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Outdoor Adventures & Nature Thrills At Lake Houston Park This July

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department invites everyone interested in the world of nature to visit Lake Houston Park in July and August for an ongoing series of fun and educational events in the great outdoors! Throughout the month, Park Naturalist Jerry Walls will lead guests on a variety of learning adventures in the wilderness of Lake Houston Park including:

Saturday, July 7 - 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

"Nocturnal Off the Beaten Path Adventure Tour"

What's that sound coming from the forest? Explore seldom seen areas of Lake Houston Park and search for the creatures of the night that call Lake Houston Park home when the sun goes down. The Nocturnal Off the Beaten Path Adventure Tour is open to ages 13 and up by **Reservation Only** (no group reservations accepted) and is FREE with \$3 park entry fee. To make your reservation call (281) 354-6881.

Saturday, July 21 - 8:00 a.m.

"Peach Creek Peepers Guided Bird Walk"

Join fellow birding enthusiasts on this monthly guided tour in search of the park's wonderful assortment of birds. All experience levels are welcome. The Peach Creek Peepers Guided Bird Walk is open to ages 13 and up (no group reservations) and is FREE with \$3 park entry fee.

Saturday, July 28 - 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

"Summer Snake Camp"

Separate Fact from Fiction regarding these interesting and often misunderstood reptiles. This fun and educational adventure will teach you about local snakes, non-venomous and venomous and their anatomy. Summer Snake Camp is open to ages 10 and up with space limited to 12 participants only. This program is FREE with \$3 park entry fee. To make your reservation call (281) 354-6881.

Saturday, August 4 - 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

"Summer Bird Camp"

Join fellow bird enthusiasts and learn how to identify common backyard birds by both sight and sound. Learn the who, what, where and when of bird watching, including the type of equipment needed for birding, where to go birding, and how to use field guides and binoculars. Bird games and a guided bird walk are part of the program. The Summer Bird Camp is open to ages 10 and up and is limited to 12 participants. The program is FREE with \$3 park entry fee. To make your reservation call (281) 354-6881.

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Lake Houston Park is located 30 minutes north of downtown Houston off of Highway 59 and FM 1485 at 22031 Baptist Encampment Road. It is approximately 5,000 acres of forest, with 12 miles of hike and bike trails and 8 miles of equestrian trails and camping facilities. The park offers a variety of activities for visitors to experience.

For additional information on recreational and educational opportunities at Lake Houston Park or the Houston Parks and Recreation Department, call (713) 845-1135, or visit www.houstonparks.org.