facebook.com/FarmersMarketAtImperial/> Next Opportunities **Dec. 20 & Dec. 27** **care, farmers, outside**

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

BOARDWALK AT TOWNE LAKES FARMERS MARKET **3rd Sat., 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.**, fresh produce/local vendors, Cypress, <https://ynfma.org/CALENDAR/> Next Opportunity **Dec. 20** **care, farmers, outside**

Jesse Jones Park BICYCLING 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 4th 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 2nd 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 2nd & 4th Sun., 12:30 – 3:30 p.m., parking lot adjacent to the Activity Center in Bridgeland, 16902 North Bridgeland Lake Pkwy, Cypress, <https://ynfma.org/CALENDAR/> Next Opportunity **Dec. 28** **care, farmers, outside**

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

HEARTWOOD MASTER NATURALIST Chapter Meeting 2nd 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. 16, Dec. 19 & Dec. 20 and Dec. 23, Dec. 26 & Dec. 27** care, garden, outside

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

HARPER'S HORSEPEN BRANCH MAINTENANCE 3rd Sat., 9 a.m. - noon, volunteers hike along and maintain trails in the park, starts from Harper's Landing Park, The Woodlands, <https://txmn.org/heartwood/events/> Next Opportunity **Dec. 20** care, enjoy, garden, walk, pollution, park, outside

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

Sea Center Texas FISH HATCHERY TOURS 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. 16 - Dec. 19 & Dec. 20 and Dec. 23 - Dec. 26 & Dec. 27 (reservations required)** care, enjoy, kids, fish, outside

Sea Center Texas WETLAND EXHIBIT GUIDED TOURS 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 [STEWARDSHIP DAYS](#) Tues./Fri., 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., volunteers manage invasive plants, plant native plants & restore prairie habitat, Indiagrass Preserve, Waller, <https://www.coastalprairieconservancy.org/event-calendar> Next Opportunities **Dec. 16 & Dec. 23 and Dec. 19 & Dec. 26** care, enjoy, garden, outside

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

[PEARLAND FARMERS MARKET](#) 3rd Sat., 8 a.m. – noon, Town Center, 11200 Broadway St., Pearland, <https://www.facebook.com/events/pearland-town-center/pearland-farmers-market/1794734627433677/> OR <https://www.pearlandtx.gov/residents/get-connected/city-calendar/> Next Opportunity **Dec. 20** care, farmers, outside

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

Gulf Coast Bird Observatory [BIRD BANDING](#) 3rd Sat., 8 a.m. – noon, 103 Hwy 332, Lake Jackson, www.gcbo.org Next opportunity **Dec. 20** care, bird, outside

Mercer Botanic Gardens [STORY TIME IN THE GARDEN](#) 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.harriscountytexas.gov/Events> Next opportunity **TBD** enjoy, kids, garden, outside

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

SIERRA CLUB Monthly Meeting usually 3rd Weds., 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Bay Area Community Ctr, 5002 E. NASA Pkwy, Seabrook, <http://www.meetup.com/Houston-Sierra-Club-Outings/events/> Next Opportunity **Dec. 17 (moved online)** Topic: TBD **care, learn, media, outside**

TOMBALL FARMERS' MARKET Sat., 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., 205 W. Main, Tomball, <http://www.tomballfarmersmarket.org/> Next Opportunities **Dec. 20 & Dec. 27** **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**

MEDITATION AT THE LABYRINTH 2nd 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 LUNCH BUNCH 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 **BLOSSOM BRIGADE: POLLINATOR GARDEN WORK** **Weds., 9 - 11 a.m.**, volunteers care for plants in and around the pollinator garden and Honeybee Corral in the garden, activities include planting, weeding, mulching, and other hands-on garden work, 22306 Aldine Westfield Rd, Humble, <https://txmn.org/heartwood/events/> Next opportunities **Dec. 17 & Dec. 24** **care, enjoy, garden, animals, outside**

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

HIGH ISLAND WORK DAY **2nd 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 **MUSIC IN THE GARDEN** **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.harriscountytexas.gov/Events> Next opportunity **Dec. 15 (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. 20 & Dec. 27** care, farmers, outside

Armand Bayou Nature Center **GUIDED NIGHT HIKES** 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

FULSHEAR FARMERS' MARKET Sat., 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., farm fresh produce, meats, prepared foods & more, Fulshear, <http://fulshearfarmersmarket.com/> Next Opportunities **Dec. 20 & Dec. 27** care, farmers, outside

FRIENDSWOOD FARMERS' MARKET 1st Sat., 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., fresh produce, baked goods, handicrafts & more, Stevenson Park, Friendswood, <https://friendswoodmarket.com/> Next Opportunity **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 **Dec. 17**, Topic: It's Winter Y'all 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. 19 & Dec. 26** care, garden, outside

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

BIRD SURVEY 1st 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 **PONTOON BOAT CRUISES** 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. 20/Dec. 21 & Dec. 27/Dec. 28** *enjoy, boat, outside*

Blackwood Educational Land Institute **VOLUNTEER DAYS** 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 **Dec. 17** *care, enjoy, farmers, garden, kids, outside*

Armand Bayou Nature Center **ECO-KIDS** 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 [GUIDED KAYAK TOUR](#) 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. 20 & Dec. 27** 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 [STEWARDSHIP SATURDAY](#) 1st & 3rd Sat., 8:30 – 11 a.m., 8500 Bay Area Blvd, Pasadena, registration required, <http://www.abnc.org> OR <https://txmn.org/gbmn/gbac-events-calendar/> Next opportunity **Dec. 20** 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 **Dec. 17**, Topic: Eagles/Aguilas learn, enjoy, class, kids, bird, garden, outside

[FARMERS' MARKET ON TAMINA](#) Sat., 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., local farmers & vendors/artisans, prepared foods, Magnolia, <http://www.farmersmarketontamina.com/> Next Opportunities **Dec. 20 & Dec. 27** care, farmers, outside

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

Armand Bayou Nature Center ECO-TEENS 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 **Dec. 17,** Topic: For the birds **learn, class, kids, fish, animals, garden, outside**

JUNIOR MASTER GARDENER MEETING 1st & 3rd Sat., 9:30 a.m., kids learn about gardening through fun activities, Harvest Education Center, Freeport, <https://www.facebook.com/brazoriacountyextension> Next Opportunity **Dec. 20** **learn, enjoy, care, kids, garden, outside**

Brazos Bend State Park BRAZOS RIVER PICKERS usually 2nd 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. 10** **enjoy, park, outside**

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

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

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

Brazos Bend State Park BIRD WATCHING HIKES dates vary, 8 a.m., guided bird watching hike, 21901 FM 762 Rd, Needville, (fee to enter), www.brazosbend.org OR https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/brazos-bend/park_events Next opportunity **TBD** 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 2nd Sun., local produce/vendors, Humble, <https://ynfma.org/CALENDAR/> Next Opportunity **Jan. 11** care, farmers, outside

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

MILLIKAN RESERVE FARMERS' MARKET 3rd Sun., 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., 19851 FM2154, College Station, <https://marketonthegreen.splashthat.com/> Next Opportunity **Dec. 21** care, farmers, outside

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

LA CENTERRA FARMERS' MARKET 2nd & 4th Sun., 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., local vendors/artisans, produce, eggs, cheese & more, Katy, <https://www.facebook.com/events/lacenterra-at-cinco-ranch/farmers-market-at-lacenterra/254196965316911/> OR <https://ynfma.org/CALENDAR/> Next Opportunity **Dec. 28** care, farmers, outside

Armand Bayou Nature Center ECO-ADVENTURERS Weds., 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. (during school year), in depth study of environmental science topics for kids 11 – 14, 8500 Bay Area Blvd, Pasadena, <http://www.abnc.org> Next Opportunity **Dec. 17**, Topic: Indigenous Peoples **learn, class, kids, animals, outside**

Armand Bayou Nature Center ECO-PLAYTIME 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 ECO-AFTERNOONS 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**

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

SUGAR LAND GARDEN CLUB MEETING 3rd Tues., 9:30 a.m. (Sep. – Apr., 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 LITTLE ART EXPLORERS 1st & 3rd 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 **Dec. 16**, Topic: Awesome Owls **enjoy, learn, class, kids, water, bird, garden, fish, animals, outside**

GALVESTON FARMERS' MARKET 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. 21 & Dec. 28** **care, farmers, outside**

SUGAR LAND GARDEN FIELD TRIPS 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**

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

WOODLANDS GARDEN CLUB FLOWER ARRANGING 3rd 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 **Dec. 16** **enjoy, meeting, garden, outside**

FAIRFIELD PLAZA FARMERS' MARKET 3rd Sun., 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., local vendors/artisans, produce, eggs, cheese & more, Cypress, <https://ynfma.org/CALENDAR/> Next Opportunity **Dec. 21** **care, farmers, outside**

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

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

HOT ON THE TRAIL! Dec. 18, 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**

MONARCH JOINT VENTURE Dec. 16, 1 p.m., virtual event, Topic: Climate Change Effects on Monarch Life History, online, <https://txmn.org/coastal/tmncpc-event-calendar/> **learn, media, lecture, animals, online**

XERCES Dec. 18, noon, virtual event, learn about the impactful work of the Xerces Society in 2025, online, <https://txmn.org/coastal/tmncpc-event-calendar/> **learn, media, lecture, animals, garden, pollution, 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

WILDLIFE DIVERSITY WEBINAR Dec. 17, noon, virtual lecture, speaker discusses Distribution and Activity of Summer Bats in Texas, <https://txmn.org/gulfcoast/advanced-training/> learn, media, lecture, animals, online

BACKYARD BUG HUNT Dec. 19, 10 a.m., virtual program, Topic: Pesticide Mode of Action, online, <https://txmn.org/coastal/events> learn, media, lecture, animals, pollution, online

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

HARRIS COUNTY FLOOD RESILIENCE TASK FORCE MEETING Dec. 16, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., virtual public meeting to learn about & provide input on the flood resilience plan, <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/harris-county-flood-resilience-task-force-36562588003> learn, media, meeting, water, online

LIVING THE CHANGE ongoing thru Dec., work with facilitator to craft your household's carbon footprint reduction plan, dates/times individually set, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1507561550179> care, learn, media, online

SPRING BRANCH TRAILCOMMUNITY MEETING Dec. 15, 6:30 p.m., learn more about the plan to connect the Spring Branch Trail to the Addicks Reservoir Trail, conocer más sobre el plan para conectar el sendero Spring Branch con el sendero del Addicks Reservoir, online, <https://www.facebook.com/HoustonParksBoard/> **learn, media, meeting, park, online**

UPCOMING ONLINE ONLY OPPORTUNITIES

FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

PARKS PASS FOR 4TH GRADERS ongoing, 4th graders and their families get free entry to natural areas & historic sites managed by the federal government, online application, <https://everykidoutdoors.gov/index.htm> enjoy, media, park, online

ASSESSING STORM DAMAGED PINE PLANTATIONS & REFORESTATION FOR SEVERE & CATASTROPHICALLY DAMAGED STANDS Dec. 18, 2 p.m., virtual event, learn about characterizing stand damage levels of pine plantations following major windstorms which govern reforestation or current stand maintenance decisions made by landowners and foresters following the storm, <https://climatewebinars.net/webinar-calendar/month> learn, care, media, lecture, tree, online