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ED Smith



Up Coming Activities

Saturday, February 8, 2025 @ 9:00 AM
HOG goes to Breakfast

Panera Bread
1705 W. Gray
Houston, TX 77019

Hosted by Ray Gonzalez
713-443-7806

Join Ray and other HOG members for a delicious breakfast at Panera Bread.

Tuesday, February 11, 2025 @ 4:00 - 6:00 PM
Memorial Service for HOG Member

Edward J Smith

Lott Hall
6201 Hermann Park Drive
Houston, TX 7730

Tuesday, February 11, 2025 @ 6:30 PM
HOG Remembers Ed Smith

China Garden
1602 Leeland Street
Houston, TX 77003

Following the memorial service for Ed Smith, members will gather at one of Ed's favorite restaurants, China Garden.

Hosted by Bill Miller
832-504-5630

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Saturday, February 15, 2025 @ 5:30 PM

HOG Potluck Hosted by Richard McClain

**1716 Marshall
Houston, TX
832-423-2762**

Please bring your favorite dish to share for a potluck at Richard's home.

Tuesday, February 18, 2025 @ 7:00 PM

HOG Monthly Board Meeting

**Cafe Express
1422 W. Gray
Houston, TX 77019**

Hosted by Steve Wilson

832-757-5698

All members are welcome to attend the monthly board meeting. Come share your ideas for fun events. The meeting starts at 7:00 PM but many members gather at 6:00 PM to socialize.

March 2025 Events

Saturday, March 1, 2025 @ 9:00 AM
Walk in Memorial Park

Hosted by Ron Broussard
337-515-7245

It's been two years since the land bridge in Memorial Park opened. Join Ron and other HOG members as we explore all the changes that have happened in the past two years.

Saturday, March 8, 2025 @ 8:00 PM

“HERSTORY” Presented by Houston Pride Chorus

Unity of Houston
2929 Unity Drive
Houston, TX 77057

Hosted by
Ray Gonzalez
713-443-7806

Join Ray and other HOG members for a powerful and moving evening as Pride Chorus Houston presents “HERstory: A Celebration of Women’s Voices.” Performed on International Women’s Day, this remarkable concert pays tribute to the incredible women who have shaped our world.

Those who are interested will meet for dinner at Papasito’s Cantina, 6445 Richmond Ave, Houston at 6:00 PM.

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Saturday, March 15, 2025 @ 9:15AM
HOG goes to the Farmer's Market

Urban Harvest Farmer's Market
7252 Buffalo Speedway
Houston, TX 77027

We will explore one of Houston's best farmer's market. The group will gather at Ron's place at 9:15 AM and walk four blocks. Those who would rather drive, will meet the group at the market. There is plenty of free parking.

Hosted by

Ron Broussard
3271 Sul Ross # 15
Houston, TX 77098
337-515-7245

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Hosted by Steve Wilson
832-757-5698

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Chicken Salad Chick
5310 Wesleyan
Houston, TX 77005

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Saturday, March 22, 2025 @ 10:00 AM
Hosted by Steve Wilson
832-757-5698

Brazos Bend State Park Nature Walk
21901 FM 762
Needville, TX 77461

Join Steve and other HOG members as we explore Brazos Bend State Park. Please RSVP early so Steve can make reservations. Admission is \$7. Members will carpool from Steve's place at 9:15 AM or meet the group at Brazos Bend State Park at 10:00 AM.

Steve Wilson
4633 Wild Indido
Houston, TX 77027

Friday, March 28, 2025 @ 6:00PM
HOG goes out for PIZZA

Hosted by Ray Gonzalez
713-443-7806

Join Ray and other HOG members as they enjoy a night out having pizza.

Starr Pizza
77 Harvard (at Washington)
Houston, TX 77007

April 2025 Events

Saturday, April 5, 2025 @ 8:00 PM

Pride Band

Hosted by Ray Gonzalez

713-443-7806

Join Ray and other HOG members and enjoy “Loteria” performed by Houston’s Pride Band. Tickets are \$15. They have sold out before so be sure to get your tickets early. Those who are interested will meet for dinner at Cafe Express on West Gray at 6:00PM.

Thursday, April 10, 2025 @ 10:00AM

Shangri La Botanical Gardens and Nature Center

2111 W. Park Avenue

Orange, TX 77630

Hosted by Ron Broussard

337-515-7245

Join Ron and other HOG members as we make another trip to Shangri La. Last time we enjoyed the fall foliage. This trip we will get to see all the beautiful flowers in bloom. After enjoying the spring flowers and bayou boat tour, we will have lunch at Tia Juanita’s Fish Camp.

The group will meet at Ron’s place at 8:00AM and carpool to Shangri La. It is a two hour drive. We have reservations for the boat tour and must be on time. Admission is free!

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Saturday, April 12, 2025

Walk in Hermann Park
Hosted by Ray Gonzalez
Details to follow

Hog Christmas Party Dec 15th 2024



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Hog Dinner Out

La Hacienda Jan 19 2025



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Howards Birthday and HOG game night Jan 12th 2025



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Houston Outdoor Group (HOG) History

Founded August 1984

(37 years ago this month)

Don Marrs (Ray Gonzales' partner) in 1984 in his living room, along with Dennis Milam and Bruce Aleksander organized and formed the **Houston Outdoor Group (HOG)**. They decided to put an ad in TWT (This Week in Texas, a current gay news magazine at the time) advertising to have a meeting of gay men who were interested in forming a new organization for Outdoor Activities for gay men in the Houston area. As time went by the group later opened up membership to women.

Today, all members of the LGBTQ community and allies are welcome to join the Houston Outdoor Group (HOG).

The **Houston Outdoor Group** is always looking for new members.

So ask your friends and neighbors.

You know what **THEY SAY**:

The More the Merrier!!

HOUSTON OUTDOOR GROUP



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Executive Board:

The executive board has general supervision over matters pertaining to the group. Its meetings shall be called by the President and a majority of its members shall constitute a quorum. The board's actions shall be subject to approval by the group, a 2/3 vote of the members present and voting at a meeting shall be necessary to overrule any action by the Executive Board.

President:

It is the duty of the President to coordinate and conduct the monthly Board meetings. He/she should ensure that all of the Directors attend or send a representative from his/her committee. The President ensures that progress is ongoing in all areas of the group.

Director of Membership:

The Director of Membership is responsible for the upkeep of the mailing list database. He/she should respond to any inquiries about the group and coordinate any activities with other organizations.

Director of Finance:

The Director of Finance is responsible for maintaining accurate records of finances for the group. He/she shall handle all income and expenditures of the group and present a report each month at the monthly board meetings.

Director of Activities:

The Director of Activities provides support and updates the board on the calendar of events at each monthly board meeting. He/she stores any group equipment or materials for the group.

Director of Publicity/Newsletter:

The Director produces and publishes a monthly newsletter for the group with input from the Director of Activities as well as other members of the board. He/she corresponds with other outdoor groups and ensures the group participation in community events.

Director of Web Master:

The Director of Web Master maintains all software and domains for the group. Works with the President to ensure the IT needs for the group are met. He/she maintains the HOG Operational Manual.

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www.houstonoutdoorgroup.org

facebook

We're on FACEBOOK Too

The HOG Treasurer's Report

Beginning	849.68
Debits	105.99
Deposits	<u>160.00</u>
Ending Balance	903.69

The HOG Board of Directors

Steve Wilson	President	stevendwilson@att.net
Ron Broussard	Activities Director	RonaldBroussard@yahoo.com
Bob Martin	Dir. Publicity & Newsletter	rlm4633@gmail.com
Orlin Cullever	Director of Finance	okc55@comcast.net
Bill Miller	Director of Membership	wjm1614@gmail.com
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